



All Saints Parish

CHORAL EVENSONG

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF
LYDIA OF THYATIRA
21 MAY

Sunday, 21 May 2023
5:00 PM

LYDIA OF THYATIRA

Coworker of the Apostle Paul

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Lydia of Thyatira was Paul's first European convert. She was a Gentile woman living in Philippi who, like many others, was interested in the Jewish faith, but had not converted. As what the Jewish community called a "God-fearer," she was undoubtedly accorded some level of respect by that community, but would not have been treated as a full member of the Jewish community in Philippi.

Paul encountered her on a riverbank where she and a group of women had gathered for Sabbath prayers. Paul and his companions began to talk with the women, and God "opened her heart" to hear what Paul had to say about Christ and the Gospel. Lydia believed what she heard and, as was the custom when the head of a household converted, her whole household was baptized along with her.

Lydia was a prosperous cloth merchant and had the means to offer hospitality to the apostles during their time in Philippi. Her home, having served as a base of operations for Paul and his companions, became the location of a house church in Philippi. Although she is not mentioned by name outside of Acts 16, her significant role in enabling the spread of the Gospel in Philippi has led to her recognition as a saint in a wide range of Christian traditions, including the Roman Catholic Church, the Orthodox Church, and many Protestant traditions. In the Orthodox Church, she is given the title "Equal to the Apostles" for her role in spreading the Christian faith.

— *from Lesser Feasts and Fasts, 2022*

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ORGAN VOLUNTARY Offertory

Florence Price (1887–1953)

INTROIT Pilgrims' Hymn

Stephen Paulus (1949–2014)

Even before we call on Your name
 To ask You, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify You,
 You hear our prayer;
Unceasing love, O unceasing love,
 Surpassing all we know.

 Glory to the Father,
 and to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in,
 We breathe Your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast,
 We trust in You;
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace,
 Beyond all mortal dream.

 Both now and forever,
And unto ages and ages,
 Amen.

OPENING SENTENCE

Priest

Turn your ear and hear the words of the wise; focus your mind on knowledge. It will be pleasant if you keep the words in you, if you have them ready on your lips. So that your trust will be in God.

Proverbs 22:17-19a.

During the hymns, please take a posture to support your singing. Stand if comfortable.

HYMN 34 Christ, mighty Savior, Light of all creation

INNISFREE FARM

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

THE PRECES

Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

Officiant O Lord, open Thou our lips
Choir and our mouth shall shew 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.
Choir 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.

Please be seated.

PSALM 100

Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

O be joyful in the LORD, all ye lands: *
serve the LORD with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

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.

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.

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 LESSONS

Acts 16:11-15

Reader: Ellen Hinkle

Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis; And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days. And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither. And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

MAGNIFICAT (from The Evening Service in F)

Harold Friedell (1905–1958)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
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.

Luke 1:46–55

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.

Luke 15:8-10

Reader: Beth Bourgault

Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it? And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost. Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

NUNC DIMITTIS (from The Evening Service in F)

Harold Friedell (1905–1958)

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.

Luke 2:29–32

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.

During the following, please take your posture of reverence. Stand if comfortable.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

THE LESSER LITANY AND RESPONSES

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.

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done in 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 shew thy mercy upon us.
Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the State.
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 Officiant then chants the following Collects.

A Collect for the Feast of Lydia of Thyatira

Eternal God, who givest good gifts to all people and dost grant the spirit of generosity: Give unto us, we pray thee, hearts always open to hear thy word, that, following the example of thy servant Lydia, we may show hospitality to those who are in any need or trouble; through Jesus Christ our Lord who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Collect for all Christians in their vocation

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Collect for Mission

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. Amen.

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND HOMILY

The Rev. Rita Powell
Episcopal Chaplain at Harvard University

During the anthem, a freewill offering is taken in support of the Music Ministry at All Saints Parish.

ANTHEM Like as the hart

Judith Weir (b. 1954)

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks:
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God :
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day and night:
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself:
for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God;

In the voice of praise and thanksgiving:
among such as keep holy-day.

Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul:
and why art thou so disquieted within me?

Put thy trust in God:
for I will yet give him thanks for the help of his countenance.

During the prayers, please take your posture of reverence. Stand if comfortable.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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;
but 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 Spirit,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

HYMN

God, that madest earth and heaven

AR HYD Y NOS

1. God, that mad - est earth and heav - en, dark - ness and light;
 2. And when morn a - gain shall call us to run life's way,
 3. Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, and when we die,
 4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav - en, All - ho - ly Son

who the day for toil hast giv - ven, for rest the night;
 may we still, what - e'er be - fall us, thy will o - bey.
 may we, in thy might - y keep - ing all peace - ful lie:
 Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, blest Three in One:

may thine an - gel - guards de - fend us, slum - ber sweet thy mer - cy send us,
 From the pow'r of e - vil hide us, in the nar - row path - way guide us,
 when the last dread call shall wake us, do not thou, O God, for-sake us,
 grant thy grace, we now im - plore thee, till we cast our crowns be - fore thee,

ho - ly dreams and hopes at - tend us all through the night.
 nor thy smile be e'er de - nied us all through the day.
 but to reign in glo - ry take us with thee on high.
 and in wor - thier strains a - dore thee, while a - ges run.

ABOUT OUR GUEST PREACHER
The Rev. Rita Powell
Episcopal Chaplain at Harvard University

We are delighted to welcome The Rev. Rita Powell as our guest preacher tonight.

Rita is the chaplain for the Harvard Episcopal Community. She earned her BA from Barnard College of Columbia University, where she served as captain of the varsity softball team. Her Master of Divinity is from Yale Divinity School, where she was awarded the William Muehl Preaching Prize. She spent some years living and working with the monastic community in Taizé, France. She also served as Youth Missioner in the Diocese of South Dakota before coming to Boston as the Associate Rector for Liturgy and Music at Trinity Church in Copley Square. Rita lives in Belmont with her husband and two children.

Please join us for these future evening services.

CHORAL COMPLINE

Services beginning at 7:00 PM

Sunday, 4 June
for Trinity Sunday

Sunday, 3 September
for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, 1 October
for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, 5 November
for the Commemoration of All Souls

Sunday, 3 December
for the First Sunday of Advent

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Thursday, 28 September, 7:00 pm
for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels

Sunday, 22 October, 5:00 pm
for the Feast of St. Luke

Sunday, 17 December, 5:00 pm
Advent Lessons and Carols

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Rita Powell, *Episcopal Chaplain at Harvard University*
The Rev. Dr. Richard Burden, *Officiant*
Sue LeClaire, *Verger*
Ellen Hinkle, Beth Bourgault; *Lectors*

The Choir of All Saints
Dr. Stephan Griffin, *Director of Music*



*Membership in the choirs of All Saints Parish
is a demanding yet rewarding gift to this worshipping community.
We welcome new choristers of all ages.*

*If you, or individuals you know, are interested in participating in the choral program,
please contact Dr. Stephan Griffin at music@allsaintsbrookline.org*



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