



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

Sunday, September 7, 2025 — Proper 23, Year C

Choral Evensong  
4.00 p.m.

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

Music for the Responses: John Reading (d. 1692)  
Setting for the Canticles: Fourth Service — Adrien Batten (d. 1637)

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Prelude: Voluntary in G William Boyce (d. 1779)

*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.

Most holy God, the Lord of heaven,  
who in the high arched sky has placed  
the sun that flames up from the east  
and brings the splendours of the dawn:

for you the dazzling star shines forth  
which in its gleaming path declares  
the wonders of your glorious power,  
and beckons us to worship you.

The day departs, the evening stars  
serenely light the darkening sky;  
the moon with cool reflected glow  
will bring the silences of night.

You, Holy One, Creator, Lord,  
you in the primal world once set  
the boundaries of the day and night  
and ordered seasons in their round.

Like sun and day, shine in our hearts;  
like moon and night, give loving peace.  
Free us from bonds of blinding sin  
and guide us on our path to you.

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I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills :  
from whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh even from the Lord :  
who hath made heaven and earth.  
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved :  
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.  
Behold he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord himself is thy keeper :  
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand.  
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day :  
neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil :  
yea it is even he that shall keep thy soul.  
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in :  
from this time forth for ever more.  
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 43.13-44

*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

John 5.30-47 / *all seated*

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.  
*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

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. 181

Officiant Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost alway resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through 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

Thy word is a lantern unto my feet:  
and a light unto my paths.  
I have sworn and am steadfastly purposed:  
to keep thy righteous judgements.  
I am troubled above measure:  
quicken me, O Lord, according to thy word.  
The ungodly have laid a snare for me:  
but yet I swerved not from thy commandments.  
Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever:  
and why? they are the very joy of my heart.  
Hallelujah

*Text: Psalm 119*

*Music: Henry Purcell (d. 1695)*

## Homily

The Venerable Craig Hiebert

## Hymn for the Offering

Tune: Austria (Common Praise #388)

Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

See! the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, when such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,  
never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering –  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus they march, the pillar leading,  
light by night and shade by day;  
daily on the manna feeding  
which God gives them when they pray.

Saviour, if of Zion's city,  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name.  
Fading is the world's best pleasure,  
all its boasted pomp and show:  
solid joys and lasting treasure  
none but Zion's children know.

*Text: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.  
Music: Franz Josef Haydn (1732-1809).*

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: Voluntary in F

William Hine (d. 1730)



### Assisting with Today's Service

*Sidespeople*    Lynne Walker, Maureen Applewhaite

*Verger*        Bob Fearnley

*Musicians*    The Cathedral Schola  
Mark McDonald, *Assistant Director of Music*  
Donald Hunt, *Director of Music*

*Readers*       Lynne Walker, Br. Gene Sederstrom, OSBCn

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