



CHRIST CHURCH
CATHEDRAL
A CATHEDRAL FOR THE CITY

Sunday, August 24, 2025 — Proper 21, Year C

Choral Evensong
4.00 p.m.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 20

Officiant: The Reverend Jacqueline Stober

Music for the Responses: Martin Neary (b. 1940)

Setting for the Canticles: Short service — Richard Farrant (d. 1580)

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Prelude: A verse of 3 parts

Thomas Tomkins (d. 1656)

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.

To you before the close of day,
Creator of all things, we pray
that, in your saving constancy,
our guard and keeper you would be.

Save us from troubled, restless sleep;
from all ill dreams your children keep.
So calm our minds that fears may cease
and rested bodies wake in peace.

A healthy life we ask of you:
the fire of love in us renew,
and when the dawn new light will bring,
your praise and glory we shall sing.

Almighty Father, hear our cry
through Jesus Christ, our Lord most high,
whom with the Spirit we adore
forever and for evermore.

Text: Latin (6th cent.); st. 1-3, The Hymnal 1982, alt. St. 1-3 © The Church Pension Fund.

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Psalm 119.49-72

all are now seated

O think upon thy word as concerning thy servant,
Wherein thou hast caused me to put my trust.
The same is my comfort in my trouble;
for thy word hath quickened me.
The proud have had me exceedingly in derision;
yet have I not shrunk from thy law.
For I remembered thine everlasting judgements O Lord
and received comfort.
Horror hath taken hold of me,
because of the ungodly that forsake thy law.
Thy statutes have been my songs
in the house of my pilgrimage.
I have thought upon thy Name O Lord in the night season,
and have kept thy law.
This I have had,
because I kept thy precepts.

Thou art my portion, O Lord:
 I have promised to keep thy words.
 I made my humble petition in thy presence with my whole heart:
 O be merciful unto me according to thy word.
 I called mine own ways to remembrance,
 and turned my feet back unto thy testimonies.
 I made haste and prolonged not the time,
 to keep thy commandments.
 The cords of the ungodly have encompassed me;
 but I have not forgotten thy law.
 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee
 because of thy righteous judgements.
 I am a companion of all them that fear thee
 and keep thy precepts.
 The earth O Lord is full of thy mercy:
 O teach me thy statutes.
 O Lord, thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant,
 according unto thy word.
 O teach me true understanding and knowledge;
 for I have believed thy commandments.
 Before I was troubled I went wrong
 but now have I kept thy word.
 Thou art good and gracious:
 O teach me thy statutes.
 The proud have imagined a lie against me;
 but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart.
 Their heart is as far as brawn;
 but my delight hath been in thy law.
 It is good for me that I have been in trouble,
 that I may learn thy statutes.
 The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me
 than thousands of gold and silver.
 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 30.8-21

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
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 9 / *all seated*

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| 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.

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. 181

Officiant Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end.
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

Let my prayer come up into thy presence as incense:
let the lifting up of my hands be as an evening sacrifice.

Text: Psalm 141
Music: John Blow (d. 1926)

Homily

The Reverend Jacqueline Stober

Hymn for the Offering

Tune: Ar Hyd Y Nos (Common Praise #259)

For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
Gifts bestowed on every nation,
thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

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Music: Melody West trad., harm. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.

Prayers of the Community

all kneel with the officiant

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: Fancy

Thomas Tomkins (d. 1580)



Assisting with Today's Service

Sidespeople Anthony Danda, Jen Purkis

Verger Bob Fearnley

Musicians Members of The Cathedral Choir
Donald Hunt, *Director of Music*

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