



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
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Choral Evensong

The First Sunday after the Epiphany

The Baptism of the Lord

Christ Church Cathedral

January 11, 2026

4:00 PM

You are invited to join in the prayers and singing of the hymns, as we make our offering of prayer and worship.

Hymn

CP 156 The People That in Darkness Sat

[DUNDEE]

Minister

The Cathedral sits on the ancestral lands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tseil-Waututh nations. This land was and continues to be of great importance to the Coast Salish Peoples. Consistent with our values of community, inclusion and respecting the dignity of every human being, we have a responsibility to acknowledge, honour and make visible the Cathedral's relationship to Native peoples.

All

From many places and peoples we come to this house of prayer.

Minister

A voice came from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased." *[Matthew 3.17]*

The Confession

Minister

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

All

We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, through our own grievous fault.

Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins and deliver us from all evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Minister

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

All

Amen.

Preces and Responses

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

Minister/Choir

O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God make speed to save us

O Lord make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised!

Psalm 111

Chant: E. Bairstow (1874-1946)

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

- 2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! They are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 O Lord, your work is full of majesty and splendour, and your righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 You make your marvellous works to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 You give food to those who fear you; you are ever mindful of your covenant.
- 6 You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all your commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 You send redemption to your people; you commanded your covenant for ever;
 holy and awesome is your name.

- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
 the praise of the Lord endures for ever.

Psalm 112

Chant: E.J Hopkins (1818-1901)

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in the divine commandments!

- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumours; their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
 they will hold up their head with honour.

- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
 the desires of the wicked will perish.

Psalm 113

Chant: Stanley Marchant (1883-1949)

- Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.
- 2 Let the name of the Lord be blessed, from this time forth for evermore.
 - 3 From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the Lord be praised.
 - 4 The Lord is high above all nations, and is glorious above the heavens.
 - 5 Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high,
 - 6 but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
 - 7 The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
 - 8 The Lord sets them with the rulers, with the rulers of this people,
 - 9 making the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children.

Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson Isaiah 40: 1-11

Office Hymn **CP 163 When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known** [ST. VENANTIUS]

Canticle Magnificat in G Herbert Sumson (1899-1995)

The congregation may stand for the Magnificat.

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. *Gloria Patri.*

The Second Lesson John 1: 29-34

Canticle Nunc Dimitis in G Herbert Sumson (1899-1995)

The congregation may stand for the Nunc Dimitis.

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. *Gloria Patri.*

The Apostles' Creed

Minister I believe in God,
All **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.**

Please be seated or kneel.

Responses [Minister/Choir]

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

<i>The Lord be with you</i>	And with thy spirit
<i>Let us pray</i>	Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
	Lord, have mercy upon us.

Minister

Our Father,
**which art in heav'n,
hallow'd be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heav'n.
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.**

Choir

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.
O Lord, save the King;
and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;
and make thy chosen people joyful.
O Lord, save thy people;
and bless thine inheritance.
Give peace in our time, O Lord;
because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
O God, make clean our hearts within us;
and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect of the Day

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be thy Son, anointing him with the Holy Ghost, keep thy children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *[CHOIR: Amen]*

A Collect For Peace

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]*

A Collect For Aid Against Perils

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

From *Christus*: “Say, Where is He Born”, and “There Shall a Star”

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

When Jesus our Lord was born in Bethlehem, in the land of Judea; behold, from the east to the city of Jerusalem there came wise men, and said: Say, where is He born, the King of Judaea? For we have seen His star and are come to adore Him. There shall a star from Jacob come forth, and a sceptre from Israel rise up, and dash in pieces princes and nations. As bright the star of morning gleams, so Jesus sheddeth glorious beams, of light and consolation! Thy Word, O Lord, radiance darting, truth imparting, gives sal-va-tion; Thine be praise and adoration!

Minister

Prayers

Ending with the Prayer of St. Chrysostom:

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 grant their requests: fulfil 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.

All

Amen.

*Hymn***CP 159 Brightest and Best**

Text: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt.

Tune: EPIPHANY, J.F. Thrupp (1827-67)

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
 3 Say, shall we yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid:
 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
 o - dours of E - dom and off - erings di - vine,
 vain - ly with gifts would his fav - our se - cure;
 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid:

gem of the East, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,
 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
 gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
 rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,
 gem of the East, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,

guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sav - iour of all.
 myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?
 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

Minister

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*Postlude**Grand Choeur*

Guy Weitz (1883-1970)

Participants

*Clergy
Reader
Music*

The Rev. Claude St-Denis
John Innes
Christ Church Cathedral Chamber Choir
Dr. Neil Cockburn (*Organist & Director of Music*)

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