



The National World War I Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri – 1921 Dedication

### In Flanders Fields – by John McCrae (1872-1918)

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place, and in the sky,  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead; short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high!  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

*Christ Presbyterian Church honors all veterans today and we remember the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Armistice Day when fighting was stopped and peace negotiations began, culminating in the official end of World War One with the Treaty of Versailles on 28 June, 1919. Our music and prayers are offered in the fervent hope that one day peace shall reign over all of God's Kingdom.*



# Evensong

## Christ Presbyterian Church

Tuscarawas St. West @ McKinley Ave., Canton, Ohio

11 November 2018 @ 4:00 p.m.

Sung by the *Christ Church Chancel Choir*

*Please remember to silence all communication devices.*

*We request that all people kindly observe **silence** as we prepare for worship.*

### ORGAN VOLUNTARIES

“Nimrod” from *Enigma Variations*, Op. 36 Edward Elgar (1898-99); arr., W. H. Harris

“Jupiter” from *The Planets* Gustav Holst (1914-16); arr., Harrison Oxley

Gustav Holst always denied that Mars, the Bringer of War in his orchestral work *The Planets* (1914-16), was a direct response to the onset of war. Yet the snarling, bellicose opening and angry, sweeping main theme stir indelible images of warfare. A later movement, Jupiter – the Bringer of Jollity, confirmed the work’s identity with WWI as its melody became the hymn “I Vow to Thee, My Country.”

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,  
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;  
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,  
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;  
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,  
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;  
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;  
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;  
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,  
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.

– Cecil Spring Rice

*All who are able, please **stand as the processional cross passes** and join in singing:*

\*HYMN in PROCESSION No. 341 “O God, Show Mercy to Us” (Psalm 67) THAXTED

### \*INVITATORY and PSALTER

#### The Preces

Norwich Cathedral; MS ca. 1906-17; transc., C. Upton

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

“Evening Hymn”

H. Balfour Gardiner (1908)

(English text by J. M. Neale)

Te lucis ante terminum,	<i>To Thee before the close of day,</i>
Rerum Creator poscimus,	<i>Creator of the world, we pray</i>
Ut pro tua clementia	<i>That, with Thy wonted favor,</i>
Sis praesul et custodia.	<i>Thou wouldst be our guard and keeper now.</i>
Procul recedant somnia	<i>From all ill dreams defend our sight,</i>
Et noctium phantasmata,	<i>From fears and terrors of the night;</i>
Hos temque nostrum comprime	<i>Withhold from us our ghostly foe,</i>
Ne pollutantur corpora.	<i>That spot of sin we may not know.</i>
Praesta, Pater piissime,	<i>O Father, that we ask be done,</i>
Patrique compar Unice,	<i>Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son,</i>
Cum Spiritu Paraclito	<i>Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,</i>
Regnans per omne saeculum.	<i>Doth live and reign eternally.</i>

Psalm 84 *Quam dilecta!*

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of Hosts!  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.  
The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
Happy are they who dwell in your house!  
They will always be praising you.  
Happy are the people whose strength is in you!  
Whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.  
Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.  
They will climb from height to height,  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.  
Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob.  
Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your Anointed.  
Truly, salvation is very near to those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in your land.  
Mercy and truth have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.  
Truth shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.  
The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.  
Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.  
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 LESSONS

**Deuteronomy 10:12-14, 17-21**

*The Essence of the Law*

(Pew Bible, page 147)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

(silence)

## Magnificat

Charles Villiers Stanford (in C), Op. 115, 1909

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.  
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 Song of Mary; Luke 1:46-55

### John 8:31-38

*True Disciples; True Freedom*

(Pew Bible, page 871)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

(silence)

### Nunc dimittis

Stanford

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 Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

~ The Song of Simeon; Luke 2:29-32

(standing)

### \*Hymn No. 677

“The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended”

ST. CLEMENT

Remaining standing to recite:

### \*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.

*(seated)*

## THE PRAYERS

Norwich Cathedral

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.

*All may sing:*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and glory are yours  
now and forever. AMEN.**

Cantor: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
Choir : And grant us thy salvation.  
O Lord, save the state.  
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.  
Endue thy ministers with righteousness;  
And make thy chosen people joyful.  
O Lord, save thy people.  
And bless thine inheritance.  
Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.  
O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

### **A Collect for Social Justice:**

Almighty God, who created us in your own image:  
Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression;  
and, that we may reverently use our freedom,  
help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice  
in our communities and among the nations,  
to the glory of your holy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.

### A Collect for Peace

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace,  
and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth,  
that in tranquility your dominion may increase  
until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.

### A Prayer for Mission

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.

## MOTETS

### “My Soul, There Is a Country”

C. H. H. Parry (1918)

My soul, there is a country far beyond the stars,  
Where stands a winged sentry,  
a sentry all skillful in the wars:  
There, above noise and danger,  
Sweet peace sits crowned with smiles,  
And One, born in a manger,  
Commands the beauteous files.  
He is thy gracious friend,  
And O my soul awake!  
Did in pure love descend  
To die here for thy sake.

If thou canst get but tither,  
There grows the flower of peace,  
The Rose that cannot wither,  
Thy fortress, and thy ease.  
Leave then thy foolish ranges,  
For none can thee secure  
But one who never changes,  
Thy God, thy life, thy cure.

~ Henry Vaughan (1622-1695)

### “Never Weather-beaten Sail”

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore,  
Never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber more;  
Than my weary sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast. {spirit}  
O come quickly sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest!  
Ever blooming are the joys of Heaven's high Paradise,  
Cold age deafs not there our ears, nor vapour dimes our eyes;  
Glory there the sun outshines; whose beams the blessed only only.  
O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to thee! {spirit}

~ Thomas Campion (1567-1620)

All who are able, please *stand and pray*:

### \*The General Thanksgiving (in unison)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God*

\*HYMN No. 340 “This Is My Song” FINLANDIA (1899)

\*BENEDICTION

\*PROCESSION and ORGAN VOLUNTARY “Festival Toccata” (1915) Percy E. Fletcher

Following this service a *free-will offering* is received by ushers at the exits;  
the public is invited to enjoy refreshments and conversation in Westminster Hall.

*Service Participants:* Chancel Choir of Christ Church

David J. Kienzle, Organist & Director of Music ✦ Britt Cooper, Officiant & Cantor

The Rev. David L. deVries, Lector ✦ Jerry Norton, Crucifer



Evensong is a standard liturgy of Evening Prayers set to music. In monastic traditions since the early middle ages, there were as many as nine prayer services for the daily devotions of the community. Those “canonical hours,” as they were called, could be visited by the general public for their own worship and spiritual enrichment. The standard order of scripture and prayers for evensong became established in British cathedrals, chapels, and collegiate churches as a combination of the liturgies from *vespers* (sung late in the afternoon) and *compline* (sung just before bedtime). The entire Psalter is sung on a carefully planned rotational basis throughout the week or the month, depending on the practices of each religious community. The Psalter was the hymnbook of the Temple at Jerusalem, used by our Lord Jesus Christ and all practicing Jews.

The congregation at Evensong is invited to worship with heart and mind, by giving assent to the prayers with the expressions of AMEN: “yes, Lord, that is MY prayer, too”. Other opportunities for vocal participation include hymns from *Glory to God* book, led by the choir and organ. All are invited to sing on a “monotone” the Apostles’ Creed: the expression of our faith and of those who, generation by generation in the Christian Church, respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, crucified and alive.

The first reading is a lesson from the Hebrew scriptures and is followed by the *Magnificat*, the Song of the Virgin Mary, when the promises of the Old Testament came true (Luke 1). The reading from the New Testament (Epistles or Gospels) proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ, and is followed by the *Nunc dimittis*, the Song of Simeon when he had finally seen our Lord in the Temple at Jerusalem (Luke 2). There are several hundred marvelous musical settings of these two recurring *canticles*: from several centuries of great sacred repertoire, and from divinely inspired composers throughout the world.

Most of the music for this service today is contemporary to the tumultuous times in the first two decades of the twentieth century in England. The political climate was already volatile until lit by the spark of the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria on 28 June, 1914—the official beginning of World War One. It was not until the Treaty of Versailles was signed five years later on June 28, 1919, that people finally breathed peacefully. But, as we now know, the tensions continued to mount for several more years and decades. Our prayers for peace this evening are as fervent now as they were in the first half of the twentieth century.

Tickets are now available online or in the church office for our annual benefit evening for the Christ Church Food, Clothing & Prayer Ministry: Friday, January 4, 2019 @ 6:30 pm - the Akron Firestone High School Madrigal Singers and a feast of great food and music capping the close of the Christmas season.

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