

Dr. Robert Poovey

PROGRAM

Sixième Symphonie, Op. 59  
V. Final

Louis Vierne  
(1870-1937)

"Come sweetest death, come blessed rest"  
*arranged for organ by Virgil Fox*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

Canon in B minor, Op. 56, No. 5

Robert Schumann  
(1810-1856)

Choral in E major

César Franck  
(1822-1890)

Alston Memorial Organ  
Austin Organ Company, Op. 2382

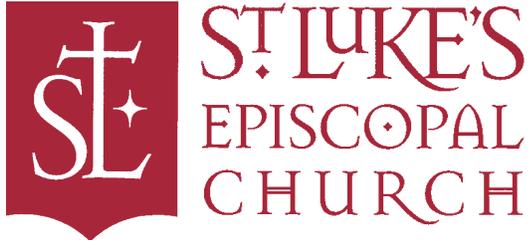
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**Robert Poovey** is Director of Music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Rochester, New York. A native of Greensboro, North Carolina, he earned the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Organ Performance and Literature from the Eastman School of Music in 1989, and holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in organ from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and Southern Methodist University, respectively. From 1995 to 2006 he served as Director of Music Ministries at historic St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Atlanta, where he developed a varied, innovative, and active music program involving some seven groups, with an emphasis on intergenerational participation. From 2006 to 2007 he was Project Director for Casavant Frères, one of the leading pipe organ companies in North America. Dr. Poovey has served on the Liturgical Commissions in the Episcopal

Dioceses of North Carolina, Olympia (Western Washington State) and Atlanta, and also has been on the faculty for the Leadership Program for Musicians Serving Small Congregations, a two-year course of study that led to participants' receiving The Presiding Bishop's Diploma in Church Music. With appearances in both the United States and Europe to his credit, Dr. Poovey has maintained an active performing schedule, and he maintains membership in the Association of Anglican Musicians, the American Guild of Organists, and Early Music America.



CHORAL EVENSONG  
FOR THE  
FEAST OF PACHOMIUS OF TABENISSI

May 16, 2021 | 5 PM

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The Rev. Ed Bacon *Officiant*

The Adult Choir of St. Luke's | The Preparatory Choir  
The Junior and Senior Choristers of St. Luke's

Matthew Michael Brown, *Director of Music*  
Colleen Kingston, *Director of Children and Youth Music*

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**Voluntary**

*'An Interlude' from The Hovingham Sketches*

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

**Introit**

*Lift thine eyes*, from ELIJAH

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Senior Choristers  
Colleen Kingston, *Director*

Lift Thine eyes, O lift Thine eyes,  
to the mountains, whence cometh,  
whence cometh, whence cometh help.

Thy help cometh from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.  
He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved.

Thy Keeper will never slumber,  
will never slumber, never slumber.

Lift Thine eyes, O lift Thine eyes,  
to the mountains, whence cometh,  
whence cometh, whence cometh help.  
whence cometh, whence cometh,  
whence cometh help.

## Opening Hymn

Hymnal 214 “Hail the day that sees Him rise”

*Llanfair*



1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!  
\*3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!  
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!  
See! he shows the prints of love; Al - le - lu - ia!  
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!  
there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!  
take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!  
bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!  
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Llanfair*, Robert Williams (1781-1821)

## The Opening Acclamation

Officiant: Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,  
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. — *Psalm 141:2*

**Preces**

Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

Cantor: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Cantor: O God, make speed to save us.

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor: 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.

Cantor: Praise ye the Lord.

Choir: The Lord's Name be praised.

**Phos hilaron**

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Light ever gladsome, of the eternal  
Splendor supernal, Holy and true,  
Born of the Father blest we adore thee,  
Falling before thee, Christ Jesu.

Daytime is over, sunless is heaven;  
Lamps of the even glimmer and shine:  
Father and Son and Spirit we bless thee;  
Worship, confess thee, Lord divine.

Son of the Highest, thou the Life-giver  
Art now and ever worthy of praise:  
Whence all thy creatures, lordly or lowly,  
Antiphons holy, to thee raise.

**Psalm 16**

Anglican Chant: Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.

- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.  
11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

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. Amen.

**The First Lesson: Ephesians 6:10–18**

Lector: Livingstone Johnson

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Magnificat**

*Evening Service in D*, Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath shewed 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 forever. Amen.

—*Luke 1:46-55*

**The Second Lesson: Matthew 6:24–33**

Lector: Jane Long

‘No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which

is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Nunc dimittis

*Evening Service in D*, Herbert Brewer

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. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. —*Luke 2:25-32*

### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and 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.

### Versicles and Responses

Richard Shephard

Cantor: The Lord be with you.

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Cantor: Let us pray.

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which 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.

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. O Lord, save the State.

R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

V. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. O Lord, save thy people.  
R. And bless thine inheritance.  
V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.  
V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

### The Collects

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

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your 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 your love's sake. **Amen.**

### Anthem

*Make me a light*

Philip Wilby (b. 1949)

Preparatory Choir, Junior & Senior Choristers  
Colleen Kingston, *Director*

Make me a light to lighten the world, make me a star to lighten the darkness, make me so bright with your living word, that I may shine with your love. I hold a candle in my hands, light which I hold and which I hold true, light of the world shine out in the dark, may it always remind me of You. I hold a mirror in my hands, there what I am and what I may do, shines back to me in your glorious light, make me a worthy reflection of You. I hold a seed within my hands, lend me your help to make it grow into the sweetest scented flower, that it may lovelier flowers sow.

—*Philip Wilby*

### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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

## Closing Hymn

Hymnal 596 "Judge eternal, throned in splendor" *Komm, o komm du Geist des Lebens*

1 Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and  
2 Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that  
3 Crown, O God, thine own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness

King of kings, with thy liv - ing fire of judg - ment  
brings re - lease, and the ci - ty's crowd - ed clang - or  
with thy sword; feed all those who do not know thee

purge this land of bit - ter things; sol - ace all its  
cries a - loud for sin to cease; and the home - steads  
with the rich - ness of thy word; cleanse the bo - dy

wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of thy wings.  
and the wood - lands plead in si - lence for their peace.  
of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

Words: Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918), alt. Music: *Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*, 1693

## The Dismissal

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Officiant: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

## Voluntary

*Fanfare*

John Cook (1918-1984)