



CHRIST CHURCH
CATHEDRAL
A CATHEDRAL FOR THE CITY

Sunday, October 5, 2025 — Proper 27, Year C

Choral Evensong
4.00 p.m.

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

Music for the Responses: Adam Meehan-Staines (b. 1992)
Setting for the Canticles: Evening Service in E flat (no. 2) — Charles Wood (d. 1926)

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Prelude: Andante Charles Wood (d. 1926)

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.

The duteous day now closes,
 each flower and tree reposes,
 shade creeps o'er wild and wood:
 let us, as night is falling,
 on God our Maker calling,
 give thanks and bless the Giver good.

Now all the heavenly splendour
 breaks forth in starlight tender
 from myriad worlds unknown;
 and we, this marvel seeing,
 forget our selfish being
 for joy of beauty not his own.

Though long our mortal blindness
 has missed God's lovingkindness
 and plunged us into strife;
 yet when life's day is over,
 shall death's fair night discover
 the fields of everlasting life.

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 Music: Melody German (15th. cent.); adapt. Heinrich Isaac (1450?-1517);
 adapt. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).*

Psalm 142

all are now seated

I cry aloud to the Lord *
 to the Lord I make my supplication,
 I pour out my complaint before him *
 and tell him of my trouble.
 When my spirit faints within me, you know my path; *
 in the way wherein I walk have they laid a snare for me.
 I look to my right hand, and find no one who knows me; *
 I have no place to flee to, and no one cares for my soul.
 I cry out to you, O Lord, and say; *
 'You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.
 'Listen to my cry, for I am brought very low; *
 save me from my persecutor, for they are too strong for me.
 'Bring my soul out of prison, *

that I may give thanks to your name;
When you have dealt bountifully with me, *
then shall the righteous gather around me.'
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever.
Amen.

First Reading

Nehemiah 5.1-13

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 9 / *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.

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. 182

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire, or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son 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

When I consider your heavens, even the works of your fingers,
the moon and stars you have set in their courses,
what is man that you should be mindful of him?
And the son of man that you should seek him out?
You have made him but little lower than the angels,
you adorn him with glory and honour,
when I consider your heavens even the works of your fingers,
the moon and stars you have set in their courses.
Amen.

Text: Psalm 8.4-6

Music: Mark McDonald (b. 1987)

Homily

The Venerable Craig Hiebert

Hymn for the Offering

Tune: Westminster Abbey (Common Praise #576)

For the healing of the nations,
God, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us, Father, into freedom;
from despair your world release,

that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice,
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness,
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

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Music: Henry Purcell (1659-1695), O God, thou art my God; adapt. The Psalmist, 1842

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: Exultemus

Percy Whitlock (d. 1946)



Assisting with Today's Service

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