



CHRIST CHURCH
CATHEDRAL
A CATHEDRAL FOR THE CITY

Sunday, August 10, 2025 — Proper 19, Year C

Choral Evensong
4.00 p.m.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 20
Officiant: The Reverend Ross Bliss

Music for the Responses: Martin Neary (b. 1940)
Setting for the Canticles: Fauxbordons — June Nixon (b. 1942)

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Prelude: Magnificat du premier ton Anon. 18th C.
(Livre d'Orgue de Montréal)

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.

Surely it is God who saves me;
 I shall trust and have no fear.
 For the Lord defends and shields me
 and his saving help is near.
 So rejoice as you draw water
 from salvation's healing spring;
 in the day of your deliverance
 thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

Make God's deeds known to the peoples:
 tell out his exalted name.
 Praise the Lord, who has done great things;
 all his works God's might proclaim.
 Zion, lift your voice in singing;
 for with you has come to dwell,
 in your very midst, the great and
 Holy One of Israel.

Text: Song of Thanksgiving (Is. 12.2-6); para. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944-). Para. © 1982 Hope Publishing Co.

Music: Alfred V. Fedak (1953-). © 1990 Selah Publishing Co., Inc.

Psalm 108

all are now seated

O God my heart is ready :
 I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have.
 Awake thou lute and harp :
 I myself will awake right early.
 I will give thanks unto thee O Lord among the people :
 I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.
 For thy mercy is greater than the heavens :
 and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.
 Set up thyself O God above the heavens :
 and thy glory above all the earth.
 That thy beloved may be delivered :
 let thy right hand save them and hear thou me.
 God hath spoken in his holiness :
 I will rejoice therefore and divide Sichem
 and mete out the valley of Succoth.
 Gilead is mine and Manasses is mine :
 Ephraim also is the strength of my head.
 Judah is my law-giver Moab is my washpot :

over Edom will I cast out my shoe upon Philistia will I triumph.
 Who will lead me into the strong city :
 and who will bring me into Edom?
 Hast thou not forsaken us O God :
 and wilt not thou O God go forth with our hosts?
 O help us against the enemy :
 for vain is the help of man.
 Through God we shall do great acts :
 and it is he that shall tread down our enemies.
 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 11.10-12.6

Reader The Word of the Lord.
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.

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.

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. 180

Officiant Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee

be enabled to live according to thy will; through 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

A tender shoot has started up from a root of grace,
as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race:
It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter,
turning our darkness into light.

This shoot Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring;
The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing;
Our God of endless might gave her this child to save us,
Thus turning darkness into light.

Text: William Bartholomew (d. 1867)

Music: Otto Goldschmidt (d. 1907)

Homily

The Reverend Ross Bliss

Hymn for the Offering

Tune: Slane (Common Praise #505)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art —
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Music: Melody Irish trad.; arr. Martin Shaw (1875-1958), alt. Arr. © Oxford University Press.*

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: Étoile du soir

Louis Vierne (d. 1937)



Assisting with Today's Service

Sidespeople Lynne Walker, Gwyneth Evans

Verger Bob Fearnley

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