



CHRIST CHURCH
CATHEDRAL
A CATHEDRAL FOR THE CITY

Sunday, August 17, 2025 — Proper 20, Year C

Choral Evensong
4.00 p.m.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 20
Officiant: The Venerable Craig Hiebert

Music for the Responses: Richard Ayleward (d. 1669)
Setting for the Canticles: Short service — Thomas Tomkins (d. 1656)

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Prelude: Lied Gaston Litaize (d. 1991)

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.

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.

Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love: my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

*Text: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879).
Music: composer unknown.*

O do well unto thy servant :
that I may live and keep thy word.
Open thou mine eyes :
that I may see the wondrous things of thy law.
I am a stranger upon earth :
O hide not thy commandments from me.
My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire
that it hath always unto thy judgements.
Thou hast rebuked the proud :
and cursed are they that do not err from thy commandments.
O turn from me shame and rebuke :
for I have kept thy testimonies.

Princes also did sit and speak against me :
 but thy servant is occupied in thy statutes.
 For thy testimonies are my delight and my counsellors.
 My soul cleaveth to the dust :
 O quicken thou me according to thy word.
 I have acknowledged my ways and thou heardest me :
 O teach me thy statutes.
 Make me to understand the way of thy commandments :
 and so shall I talk on thy wondrous works.
 My soul melteth away for very heaviness :
 Comfort thou me according to thy word.
 Take from me the way of lying :
 and cause thou me to make much of thy law.
 I have chosen the way of truth :
 and thy judgements have I laid before me.
 I have stuck unto thy testimonies :
 O Lord confound me not.
 I will run the way of thy commandments :
 when thou hast set my heart at liberty.
 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 28.9-22

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.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8.1-9 / *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.

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

Choir 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 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 Almighty God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same 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

View me, Lord, a work of thine!
 Shall I then lie drown'd in night?
 Might thy grace in me but shine,
 I should seem made all of light.

Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel
 At thine altar pure and white;
 They at once thy mercies feel,
 Gaze no more on earth's delight.

Worldly joys like shadows fade
When the heavenly light appears;
But the covenants Thou hast made,
Endless, know not days nor years.

In thy word, Lord, is my trust,
To thy mercies fast I fly;
Though I am but clay and dust,
Yet thy grace can lift me high.

Music: Richard H Lloyd (1933-2021)
Text: Thomas Campion (1567-1620)

Homily

The Venerable Craig Hiebert

Hymn for the Offering

Tune: Crimond (Common Praise #519)

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want:
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
even for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.

Text: Ps. 23; para. Scottish Psalter, 1650.
Music: Melody Jessie Seymour Irvine (1836-1887); harm. Thomas C. L. Pritchard (1885-1960).
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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: Martyrs

Kenneth Leighton (d. 1988)



Assisting with Today's Service

<i>Sidespeople</i>	David Collins, Maureen Applewhaite
<i>Verger</i>	Bob Fearnley
<i>Musicians</i>	Members of The Cathedral Choir Amiel Elfert, <i>Organ Scholar</i> Donald Hunt, <i>Director of Music</i>
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