

# All Saints Parish CHORAL EVENSONG

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF SAINT PACHOMIUS THE GREAT

Sunday, 15 May 2022 5:00 PM

# SAINT PACHOMIUS THE GREAT

Monastic, 348

Pachomius is commonly regarded as the founder of coenobitic monasticism, the form of Christian monasticism in which members live together in community rather than individually as hermits, and was the author of the first formal monastic rule of life.

Born to a pagan family in 292, Pachomius first encountered Christianity when he was imprisoned as part of a forced military conscription. The Christians of the city visited everyone in the prison, bringing them food, supplies, and comfort, and Pachomius was astonished. According to his life, he asked the other prisoners, "Why are these people so good to us when they do not even know us?" They answered, "They are Christians, and therefore they treat us with love for the sake of the God of heaven." When he was released, he was baptized, and began to lead an ascetic life of manual labor, prayer, and care for the poor.

In time, a community of people was drawn to Pachomius, they began to build to organize themselves into a formal monastic community. This way of life was particularly attractive to those who were drawn to monasticism but could not withstand the hardship of a solitary life- particularly those who might be elderly or ill or young. Before long, a federation of monastic communities was created, with houses for both men and women, that was organized into a common structure. Pachomius and his disciples wrote the first monastic rules to organize the life of these communities.

The new monastic movement was controversial in its day, and was initially opposed by many bishops and priests. When the monks were building their first monastery, the local bishop came with a mob to try to tear it down. Others came to respect the monks and their way of life, but wanted to unite them more closely to official church institutions. The bishops Serapion and Athanasius visited the community with the hope of ordaining Pachomius to the priesthood, but he hid from them until they finally went away. Indeed, the life of Pachomius states that originally "he did not want any clergy in his monasteries at all for fear of jealousy and vainglory." In time, however, the new monastic movement and the church hierarchy developed a mutual respect for the differing gifts and responsibilities that each of them bore within the church.

By the time that Pachomius died, his monastic federation included several thousand monks, and within a generation the monastic movement would spread from Egypt to Palestine, Turkey, and Western Europe.

- from Lesser Feasts and Fasts, 2018

# **CHORAL EVENSONG**

#### 5:00 PM



**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** Chorale prelude on *Eventide* 

C.H.H. Parry (1848–1918)

**INTROIT** O gladsome Light

Louis Bourgeois (1510–1561) Harmonized by Claude Goudimel (1514–1572)

O gladsome Light, O grace of God the Father's face, the eternal splendor wearing; celestial, holy, blest, Our Savior Jesus Christ, joyful in thine appearing.

Now, ere day fadeth quite, we see the evening light, Our wonted hymn outpouring; Father of might unknown, thee, his incarnate Son, and Holy Ghost adoring.

To thee of right belongs all praise of holy songs, O Son of God, Life-giver; thee, therefore, O Most High, the world doth glorify, and shall exalt forever.

#### **OPENING SENTENCE**

Officiant Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world:

he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

John 8:12

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

**HYMN 704** O thou who camest from above

HEREFORD

## THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

THE PRECES William Smith (1603–1645)

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.

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.

Praise ye the Lord.

#### PSALM 16

- Preserve me, O God; \* for in thee have I put my trust.
- O my soul, thou hast said unto the LORD, \*
  Thou art my God; I have no good like unto thee.
- All my delight is upon the saints that are in the earth, \* and upon such as excel in virtue.
- But they that run after another god \* shall have great trouble.
- Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer, \* neither make mention of their names within my lips.
- The LORD himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup; \* thou shalt maintain my lot.
- The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground; \* yea, I have a goodly heritage.
- I will thank the LORD for giving me warning; \* my reins also chasten me in the night season.
- I have set the LORD alway before me; \* for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.
- Wherefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: \* my flesh also shall rest in hope.
- For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell; \* neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.
- Thou shalt show me the path of life: in thy presence is the fulness of joy, \* and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.
- 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

2 Timothy 2:1-6 Reader: Bonnie Randall

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully. The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.

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.

Matthew 6:24-33 Reader: Sue LeClaire

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

## **NUNC DIMITTIS** (from The Gloucester Service)

Hebert Howells (1892–1983)

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, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who 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 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 Pachomius the Great

Set us free, O God, from all false desires, vain ambitions, and all that wouldst separate us from thee, that like thy servant Pachomius we might give ourselves fully to a life of discipleship, seeking thee alone and serving those whom thou hast given us to serve. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our only mediator and advocate. 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

Burden

The Rev. Dr. Richard

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

ANTHEM O Lord, support us

David Briggs (b.1962)

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.

Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest, and peace at the last.

Amen.

During the following, please take your posture of reverence, standing if it is 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. Alleluia, alleluia. People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**HYMN 24** The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended

ST. CLEMENT

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** Improvisation on St. Clement

Gerre Hancock (1934–2012)

# Please join us for these future evening services.

## **CHORAL COMPLINE**

7:00 PM

Sunday, 5 June for the Day of Pentecost

Sunday, 4 September for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, 2 October for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, 6 November for the Feast of All Saints

Sunday, 4 December for the Second Sunday of Advent

# **CHORAL EVENSONG**

5:00 PM

Sunday, 16 October for the Feast of Theresa of Avila

Sunday, 18 December A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols for Christmas

Please join us for future concerts at All Saints Parish.

The Brookline Symphony: Triumphant Finale
Music of Shostakovich, Mozart, and Musgrave
Sunday, 5 June 2022, 3:00 pm

## **SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

The Rev. Dr. Richard Burden, *Rector of All Saints* Sue LeClaire, Bonnie Randall, *Vergers* 

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 <u>music@allsaintsbrookline.org</u>



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