



CHRIST CHURCH  
**CATHEDRAL**

A CATHEDRAL FOR THE CITY

**Sunday, January 11, 2026 — Baptism of the Lord, Year A**

**Choral Evensong**  
**4.00 p.m.**

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 20

Officiant: Canon Ian Alexander

Music for the Responses: Orlando Gibbons (d. 1625) / John Barnard (d. 1649)

Setting for the Canticles: Magnificat sexti toni — Orlando de Lassus (d. 1594)

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Prelude: Prelude on 'St Venantius'

Healey Willan (d. 1968)

*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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

When Christ's appearing was made known,  
 King Herod trembled for his throne;  
 but he who offers heavenly birth  
 sought not the kingdoms of this earth.

The eastern sages saw from far  
 and followed on his guiding star;  
 by light their way to Light they trod,  
 and by their gifts confessed their God.

Within the Jordan's sacred flood  
 the heavenly Lamb in meekness stood,  
 that he, to whom no sin was known,  
 might cleanse his people from their own.

And O what miracle divine,  
 when water reddened into wine!  
 He spake the word, and forth it flow'd  
 in streams that nature ne'er bestowed.

All glory, Jesus, be to thee  
 for this, thy glad Epiphany:  
 whom with the father we adore  
 and Holy Ghost for evermore.

*Text: Caelius Sedulius (5<sup>th</sup> cent?); st.1, tr. The Hymn Book, 1971; st. 2-5, tr. John Mason Neale (1818 1866).*

*Music: Melody Antiphoner, Rouen, 1728; harm. Michael Fleming (1928 - 2006). Harm © Hope Publishing Co.*

God is our hope and strength :  
 a very present help in trouble;  
 Therefore we will not fear though the earth be moved :  
 and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;  
 Though the waters thereof rage and swell :  
 and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.  
 The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God :  
 the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.  
 God is in the midst of her therefore shall she not be removed :  
 God shall help her and that right early.

The heathen make much ado and the kingdoms are moved :  
but God hath showed his voice and the earth shall melt away.  
The Lord of hosts is with us :  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.  
O come hither and behold the works of the Lord :  
what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.  
He maketh wars to cease in all the world :  
he breaketh the bow and knappeth the spear in sunder and burneth the  
chariots in the fire.  
Be still then and know that I am God :  
I will be exalted among the heathen and I will be exalted in the earth.  
The Lord of hosts is with us :  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.  
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

Joshua 3.1-8, 14-17

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

*Hebrews 1.1-12 / 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.

*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.

*Officiant* Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting.

*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

*Vidi aquam egredientem de templo, altere dextro. Alleluia.  
Et omnes, ad quos pervenit aqua ista, salvi facti sunt, et dicent: Alleluia.*

*Confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus  
Quoniam in saeculum misericordia eius.*

*Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto,  
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.*

I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple. Alleluia.  
And all to whom the water came were saved, and they shall say: "Alleluia."

Put your trust in God, for he is good  
For his mercy is forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, and now, and forever, and unto the ages of ages.  
Amen.

*Text: Antiphon for Holy Saturday*

*Music: Tomas Luis de Victoria (d. 1611)*

How bright appears the morning star  
 with mercy beaming from afar;  
 the host of heaven rejoices.  
 O righteous Branch of Jesse's rod,  
 true Light of Light and God of God,  
 we, too, will lift our voices.  
 Jesus, Jesus,  
 holy, holy,  
 yet most lowly,  
 ever near us,  
 great Emmanuel, swift to hear us.

Though circled by the hosts on high,  
 you looked on us with pitying eye  
 and saved your sinful creature;  
 the whole creation's head and Lord,  
 by highest seraphim adored,  
 you took our very nature.  
 Amen, amen,  
 alleluia,  
 alleluia,  
 praise be given  
 evermore by earth and heaven.

*Text: Philipp Nicolai (d. 1608); tr. and adapt. William Mercer (d. 1873), alt.  
 Music: Melody Philipp Nicolai (d. 1608); adapt. and harm. J. S. Bach (d. 1750)*

**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: Praeludium in D, BuxWV 139

Dietrich Buxtehude (d. 1707)



## Assisting with Today's Service

*Sidespeople*      Maureen Applewhaite, Jen Purkis, Lynne Walker

*Verger*      Bob Fearnley

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

*Readers*      Anthony Danda, Jen Purkis

*Camera and Tech Team*      The Cathedral Technical Team



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