



CHRIST CHURCH  
**CATHEDRAL**  
A CATHEDRAL FOR THE CITY

Sunday, July 20, 2025 — Proper 16, Year C

Choral Evensong  
4.00 p.m.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 20

Officiant: The Reverend Jacqueline Stober

Music for the Responses: plainsong

Setting for the Canticles: Service in C minor — George Dyson (d. 1964)

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Prelude: Meditation on “New Britain”

Dale Wood (d. 2003)

*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.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found:  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be,  
as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

*Text: St. 1-4, John Newton (1725-1807). St. 5, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, Richmond, 1790.  
Music: Melody Columbian Harmony, Cincinnati, 1829; adapt. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921);  
harm. John Campbell (1950-2020) ©.*

## Psalm 81

*all are now seated*

O sing merrily unto God our strength :  
make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.  
Raise the psalm and sound the timbrel :  
the merry harp with the lute.  
Blow up the trumpet at the new moon :  
at the full moon, for our solemn feast day.  
For this was made a statute for Israel :  
and a law of the God of Jacob,  
This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony :  
when he went forth against the land of Egypt.

I heard a voice of one that I knew not :  
 'I eased his shoulder from the burden, and his hands were fixed from the load.  
 Thou didst call in trouble, and I delivered thee :  
 I heard thee in the thundercloud; I proved thee also at the Waters of Strife.  
 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee :  
 O Israel, if thou wouldest hearken unto me!  
 There shall no strange god be in thee :  
 neither shalt thou worship any other god.  
 I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt :  
 open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.  
 But my people would not hear my voice :  
 and Israel would not obey me.  
 So I gave them up unto their stubborn hearts :  
 and let them follow their own imaginations.  
 O that my people would hearken unto me :  
 that Israel would walk in my ways!  
 I should soon put down their enemies :  
 and turn my hand against their adversaries.  
 The haters of the Lord should feign obedience unto him :  
 but their time should endure for ever.  
 I would feed them with the finest wheat flour :  
 and with honey out of the stony rock would I satisfy thee.  
 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

Genesis 41.1-16, 25-37

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

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.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 4.8-13 / *all seated*

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.  
*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.*

*Officiant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Choir* Christ, have mercy upon us.

*Officiant* 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* And evermore mightily defend us.  
*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. 179

*Officiant* Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion, we beseech thee, upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, mercifully give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
 such a way, as gives us breath:  
 such a truth, as ends all strife:  
 such a life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
 such a light, as shows a feast:  
 such a feast, as mends in length:  
 such a strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
such a joy, as none can move:  
such a love, as none can part:  
such a heart, as joys in love.

*Text: George Herbert (d. 1633)*  
*Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (d. 1958)*

Homily

The Reverend Jacqueline Stober

Hymn for the Offering

Tune: Fondren (Common Praise #469)

Sing praises old and new;  
past and present join in one.  
Old covenants renew:  
new commitments have begun.  
God's soaring purpose spans  
all ages, lives and lands.  
Christ's open, wounded hands  
past and present join in one

Word, from the heart of God,  
costly, unexpected grace;  
Love, making all things good,  
Light of all the human race;  
hail, Wisdom, deep and vast,  
shining in Israel's past,  
raising the least and last:  
costly unexpected grace!

Great Spirit, make us wise;  
doors of promise open wide.  
Though evil's deadly lies  
truth and goodness set aside,  
faith never stands alone,  
hope rolls away the stone,  
love makes your presence known,  
doors of promise open wide.

People of hope, be strong!  
Love is making all things new.  
Lift our united song,  
show what faith can dream and do!  
Come, Presence, ever near,

revive us year by year.  
Sing through our joy and fear.  
“Love is making all things new!”

*Text: Brian Wren (1936- )*

*Music: John Carter (1930- ). Text and music © 1992 Hope Publishing Co.*

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: Toccata in E, BWV 566

J. S. Bach (d. 1750)



### **Assisting with Today's Service**

*Sidespeople* Lynne Walker, Gwyneth Evans

*Verger* Bob Fearnley

*Musicians* Members of The Cathedral Choir  
Amiel Elfert, *Organ Scholar*  
Mark McDonald, *Assistant Director of Music*

*Readers* Lynne Walker, Gwyneth Evans

*Camera and Tech Team* The Cathedral Technical Team