

# An Afro-Centric Choral Evensong

## Rite Two

with music by Carl MaultsBy  
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### The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand.

*Cantor* *Congregation*

O God, make speed to save us. O

Lord, make haste to help us. *All* Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, —

and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit: as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and

will be for ev - er. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia!

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### Phos hilaron *O Gracious Light*

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1. O gra-cious Light, the bright-ness pure of  
2. Our eyes now, as the sun - set comes, be -  
3. Lord, you are wor - thy at all times of

the e - ter - nal One, O Je - sus Christ, ho - ly and blessed, the  
hold the ves - per light; We sing your prais - es Fa ther, Son, and  
joy - ful voi - ces' praise, O Son of God, Giv - er of life, through

*Fine* // *D.S. al Fine*

Fa - ther's on - ly Son!  
Spi - rit as is right.  
end - less worlds and days.

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## Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino*

**Refrain**  
*Cantor, then all*

Sing to the Lord\_ for he has done great things!

Sing to the Lord\_ for he has done great things! Sing to the Lord\_ for

he has done great\_ things! The Lord has done\_ great things. \_ *to Verses*

*Cantor:*

With his right hand and his holy arm,  
he has won the victory.

The Lord has made known his righteousness  
in the sight of all the nations.

*Refrain*

*Cantor:*

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel

And all the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.

*Refrain*

## The Readings

*All sit.*

### First Reading

A Reading from **Daniel 12:1-3**

At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth\* shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky,\* and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

## Magnificat *The Song of Mary*

*Cantor, then all*

My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord, my  
spi - rit re - joi-ces in God my Sa - vior. \_

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My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in  
God my **Savior**;  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly **servant**.  
From this day all generations will call me **blessed**:  
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his **Name**.

*Refrain*

He has mercy on those who **fear him**  
in every gener-**ation**.  
He has shown the strength of his **arm**,  
he has scattered the proud in their con-**ceit**.

*Refrain*

He has cast down the mighty from their **thrones**,  
and has lifted up the **lowly**.  
He has filled the hungry with **good things**,  
and the rich he has sent away **empty**.

*Refrain*

He has come to the help of his servant **Israel**,  
for he has remembered his promise of **mercy**,  
The promise he made to our **fathers**,  
to Abraham and his children for **ever**.

*Refrain*

Glory to the Father, and to the **Son**,  
and to the Holy **Spirit**:  
As it was in the beginning, is **now**,  
and will be forever. **A-men**.

*Refrain*

## Second Reading

### A Reading from **Mark 13:21-27**

And if anyone says to you at that time, “Look! Here is the Messiah!” or “Look! There he is!”—do not believe it. False messiahs\* and false prophets will appear and produce signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, the elect. But be alert; I have already told you everything. The Coming of the Son of Man ‘But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

### **Nunc dimittis** *The Song of Simeon*

Lord, now let your ser - vant de-part in peace  
ac-cord-ing to your ho - ly word. For my own  
eyes have seen the Sa - vior whom you pre - pare for  
— all the peo - ple. To be a light re-veal - ing  
you to all the na - tions for your peo - ple Is - ra -  
el. *f* Glo-ry to God, Cre-a-tor, Son, and Spir - it, as in the be-  
gin - ning, is now and will be for ev - er. A - men.

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## Apostles' Creed (monotone)

*All stand.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray

## The Lord's Prayer

*Cantor* *All* *Cantor*

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, Hal-low-ed be your Name, — your

*All*

king dom come, your will be done, — Hal-low-ed be your Name, —

*Cantor* *All*

On earth – as in heaven	<i>Hal-low-ed be your Name</i>
Give us today our daily bread.	<i>Hal-low-ed be your Name</i>
Forgive us our sins	<i>Hal-low-ed be your Name</i>
As we forgive those who sin against us	<i>Hal-low-ed be your Name</i>
Save us from the time of trial,	<i>Hal-low-ed be your Name</i>

And deliver us from evil.	<i>Hal-low-ed be your Name</i>
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory	<i>Hal-low-ed be your Name</i>
Now and forever. A-men	<i>Hal-low-ed be your Name</i>
A-men, a-men	<i>Hal-low-ed be your Name</i>
A-men, a-men, a-men, a-men	<i>Hal-low-ed be your Name</i>

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## Suffrages

<i>Cantor</i>	<i>Congregation</i>
	
Show us your mercy, O Lord;	And grant us your sal - va-tion.

Clothe your ministers with **right**-eous-ness

Let your people **sing** with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in **all** the world;  
Lord, keep this nation **under** your care;

For only in you can we **live** in safety.  
And guide us in the way of jus-**tice** and truth.

Let your way be **known** up-on earth;  
Let not the needy, O Lord, **be** forgotten;

Your saving health a-**mong** all nations.  
Nor the hope of the poor be ta-**ken** a-way.

Create in us clean **hearts**, O God;

And sustain us with your **Ho**-ly Spirit.

## Collects

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses, your servant, you led your people out of slavery and made them free at last: Grant that your church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. [Lesser Feasts and Fasts]

**Amen.**

Glorious God, God of our fathers and mothers, we know you love us and walk with us. Come and stand with us. Come and walk with us. Come and strengthen us with your love, your peace, and your justice. Give us grace to recognize you in each other and grant us the grace to love you in all we do. All this we ask through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. [Mark Bozzuti-Jones]

**Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn #L106**

*Precious Lord, take my hand*

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## Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Loving God, Bless us as we gather and pray in your name. May we be your hands, heart, feet, and Word in a world so torn apart by hate, war, greed, and divisions. Give us your grace to do your will in all that we undertake.

*All sing*



The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff begins with a whole rest, followed by the melody for the lyrics 'This lit-tle light of mine — I'm gon-na let it shine,'. The second staff continues the melody for the lyrics '— let it shine, — let it shine, — let it shine. —'. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

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Loving God, we pray for the Motherland, we pray for people in the diaspora, we pray for those who suffer discrimination, because of race, sexual orientation, creed or class. Make us children of your love, justice, and peace.

*All repeat "This little light . . ."*

Jesus, our brother, you gave good news to the poor, sight to the blind, hope to those in despair, and you set the captives free. Make us mindful of the need to be your good news, your liberation, and your light.

*All repeat "This little light . . ."*

Jesus, our brother, you raise us up on eagles wings, you make us shine like the sun, and you hold us in the palm of your hand. Let us never forget where we have come from, let us always remember on whose shoulders we stand, and let us never tire of helping our brothers and sisters.

*All repeat "This little light . . ."*

Holy Spirit of God, you inspired Moses, Elijah, Malcom, Sojourner, and Martin to be your prophets. Help us to serve you by imitating their deeds and give us the grace to speak truth to power.

*All repeat "This little light . . ."*

Holy Spirit of God, sometimes we feel like motherless children. Help us never to forget the gift of music, poetry, song, and dance. May we praise your name in all that we do.

*All repeat "This little light . . ."*

For what else shall we pray?

*People may add their own petitions and thanksgivings*

