

KING'S CHAPEL

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Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, the Fifteenth of March,
Two Thousand Twenty

THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER

as found in the Book of Common Prayer, beginning on page 1.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

We beseech thee, O Lord, in thy forgiving love, turn away what we deserve for our sins, nor let our offenses prevail before thee; but let thy mercy always rise up to overcome them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayerbook, p. 194

PRELUDE

Wandelt in der Liebe
Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)

Walk in the same love with which Christ loved us!

Let its flames burn brightly

Love each other with affection yet keep it pure!

Sanctify your feelings

So they don't work to condemn you!

Refuse out of hand these flattering desires!

That tempt you at first, but be fearful of the end!

Happy are they that flee them early.

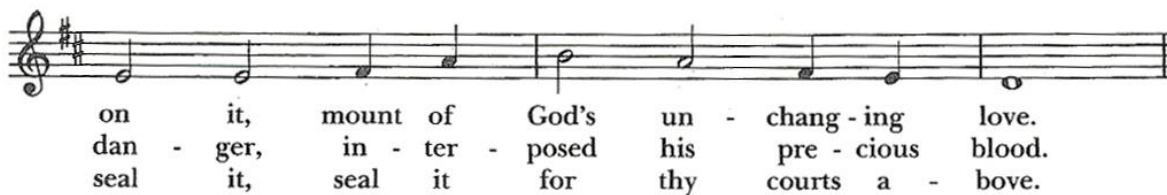
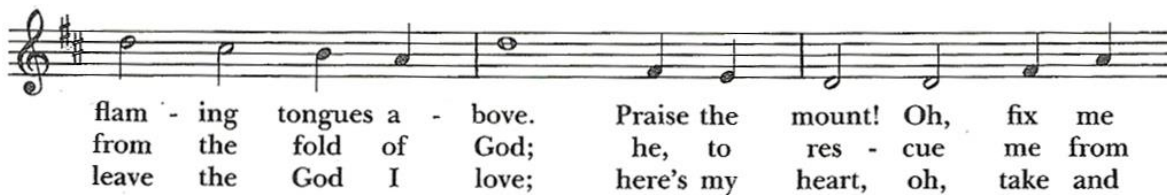
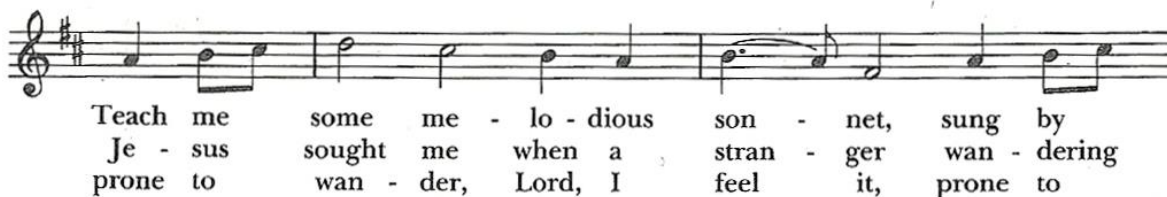
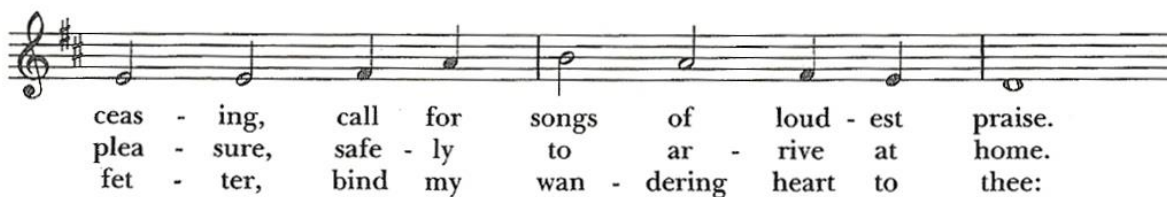
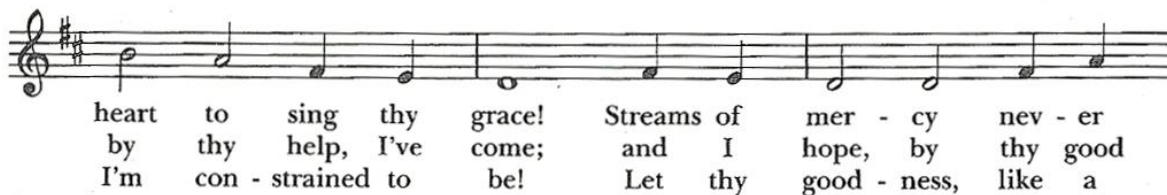
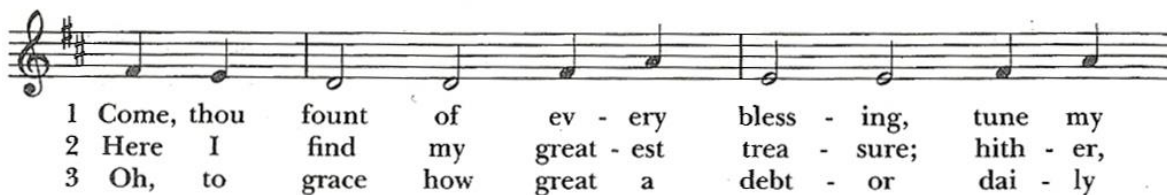
Look how Zeboim smoulders

When the Almighty's reproach fumes

*He who judges the fruits of your malice according to the earthly penalty
but will burn down into the abyss.*

INTROIT

The Mouldering Vine
William Duckworth (1943-2012)



Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt.

Music: Nettleton, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813

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* WELCOME

* SIGN OF PEACE

All are invited to greet one another with a sign of God's peace, mindful that in this time of increased health risks, a simple smile or bow, accompanied by the phrase, "Peace be with you!" is most appropriate.

* OPENING SENTENCES

Prayerbook, p. 1

* EXHORTATION

Prayerbook, p. 3

GENERAL CONFESSION

Prayerbook, p. 4

All shall sit.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Prayerbook, p. 5

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Prayerbook, pp. 5-6

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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Minister O Lord, open thou our lips;
People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

All shall stand.

Minister Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God;
People **Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Minister Praise ye the Lord.
People **The Lord's name be praised.**

* CANTICLE | VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO

Psalms 95: 1-7; 96: 9, 13

Prayerbook, pp. 6-7

1. { O come let us sing } unto • the Lord; { let us heartily rejoice in the strength of } our sal - va - tion.

2. Let us come before his presence with thanks - / giv - / ing; //
3. and show ourselves / glad in / him with / psalms. //
4. For the Lord is a / great - / God; // and a great / King a - / bove all / gods. //
5. In his hand are all the corners / of the / earth; // and the strength of the hills is / his - / al - / so. //
6. The sea is his and he / made - / it; // and his hands pre - / pared the / dry - / land. //
7. O come let us worship and / fall - / down; // and kneel before the / Lord our / mak - / er. //
8. For he is the / Lord our / God; //
- and we are the people of his pasture, and the / sheep of / his - / hand. //
9. O worship the Lord in the beauty of / ho - li - / ness; // let the whole earth / stand in / awe of / him. //
9. For he cometh, for he cometh to / judge the / earth; //
- and with righteousness to judge the world, and the / peo - ple / with his / truth. //

O come, let us sing unto the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving;
and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.**
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
**In his hand are the deep places of the earth;
the strength of the hills is his also.**
The sea is his, and he made it;
and his hands formed the dry land.
**O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would hearken to his voice!

* DOXOLOGY

Prayerbook, p. 8

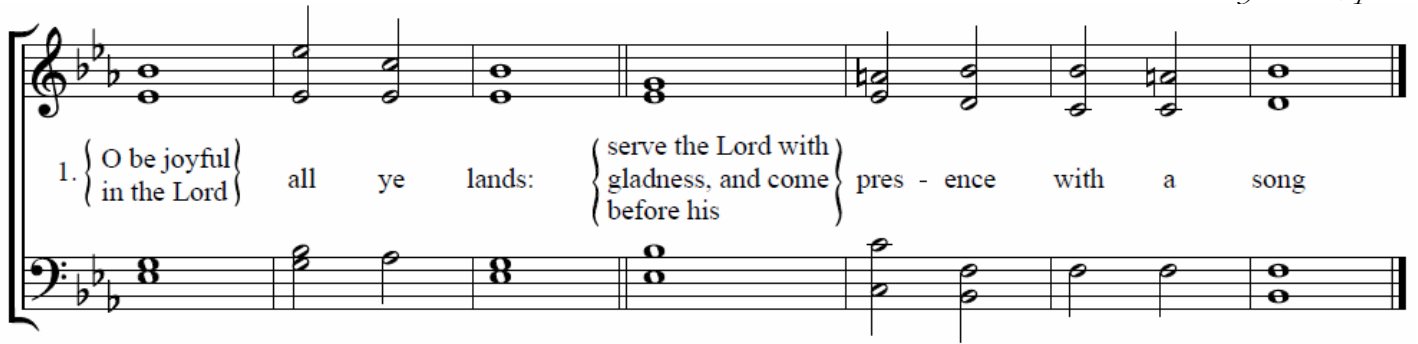
**Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God;
Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.***

MOTET

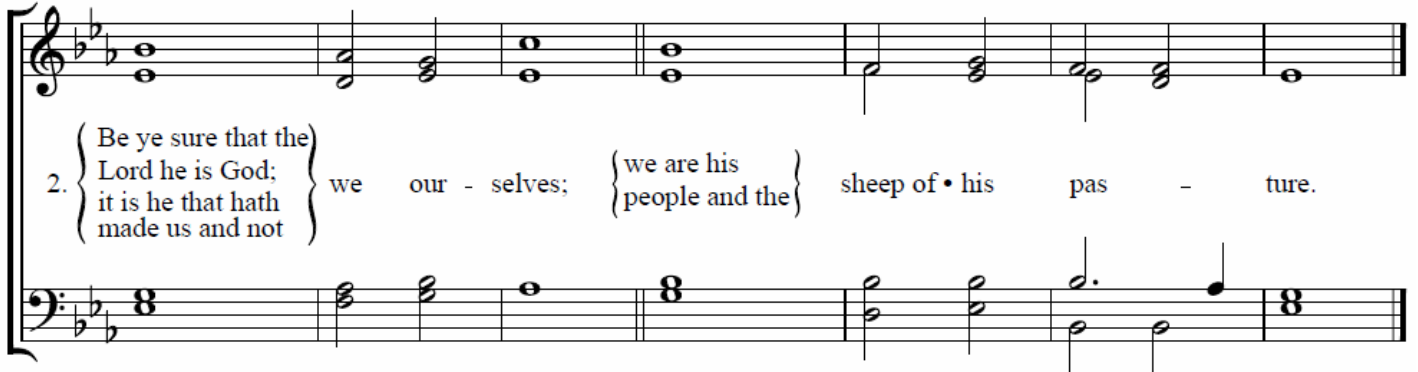
Venite (Psalm 95)
Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 17: 1-7



1. { O be joyful
in the Lord } all ye lands: { serve the Lord with
gladness, and come
before his } pres - ence with a song



2. { Be ye sure that the
Lord he is God;
it is he that hath
made us and not } we our - selves; { we are his
people and the } sheep of • his pas - ture.

3. 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. //
4. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is ever - / last - / ing; //
- and his truth endureth from generation to / gen - e - / ra - - / tion. //

SECOND LESSON

John 4: 5-30, 39-42

1. Blessed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el; for he hath visited and re- deemed his peo - ple,

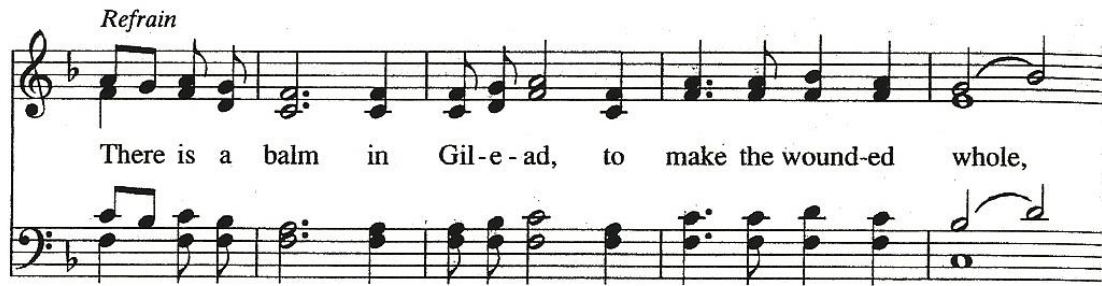
2. And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, in the house of his ser - vant Da - vid;

3. As he spake by the mouth of his holy / proph - / ets, // which have been / since the / world be - / gan: //
4. To perform the mercy promised to our fore - / fa - / thers, //
- and to remember his / ho - ly / co - ve - / nant; //
5. That we being delivered out of the hand of our / en - e - / mies // might / serve him / with - out / fear, //
6. In holiness and righteousness be - / fore - / him, // all the / days - / of our / life. //

SERMON


Rev. Joy Fallon

Refrain

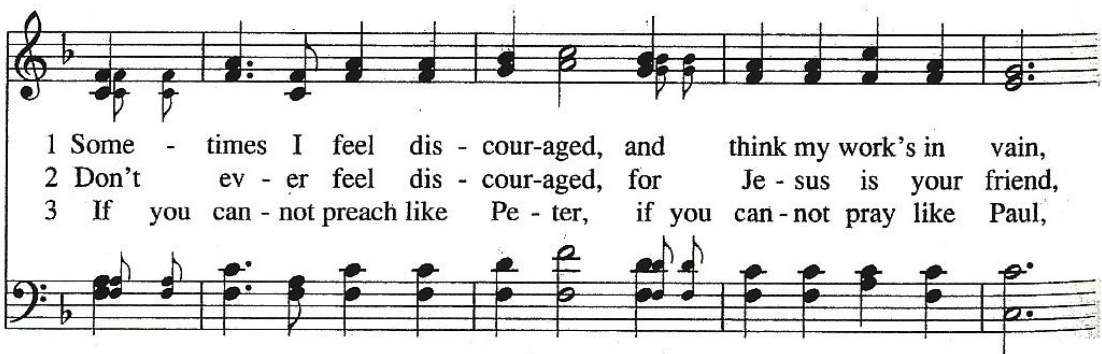


There is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to make the wound-ed whole,

Last time, end

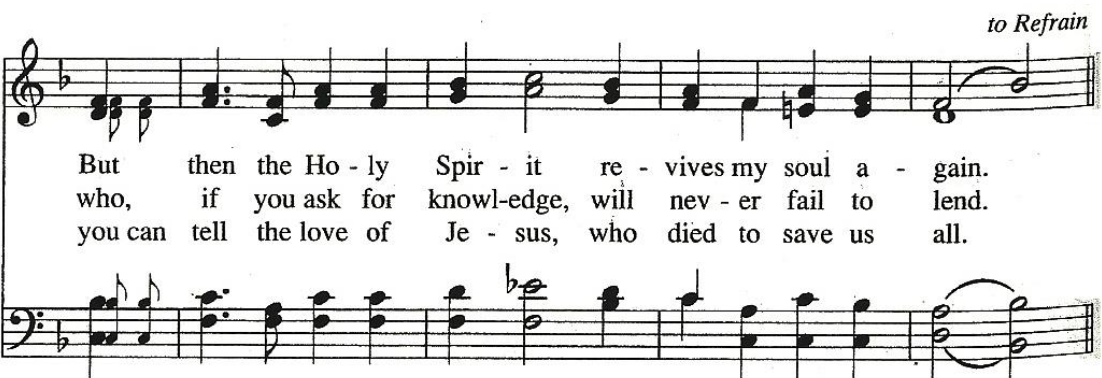


there is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, and think my work's in vain,
 2 Don't ev - er feel dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend,
 3 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,

to Refrain



But then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 who, if you ask for knowl-edge, will nev - er fail to lend.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus, who died to save us all.

This is one of the most moving of the African-American spirituals because it illustrates the way in which the enslaved tried to encourage those who were feeling especially weighed down by the burden of their captivity.

Tune: BALM IN GILEAD Irr. with refrain
 African-American spiritual

*VERSICLES

Prayerbook, p. 14

Minister The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Minister Let us pray.

All shall sit.

Minister O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People And grant us thy salvation.

Minister O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People And take not thy holy Spirit from us.

COLLECT FOR GRACE

Prayerbook, p. 14

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS

Prayerbook, pp. 14-17, 173

Collect for the Day

Collect for Peace

Prayer for All Nations

Prayer for Those in Authority

Prayer for the Clergy and People

Prayer for All Sorts and Conditions

Prayer for Those Memorialized

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Prayerbook, p. 17

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and lovingkindness to us and to all people. 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 may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord; in whose name we ascribe unto thee all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

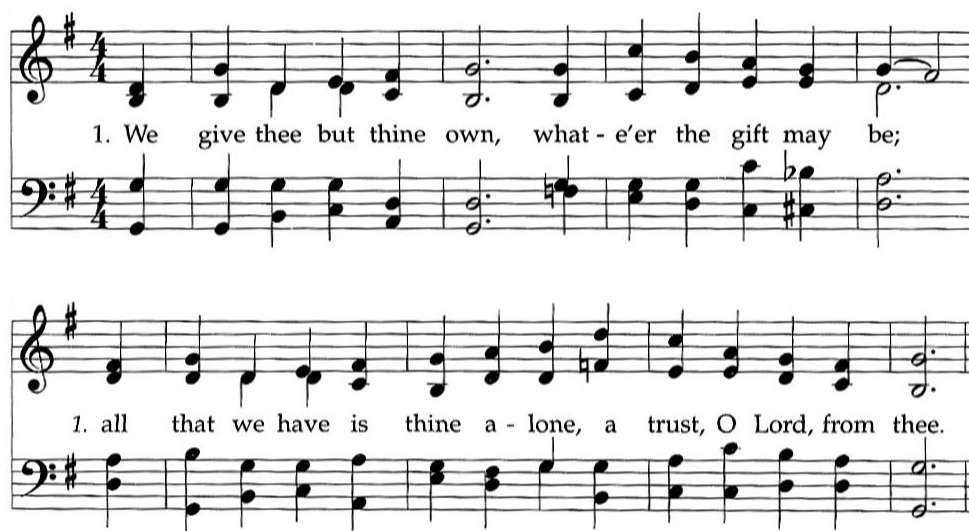
OFFERTORY

Venite

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Each Sunday, 10% of the plate collection is given to our Community Action strategic partners: common cathedral, the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, and the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry, that together we might do works of mercy, justice, and healing. All cash/checks not specially designated are considered a plate offering.

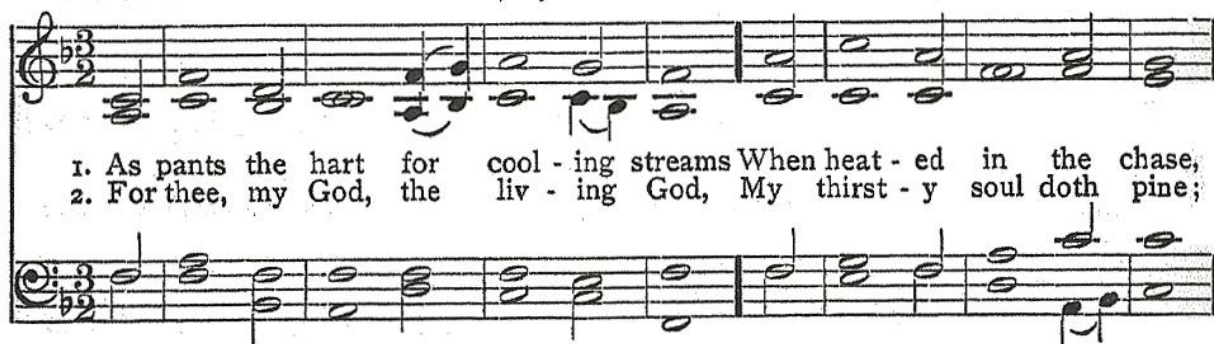
* RESPONSE



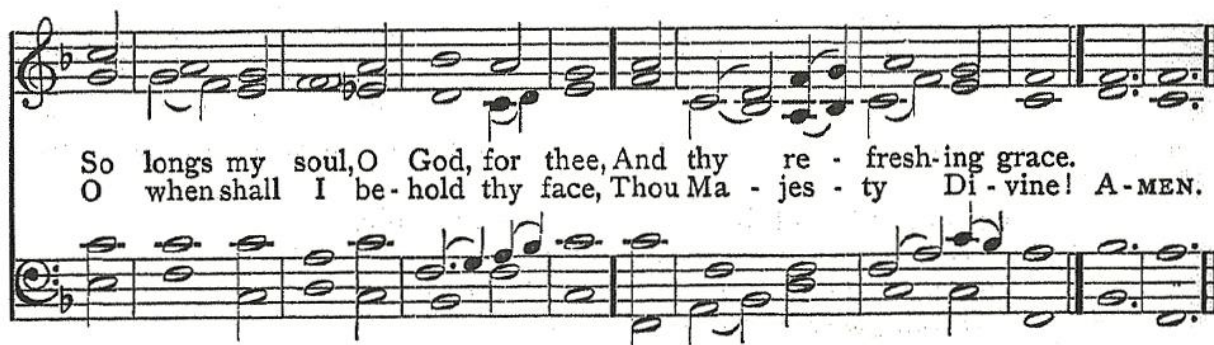
1. We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;

1. all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



1. As pants the hart for cool - ing streams When heat - ed in the chase,
2. For thee, my God, the liv - ing God, My thirst - y soul doth pine;



So longs my soul, O God, for thee, And thy re - fresh - ing grace.
O when shall I be - hold thy face, Thou Ma - jes - ty Di - vine! A - MEN.

- 3 Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
Trust God, and he'll employ
His aid for thee, and change these sighs
To thankful hymns of joy.
- 4 Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
Hope still, and thou shalt sing
The praise of him who is thy God,
Thy health's eternal spring.

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Please be seated for the playing of the POSTLUDE.

POSTLUDE

Est-ce Mars?
J.P. Sweelinck



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Joy Fallon, Senior Minister
David Waters, Minister for Education and Membership
Heinrich Christensen, Music Director
Alison LaRosa and Jennifer Webb, Soloists
Lee Glenn, Lector
Michael Bergeron, Head Usher
Betsy Peterson, Usher
Clark Aitkins, Verger

Coffee hour following the service is cancelled due to health concerns.

There are no flowers on the chancel during Lent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

In light of the growing threat of the coronavirus pandemic and the general advice to limit social contact, the leaders of King's Chapel have initiated the following actions. These will be effective immediately and remain in effect through the end of the month. They will be reviewed based on new information. We take these actions as good citizens and in furtherance of the Christian injunction to do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

- Non-worship events including those at the Parish House will be cancelled.
- Staff will mostly work from home.
- The Freedom Trail guide program now operating only Friday through Monday will be cancelled.
- The Wednesday evening communion service has been cancelled.
- For the moment Sunday morning worship services at the church and the Little Chapel will continue. We will provide appropriate cleanings, hand sanitizers and advice to sit reasonably away from one another. Anyone with coughing, colds, sneezing or any compromised health condition will be advised not to attend out of respect for others.

Recognizing the hardships these steps may cause, in taking these actions we intend for staff to be compensated in the ordinary course at least through the end of this month. Choir members and history educators will be paid even though their work hours will be curtailed.

No one takes these steps lightly. Given the unknown spread of this infectious disease throughout the United States and its accelerating speed, matters are likely to get worse before they get better. For the sake of our members and staff, and those with whom they come into contact or give care to, we feel these are all warranted. We thank you for your continued support and patience as we all do our part.

Miguel Gomez-Ibanez

Levina Wong

Betsy Peterson

Dan Taylor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE MINISTER

Dear Friends,

During this hard time with coronavirus spreading, we need one another. None of us needs to face this alone.

So, while we are taking measures to protect all church members and the staff, and limit our physical contact, please know that your David Waters and I, and Parish Administrator Gretchen Horton are all available to help in any way we can. Please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or by email (contact info below). The parish house will be closed until the end of the month, but any message you leave on the staff work phones are forwarded automatically to our email, so we receive them promptly. Senior Warden Miguel Gomez-Ibanez also is available by phone if you need to talk with him.

I close with this post written by my daughter Kathryn Fallon Bitner earlier today. Whether you need help or can give it, “we are all on this journey together.”

I wish someone would say this so I will.

I think a lot of people wish there was more they could do about COVID 19. I think that paralysis is why we are so afraid. So, my suggestion is to be kind. Americans are really incredibly kind in a crisis. It doesn't feel that way right now but we give huge amounts of money and resources after natural disasters, we do crazy heroic things during mass shootings, we donate blood and money and books and clothes. We adopt pets and buy medical debt. When the system fails Americans do their best to fill that gap. So, I want to brainstorm how we fill that gap now. Check in with friends and neighbors (online or on the phone) to see what they need. Collect money for people in the community out of work or making less because of this situation. Make a ton of soup and freeze it and give it to folks who get sick enough to be miserable but not sick enough to go to the hospital. (leave it on the doorstep, make those ring doorbells work). Give some of your toilet paper stash to your elderly neighbor or aunt. Pick up some slack at work for the coworker who has kids at home because schools are closed. Reach out to churches, temples, mosques, synagogues, local government and see what they are doing and what you can do to safely help. This is new. This is scary. But helping feels way better than buying a year's worth of toilet paper. Find the helpers. And be one.

May God's love and peace remain with you all,

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KING'S CHAPEL COVENANT

In the love of truth, and in the spirit of Jesus Christ,
we unite for the worship of God and the service of all.



**Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey,
*you are welcome here!***

TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome to King's Chapel! We are happy to have you with us this morning. Please join us for refreshments and conversation after the service. Also, a volunteer guide will be at the Chancel Rail after worship to tell you something of our history and present activity and answer any questions you may have. If you are new to King's Chapel, please sign our Fellowship Pads found in your pew, and give your sheet to a Minister.

ACCESSIBILITY ASSISTS

Our beautiful Georgian sanctuary was designed by Peter Harrison and completed in 1754. One of the box pews has been made wheelchair accessible. Ushers are available to assist those who are wheelchair users to that pew. There is also an accessible bathroom in the vestry. A sound system has been installed in the sanctuary of the Chapel to amplify the sound during worship services. Hearing assistance devices are available for your use. Please see an usher for assistance.

CHURCH SCHOOL - NURSERY

Our church school program for pre-kindergarten to high school students is offered each Sunday at 10 AM after our Morning Light service at 64 Beacon Street. We also offer Nursery Care for infants and toddlers from 9 AM - 12:30 PM each Sunday at the same location. E-mail david.waters@kings-chapel.org with any questions.

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee works to welcome newcomers into the life of the King's Chapel community. Those interested please contact Minister for Education and Membership David Waters at david.waters@kings-chapel.org, or Membership Chair Christopher Allen, at comradechris@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

BEDE LIST

In Morning Prayer on Sundays, we offer prayers to God for those who are in special need in any way. If you wish to add any names to our List, or remove any at this time, please speak with our Ministers, or leave a message with our Parish Administrator (617-227-2155 x 108).

PARTNER CHURCH

King's Chapel is affiliated as partner church with the First Unitarian Church of Kolozsvár in Transylvania (Cluj-Napoca, Romania), a relationship inaugurated in 1922 celebrating the historic roles of both churches in the birth of Unitarian theology.

TWO REDUCED-RATE PARKING TICKETS

We have reduced rate parking for weekends for both One Beacon Street Garage and the Boston Common Garage. One Beacon Street Garage: When you enter the garage turn immediately left, take a ticket and then park. Bring your ticket to church and ask the Verger or Lead Usher to stamp your ticket. When returning to the parking garage, present your ticket to the attendant in the kiosk and pay, then leave. With the ticket validation you receive a reduced rate of \$10 for parking (\$2.00 off). Boston Common Garage: You can receive a reduced rate ticket for \$9.00 for weekend parking. Tickets are available for purchase in advance by contacting our office at 617-227-2155 or in person at our Parish House office at 64 Beacon Street, Monday - Friday 9 AM - 4PM.