



CHRIST CHURCH
CATHEDRAL
A CATHEDRAL FOR THE CITY

Sunday, 16 November, 2025 — Proper 33, Year C

Choral Evensong
4.00 p.m.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 20

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Doug Friesen

Music for the Responses: plainsong

Setting for the Canticles: Magnificat tone 1.5 (Solemn) - plainsong
Nunc Dimittis — Geoffrey Burgon (d. 2010)

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Prelude: Magnificat du 1st Ton (excerpt)

Michel Corrette (d. 1795)

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.

Almighty God, thy word is cast
like seed upon the ground:
now let the dew of heaven descend
and righteous fruits abound.

Let not the foe of righteousness
this holy seed remove:
but give it root in every heart,
to bring forth fruits of love.

Let not the world's deceitful cares
the rising plant destroy:
but let it yield a hundred-fold
the fruits of peace and joy.

Oft as the precious seed is sown,
thy quickening grace bestow,
that all whose souls the truth receive
its saving power may know.

Text: John Cawood (1775-1852), alt.

Music: Francis Vincent Novello (1781-1861).

The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof :
yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.
Clouds and darkness are round about him :
righteousness and judgement are the foundation of his throne.
There goeth a fire before him :
and burneth up his enemies on every-side.
His lightnings gave shine unto the world :
the earth saw it, and was afraid.
The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord :
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
The heavens have declared his righteousness :
and all the peoples have seen his glory.
Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in
vain gods :
worship him, all ye gods.

Sion heard of it and rejoiced, and the daughters of Judah were glad :
 because of thy judgements, O Lord.
 For thou, Lord, art the Most High over all the earth :
 thou art exalted far above all gods.
 O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil :
 the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the
 hand of the ungodly.
 There is sprung up a light for the righteous :
 and joyful gladness for such as are true hearted.
 Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous :
 and give thanks unto his holy Name.
 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

Daniel 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.

Second Reading

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23 / *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.

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir Christ, have mercy upon us.

Officiant 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 And evermore mightily defend us.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Officiant Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ; 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

*Bleibe, bei uns, denn es will Abend werden.
Bleibe, o bleibe bei uns, der Tag hat sich geneiget.*

Stay with us, for evening is coming and the day draws to an end.

*Text: Anonymous (based on Luke 24.29)
Music: Hans Michael Schletterer (d. 1893)*

Homily

The Reverend Canon Doug Friesen

Hymn for the Offering

Tune: Mannheim (Common Praise #564)

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;

yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

Text: James Edmeston (1791-1867).

Music: Melody Friederich Filitz (1804-1876); adapt. Thomas Binney (1798-1874).

harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

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: Magnificat du 1st Ton (excerpt)

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Assisting with Today's Service

Sidespeople David Collins, Jen Purkis

Verger Bob Fearnley

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