



A Tribute to Giles Bradley Bryant

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Choral Evensong at 4:30pm

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Today at St. James

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Greg Carpenter

Welcome: The Very Reverend Dr. Stephen Hance

Tribute: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Litanist: The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

Music Tributes: James Westman, Giles Bryant Choral Scholars and colleagues

Readers: Sandra Mowat, Douglas Jamieson

Director of Music & Organist: Thomas Bell

Associate Organist: Jean-Paul Feo

Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Joshua Duncan Lee

Sung by The Choir of St. James Cathedral and friends

The flowers in the Cathedral are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

Giles Bryant

Welcome! We are glad you have joined us for worship.

Please ensure that cell phones are muted.

Choral Evensong

Our practice at Evensong is to stand for the choir processions, the canticles, and the hymn; to sit for the Bible readings, the Psalms and the homily; and to kneel or sit for prayer. You are invited to assume postures that support your comfortable and prayerful engagement in this service.

Prelude Prelude Variations on the Huron Carol

Giles Bryant

Welcome

Please stand when the organ plays.

Introit **God Be In My Head**

Sir Henry Walford Davies

Choir

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Preces and Responses

Giles Bryant

Officiant

O Lord, open thou our lips;

Choir

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant

O God, make speed to save us;

Choir

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Officiant

Praise ye the Lord;

Choir

The Lord's Name be praised.

Psalm 98

Chant by Derek Holman

Choir

Sing to the Lord a new song,
 for he has done marvellous things.
His own right hand and his holy arm
 have won for him the victory.
The Lord has made known his salvation;
 his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the house of Israel,
 and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth;
break into singing and make music.
Make music to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the voice of melody.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
sound praises before the Lord, the King.
Let the sea thunder and all that fills it,
the world and all that dwell upon it.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and let the hills ring out together before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.

Psalm 150

Choir

Chant by C. V. Stanford

Alleluia.
O praise God in his holiness;
praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him for his mighty acts;
praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him with the blast of the trumpet;
praise him upon the harp and lyre.
Praise him with timbrel and dances;
praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him with ringing cymbals;
praise him upon the clashing cymbals.
Let everything that has breath
praise the Lord.
Alleluia.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

First Lesson

1 Samuel 16:14-23

Reader

Now the spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the
Lord tormented him. And Saul's servants said to him, 'See now, an evil
spirit from God is tormenting you. Let our lord now command the
servants who attend you to look for someone who is skilful in playing the
lyre; and when the evil spirit from God is upon you, he will play it, and

you will feel better.’ So Saul said to his servants, ‘Provide for me someone who can play well, and bring him to me.’ One of the young men answered, ‘I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is skilful in playing, a man of valour, a warrior, prudent in speech, and a man of good presence; and the Lord is with him.’ So Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, ‘Send me your son David who is with the sheep.’ Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine, and a kid, and sent them by his son David to Saul. And David came to Saul, and entered his service. Saul loved him greatly, and he became his armour-bearer. Saul sent to Jesse, saying, ‘Let David remain in my service, for he has found favour in my sight.’ And whenever the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand, and Saul would be relieved and feel better, and the evil spirit would depart from him.

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Magnificat

Evening Service in G by Charles Villiers Stanford

Choir

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things;
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Second Lesson

Revelation 14:1-3

Reader

Then I looked, and there was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion! And with him were one hundred and forty-four thousand who had his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud

thunder; the voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, and they sing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the one hundred forty-four thousand who have been redeemed from the earth.

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Nunc Dimittis

Evening Service in G by Charles Villiers Stanford

Choir Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Officiant I believe in God

All **the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant Our Father

All **who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy**

will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the King;
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people;
Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us;
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

Officiant Redeemer of Israel, you called us from before our birth to follow in your ways: meet us in our searching and turn our eyes and hearts to the one who gives his life for the world; through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Choir Amen.

Officiant O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Choir Amen.

Officiant Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Choir Amen.

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Hymn at the Collection

Tune: St. Clement

All The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended;
the darkness falls at thy behest.
To thee our morning hymns ascended;
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy church unsleeping,
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping,
and rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
thy faithful 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

Text: John Ellerton, alt.
Music: Clement Cotterill Scholefield

Offertory Prayer

Dean

Let us pray.

God of light and life, at the birth of your Son the heavens rejoiced, and in his Epiphany your glory was revealed to all nations. Receive these gifts we bring, that Christ may be born anew in our hearts and his saving love shine forth through us, for the blessing of the world and the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

Tributes to Giles Bryant

Anthem

Blessed City, Heavenly Salem

Edward Bairstow

Choir

Blessed city, heavenly Salem
Vision dear of peace and love
Who of living stones art builded
In the height of heaven above
And by Angel hands apparelled
As a bride doth earthward move;

Out of heaven from God descending
New and ready to be wed
To thy Lord, whose love espoused thee
Fair adorned shalt thou be led;
All thy gates and all thy bulwarks
Of pure gold are fashioned.

Bright thy gates of pearl are shining,
They are open evermore;
And their well-earned rest attaining
Thither faithful souls do soar.
Who for Christ's dear Name in this world
Pain and tribulation bore.

Many a blow and biting sculpture
Polished well those stones elect,
In their places now compacted,
By the heavenly Architect.
Nevermore to leave the Temple
Which with them the Lord hath decked.

To this Temple, where we call Thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With Thy wonted loving kindness
Hear Thy servants as they pray;
And Thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls always.

A Short Tribute

Solo **For the mountains shall depart from Elijah** *Felix Mendelssohn*
Singer
I go on my way in the strength of the Lord For Thou art my Lord; and I
will suffer for Thy sake. My heart is therefore glad, my glory rejoiceth; and
my flesh shall also rest in hope.
For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but Thy kindness
shall not depart from me; neither shall the covenant of Thy peace be
removed.

Anthem **Cast your burden upon the Lord from Elijah** *Felix Mendelssohn*
Choir
Cast your burden upon the Lord from Elijah by Felix Mendelssohn
Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee. He never will
suffer the righteous to fall: He is at thy right hand. Thy mercy, Lord, is
great, and far above the heavens. Let none be made ashamed, that wait
upon Thee!

A Litany of Thanksgiving

Vicar God of grace and glory, we give you thanks for Giles, your servant and
our friend, who served this Cathedral with devotion for twenty years,
shaping our worship and our lives through music offered to your glory.

People **We thank you, Lord, for your gift of Giles to us.**
Vicar
For the music he crafted, for the beauty he drew from choir and organ,
for the generosity he showed to all who crossed his path, and for the joy
he shared so freely.

People **We praise you for every good gift that came through his life.**
Vicar
For the friendships he nurtured, the encouragement he offered, the peace
he brought in moments of strain, and the strength he gave through
steadfast service.

People **We thank you, Lord, for the blessing he was among us.**
Vicar
We pray that nothing good in his life be lost, but that his labour, his vision,

and his love for worship continue to build up your Church.

People **May his example inspire all who follow.**

Vicar May the melodies he shaped remain in our hearts; may the faith that grounded him guide us; and may the beauty he offered continue to lift our spirits toward you.

People **Let his legacy endure among us, O Lord.**

Vicar We pray for his family, his colleagues, his friends, and for all whose lives were touched by his music and kindness. May his example live on in their hearts and minds, in their courage and their compassion.

People **Surround them with your comfort and peace.**

Vicar We pray for ourselves in this time of loss, that we may neither diminish our grief nor be overwhelmed by it; that we may find strength in one another and in your abiding presence.

People **Give us grace to walk together in hope.**

Vicar Grant us courage and confidence in the new life given through Christ's resurrection. Assure us that you are faithful, in life and in death, and that Giles is held now in your eternal love. We ask this in the name of the risen Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Grace

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

People **Amen.**

Evening Respond

Plainchant

Choir Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

I commend my spirit.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Postlude Chorale and Fugue from *A Fugal Trilogy*

Healey Willan

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Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the Music Ministry

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