



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

Sunday, December 7, 2025 — Second Sunday of Advent, Year A

Choral Evensong  
4.00 p.m.

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

Music for the Responses: Philip Moore (b. 1943)  
Setting for the Canticles: Second service — Orlando Gibbons (d. 1625)

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Prelude: Clair de lune Louis Vierne (d. 1937)

*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.

Be our light in the darkness, we ask you, O Lord,  
and in your great mercy defend us and keep us  
from the perils and dangers this night may afford,  
for the sake of Christ Jesus whose love never leaves us;  
he is peace that will ease us, and your bright living Word.

Be our guest through this darkness, we ask you, O Lord,  
for the shadows are deepening, and at hand is the evening,  
and our hearts need you here for a light on our road.  
May the word that is spoken and the bread that is broken  
be the means and the token of your love on us poured.

Keep a watch through the darkness, we ask you, O Lord,  
with the workers who keep us secure while we sleep,  
and the mourners who weep, and the watchful who guard.  
Give the weary sweet rest, take the ill to your breast,  
rouse the negligent blessed, and the patient reward.

*Text: Arthur Charles Lawson (1941-2004) ©.*

*Music: Patrick Wedd (1948-2019) ©.*

## Psalm 11

*all are now seated*

In the Lord put I my trust :  
how say ye then to my soul  
that she should flee as a bird unto the hill?  
For lo the ungodly bend their bow and  
make ready their arrows within the quiver :  
that they may privily shoot at them which are true of heart.  
For the foundations will be cast down :  
and what hath the righteous done?  
The Lord is in his holy temple :  
the Lord's seat is in heaven.  
His eyes consider the poor :  
and his eyelids try the children of men.  
The Lord alloweth the righteous :  
but the ungodly and him that delighteth in  
wickedness doth his soul abhor.  
Upon the ungodly he shall rain snares fire and brimstone storm and  
tempest :  
this shall be their portion to drink.

For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness :  
his countenance will behold the thing that is just.  
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

1 Kings 18:17-39

*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 1:19-28 / *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. 159

Officiant Merciful God, who didst send thy messengers the prophets to preach  
repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed  
their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the com-  
ing of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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

This is the record of John,  
when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him,  
Who art thou?  
And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly,  
I am not the Christ.

And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias?  
And he said, I am not.  
Art thou the prophet?  
And he answered, No.

Then said they unto him,  
What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us.  
What sayest thou of thyself?  
And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,  
Make straight the way of the Lord.

*Text: John 1.19-23*  
*Music: Orlando Gibbons (d. 1625)*

Homily

The Venerable Craig Hiebert

Hymn for the Offering

Tune: Winchester New (Common Praise #103)

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
make straight the way for God within.

Prepare we in our hearts a home,  
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away,  
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
whose advent doth thy people free,  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

*Text: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. John Chandler (1806-1876), alt.  
Music: melody Musicalisches Hand-Buch, Hamburg, 1690;  
harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), 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: O Adonai & O radix Jesse

Cecilia McDowall (b. 1951)



## Assisting with Today's Service

*Sidespeople*    Maureen Applewhaite, Jen Purkis

*Verger*    Bob Fearnley

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