Sunday Evensong

Sunday, October 25, 2020 @ 5:00 PM Saint Paul's Live on Facebook

A Service for Peace and Light for The Election of a New President

The Tradition of Evensong

Welcome to Saint Paul's Evensong. It is an ancient tradition for the people of God to offer praise and prayer as the day draws to a close. Evensong is a service of sung prayer. The text of the service is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. The main purpose is to proclaim the wonderful works of God in human history, and in the life and death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Sung psalms and canticles are interwoven with readings from the Old and New Testaments and the recitation of the Apostle's Creed and Lords Prayer. Other prayers and hymns are drawn from the many centuries of the Christian Church. The congregation is invited to listen reflectively and prayerfully as the choir offers prayer and praise on their behalf.

All Hymns and service prayers will be from The Book of Common Prayer.

Organ Voluntary

Hymn 482 BCP

Preces S 58

The candles are lighted from the Paschal candle as the choir sing the Phos hilaron, an ancient lamp-lighting hymn. Meaning "gladdening light" in Greek, it is among the earliest known-hymn texts recorded outside of the Bible, which is still in use today.

Since we cannot gather yet in person know that you are all present in our prayers. The small candles in the sand represent the entire St. Paul's community.

Phos Hilaron S 59

Psalm 67

First Lesson: Corinthians 12: 14-27

Magnificat (Anglican Chant) S 18 Second Lesson: Mark 3: 23-26

Nunc Dimitis S 255

The Apostles Creed Page 120 BCP

Lord's Prayer Page 121 BCP

Suffrages S 64

Collects, Written not in the BCP

Homily/Reflection

The General Thanksgiving Page 125 BCP

A prayer for the upcoming Election: Use this prayer throughout the week in your own personal prayer time.

Merciful and loving God, as we prepare for the upcoming election, send the light of your Holy Spirit into the hearts of all in our nation. Bring peace and hope wherever there is confusion, discord and apathy. Awaken in us a strong desire to work for the common good of all peoples, especially for the most vulnerable in our world. Enable us to differ and to dialogue with reverence and respect for one another. Pour out on us a spirit of wisdom and discernment to help us choose government officials who will lead our country in the path of truth, justice and peace. We ask this in the name of the Risen Christ, who is always with us. Amen

Dismissal

Hymn 42

Organ Voluntary