



CHRIST CHURCH
CATHEDRAL

A CATHEDRAL FOR THE CITY

Sunday, 7 April, 2024 — Easter 2, Year B

Choral Evensong
4.00 p.m.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 20

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Doug Friesen

Music for the Responses: Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Setting for the Canticles: Service in G — John Wood (d. 1892)

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Prelude: Christ lag in Todes Banden, BWV 718

J. S. Bach (d. 1750)

All stand as able when the chancel party enters.

Preces & Responses

remain standing

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

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

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
 wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
 love lives again, that with the dead has been;
 love is come again, like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, Love by hatred slain,
 thinking that he would never wake again,
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
 love is come again, like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
 love is come again, like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
 your touch can call us back to life again,
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
 love is come again, like wheat arising green.

Text: John M. C. Crum (1872-1958), alt.

Music: Melody French (15th cent.); harm. Martin Shaw (1875-1958).

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Hear my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire:
 hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness sake.
 And enter not into judgement with thy servant:
 for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.
 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down-
 to the ground:
 he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.
 Therefore is my spirit vex'd within me:
 and my heart within me is desolate.
 Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all thy works:
 ye a I exercise my self in the works of thy hands.
 I stretch forth my hands unto thee:
 my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land.
 Hear me O Lord and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint:
 hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into
 the pit.

O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in thee is my trust:
show me the way I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto thee.
Deliver me, O Lord from mine enemies:
for I flee unto thee to hide me.
Teach me to do the thing that pleases thee, for thou art my God:
let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.
Quicken me O Lord for thy Name's sake:
and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.
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.

First Reading

Isaiah 26.1-9, 19

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: Magnificat

sung by the choir, all standing

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.
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.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: Nunc dimittis

all standing

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 Apostles' Creed

remain standing

Officiant I believe in God
All say **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.**

Lesser Litany & the Lord's Prayer

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

All kneel.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant Our Father,
Choir 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 them that trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Suffrages

the congregation remains kneeling

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the King.

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.

Collect of the Day

American Book of Common Prayer, p. 172

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliations: Grant that all who have been reborn

into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Choir Amen.

Fixed Collects

Officiant O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Choir Amen.

Officiant Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Choir Amen.

Anthem

J.S. Bach (d. 1750) & Charles Gounod (d. 1893)

Ave Maria Gratia plena, Dominus tecum, benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui Jesus. Ave Maria, mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with you. Blessed are you amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Hail Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and in the hour of our death.

Homily

The Reverend Canon Doug Friesen

Hymn for the Offering

Tune: St Fulbert (Common Praise #216)

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
your sweetest notes employ,
the paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.

For Judah's lion bursts his chains,
crushing the serpent's head,
and cries aloud through death's domains
to wake the imprisoned dead.

Devouring depths of hell their prey
at his command restore;
his ransomed hosts pursue their way
where Jesus goes before.

Triumphant in his glory now
to him all power is given;
to him in one communion bow
all saints in earth and heaven.

All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son;
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run.

*Text: Fulbert of Chartres (?-1028); tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868).
Music: Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876).*

Prayers of the Community

all kneel with the officiant

Prayer of John Chrysostom

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Officiant Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to
make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when
two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt hear their
requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants,
as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world
knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

People **Amen.**

The Grace

All **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in D major, BWV 532

J.S. Bach (d. 1750)



Assisting with Today's Service

Sidespeople David Collins, Jacquie Collins

Verger Bob Fearnley

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Mark McDonald, *Assistant Director of Music*
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