



CHRIST CHURCH
CATHEDRAL

A CATHEDRAL FOR THE CITY

Sunday, February 8, 2026 — Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, Year A

Choral Evensong
4.00 p.m.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 20

Officiant: Bob Fearnley

Music for the Responses: Maxine Thévenot (d. 1968)

Setting for the Canticles: Evening Service in G — Charles Villiers Stanford (d. 1924)

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Prelude: Melody

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (d. 1912)

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.

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.

Dear name! The rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend,
my prophet, priest, and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.

Music: Alexander Robert Reinagle (1799-1877); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935)

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Why are the nations in tumult,
and why do the peoples devise a vain plot?
The kings of the earth rise up,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and against his anointed:
'Let us break their bonds asunder
and cast away their cords from us.'
He who dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn;
the Lord shall have them in derision.
Then shall he speak to them in his wrath
and terrify them in his fury:

'Yet have I set my king
upon my holy hill of Zion.
I will proclaim the decree of the Lord;
he said to me: 'You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.
'Ask of me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
'You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'
Now therefore be wise, O kings;
be prudent, you judges of the earth.
Serve the Lord with fear, and with trembling kiss his feet,
lest he be angry and you perish from the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Happy are all they
who take refuge in him.
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

Proverbs 8.1, 22-31

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

Revelation 4 / *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.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
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 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

Book of Common Prayer (1979), p. 164

Officiant Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou has manifested to us in thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of 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

Faire is the heaven where happy soules have place
in full enjoyment of felicitie;
whence they do still behold the glorious face
of the Divine, Eternall Majestie;

yet farre more faire be those bright Cherubins
which all with golden wings are overdight.
and those eternall burning Seraphins
which from their faces dart out fiery light;

yet fairer than they both and much more bright
be the Angels and Archangels
which attend on God's owne person without rest or end.

These then in faire each other farre excelling
as to the Highest they approach more neare,
yet is that Highest farre beyond all telling

fairer than all the rest which there appeare
though all their beauties joynd together were;
how then can mortal tongue hope to expresse
the image of such endlesse perfectnesse?

Text: Edmund Spenser (d. 1599)

Music: William Henry Harris (d. 1973)

Homily

The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas

Hymn for the Offering

Tune: Kingsfold (Common Praise #508)

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till traveling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889).

Music: Melody English trad.; coll, Lucy Broadwood (1858-1929);

adapt and harm. Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958). Harm. © Oxford University Press.

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: Fanfare and Chorale

Calvin Fuller (b. 1943)



Organ Voluntaries in February

In recognition of Black History Month, this month's organ voluntaries have been selected to showcase works by Black composers. This week we will hear music by composers Samuel Coleridge-Taylor and Calvin Fuller.

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912) was born in Holborn (London) to an English mother and Sierra Leonean father who was among the many slaves freed and evacuated to England after the American Revolutionary War. A musical prodigy, he was championed by his teachers Charles Villiers Stanford and Edward Elgar and received many accolades in his short lifetime as a composer, political activist, and promoter of African and African-American music. He died tragically at the age of 37 from complications from pneumonia.

Calvin Fuller (b. 1943) is the organist and choirmaster at St James' Episcopal Church in Houston where he also serves on the Music Commission for the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. He is a lecturer at Texas Southern University, and the Chorus Master for "Opera in the Heights," Houston. He wrote his Fanfare and Chorale for Bruce Power, who was organist at Christ Church Cathedral (Houston) from 1999 to 2014.