



## Venite, exultemus Domino 607

- 1 O come, let us sing | unto · the Lord;  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of | our salvation.
  - 2 Let us come before his presence with | **thanks**giving;  
and show ourselves | glad in him with psalms.
  - 3 For the Lord is a | **great** God;  
and a great | King above all gods.
  - 4 In his hand are all the corners | of the earth;  
and the strength of the hills is | **his** also.
  - 5 The sea is | his, and · he made it;  
and his hands prepared · the **dry** land.
  - 6 O come, let us worship and | **fall** down,  
and kneel before the | Lord our **Maker**.
  - 7 For he is the | Lord our God;  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the | sheep of **his** hand.
  - 8 O worship the Lord in the | beauty · of holiness;  
let the whole earth | stand in awe of him.
  - 9 For he cometh, for he cometh to | judge the earth;  
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the | peoples with his truth.
- 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.

## The First Lesson: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman’s house,

fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 124**

*The psalm is recited responsively, the people speaking after the asterisk.*

- 1 If the LORD himself had not been on our side, now may Israel say; \*  
if the LORD himself had not been on our side, when men rose up against us;
  - 2 They had swallowed us up alive; \*  
when they were so wrathfully displeased at us.
  - 3 Yea, the waters had drowned us, \*  
and the stream had gone over our soul.
  - 4 The deep waters of the proud \*  
had gone even over our soul.
  - 5 But praised be the LORD, \*  
who hath not given us over for a prey unto their teeth.
  - 6 Our soul is escaped even as a bird out of the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we are delivered.
  - 7 Our help standeth in the Name of the LORD, \*  
who hath made heaven and earth.
- 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.

## **The Second Lesson: James 5:13-20**

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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## **Youth Choir Anthem**

Jack Morris, guitar  
Megan Healy, soloist

*El Camino*

José Antonio Olivar  
& Miguel Manzano

## **The Third Lesson: Mark 9:38-50**

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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*People* Thanks be to God.

## Jubilate Deo 644

- 1 O be joyful in the Lord | all ye lands:  
serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his | presence with a song.
  - 2 Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not | we ourselves;  
we are his people, and the | sheep of · his **pasture**.
  - 3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his | courts with praise;  
be thankful unto him, and | **speak** | good of · his Name.
  - 4 For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is | everlasting;  
and his truth endureth from generation to | **generation**.
- 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.**

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People*

I believe in God 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.

## Versicles

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*All kneel.*

*Officiant* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*People* And grant us thy salvation.

*Officiant* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*People* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## The Collect for the Day

*Officiant*

O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The Prayers**

### **A General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life; and above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

### **The Grace**

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### **Birthday Prayer**

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be, keeping them unspotted from the world. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Anniversary Prayer**

O God, who hast so consecrated the state of Matrimony that in it is represented the spiritual marriage and unity between Christ and his Church; look mercifully upon these thy servants, that they may love, honour, and cherish each other, and so live together in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and of peace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

### **Announcements**

#### **Sermon Hymn 583**

O holy city, seen of John

*Morning Song*

#### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Bruce D. O'Neill

**Offertory Anthem**

*Blessed Are They*  
Adult Choir  
Senior Choir Girls

George Frideric Handel  
Foundling Hospital Anthem No. 1  
Psalm 41:1-2

Blessed are they that considereth the poor and needy.  
The Lord will deliver them in time of trouble.  
The Lord preserve them and comfort them.  
They deliver the poor that crieth, the fatherless,  
And him that hath none to help him.  
O God who from the suckling's mouth ordaineth early praise,  
Of such as worship thee in truth, accept the humble lays.

**Presentation Hymn 380, verse 3**

*Old Hundredth*

**Prayer and Benediction**

*All kneel.*

**Recessional Hymn 569**

God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest

*Russia*

**The Dismissal**

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Organ Postlude**

*Small Prelude & Fugue in E Minor*

attr. Johann Tobias Krebs  
or Johann Sebastian Bach