



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)*

*Desc. @ Cambridge University Press*

## Psalm 2

*all are now seated*

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.*

*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.