



CHRIST CHURCH
CATHEDRAL
A CATHEDRAL FOR THE CITY

Sunday, February 22, 2026 — First Sunday in Lent, Year A

Choral Evensong
4.00 p.m.

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

Music for the Responses: Thomas Ebdon (d. 1811)
Setting for the Canticles: Dorian Service — Thomas Tallis (d. 1585)

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Prelude: Elegy Samual 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.

By the Holy Spirit sent,
 Jesus to the desert went,
 that he might his children show
 how sin's power to overthrow.

With a word he could have made
 bread from stones around him laid;
 yet till forty days were past,
 still he kept a holy fast.

When the devil at his side
 tried to make him sin through pride,
 he would give no outward sign
 that he was God's son divine.

Calmly he refused to win
 by a single act of sin
 of the whole wide world the throne;
 he would worship God alone

Since our loving Saviour thus
 kept a sacred Lent for us,
 we, through him, can conquer sin
 and a royal victory win.

*Text: Gertrude Hollis (1863 - 1943). © Estate of Gertrude Hollis.
 Music: Melody English trad.*

The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken *
 and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting.
 Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth; *
 our God comes and will not keep silence.
 Consuming fire goes out before him *
 and a mighty tempest stirs about him.
 He calls the heaven above, *
 and the earth, that he may judge his people:
 'Gather to me my faithful, *
 who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice.'
 Let the heavens declare his righteousness, *
 for God himself is judge.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak: *
 'I will testify against you, O Israel;
 for I am God, your God.
 'I will not reprove you for your sacrifices, *
 for your burnt offerings are always before me.
 'I will take no bull out of your house, *
 nor he-goat out of your folds,
 'For all the beasts of the forest are mine, *
 the cattle upon a thousand hills.
 'I know every bird of the mountains *
 and the insect of the field is mine.
 'If I were hungry, I would not tell you, *
 for the whole world is mine and all that fills it.
 'Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, *
 or drink the blood of goats?
 'Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
 and fulfil your vows to God Most High.
 'Call upon me in the day of trouble; *
 I will deliver you and you shall honour me.'
 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

Deuteronomy 6.4-9, 16-25

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

Luke 15.1-10 / *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.

Collect of the Day

Book of Common Prayer (1979), p. 166

Officiant Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, 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

My shepherd is the living Lord,
nothing therefore I need,
in pastures fair with waters calm
he sets me for to feed.

He did convert and glad my soul
and brought my mind in frame
to walk in paths of righteousness
for his most holy name.

Through all my life thy favour is
so frankly shew'd to me
that in thy house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be. Amen.

Text: Psalm 23

Music: Thomas Tomkins (d. 1656)

Homily

The Venerable Craig Hiebert

Hymn for the Offering

Tune: Warrington (Common Praise #474)

Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
there they behold thy mercy-seat;
where'er they seek thee, thou art found,
and every place is hallowed ground.

For thou, within no walls confined,
inhabitest the humble mind;
such ever bring thee where they come,
and going, take thee to their home.

Here may we prove the power of prayer
to strengthen faith and sweeten care;
to teach our faint desires to rise,
and bring all heaven before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but thou art near;
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,
and make a thousand hearts thine own!

Text: William Cowper (1731-1800).

Music: Ralph Harrison (1748-1810).

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: Chaconne in E minor, BuxWV 160

Dieterich Buxtehude (d. 1707)



Assisting with Today's Service

Sidespeople David Collins, Jacquie Collins

Verger Bruce Davies

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

Readers David Collins, Jacquie Collins

Camera and Tech Team The Cathedral Technical Team

Organ Voluntaries in February

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

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.