



CHRIST CHURCH
CATHEDRAL
A CATHEDRAL FOR THE CITY

Sunday, April 19, 2026 — Third Sunday of Easter, Year A

Choral Evensong
4.00 p.m.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 20

Officiant: The Reverend Jacqueline Stober

Music for the Responses: Richard Ayleward (d. 1669)

Setting for the Canticles: Evening Service in A—Herbert Sumsion (d. 1995)

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Prelude: A Meditation on 'Brother James's Air'

Harold Darke (d. 1976)

All stand as the procession enters.

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Opening Sentence

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 118.24*

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.

Office Hymn

Tune: Brother James' Air (Common Praise #498)

How lovely is thy dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts, to me!
My thirsty soul desires and longs
within thy courts to be;
my very heart and flesh cry out,
O living God, for thee.

Beside thine altars, gracious Lord,
the swallows find a nest;
how happy they who dwell with thee
and praise thee without rest,
and happy they whose hearts are set
upon the pilgrim's quest.

They who go through the desert vale
will find it filled with springs,
and they shall climb from height to height
till Zion's temple rings
with praise to thee, in glory throned,
Lord God, great King of kings.

One day within thy courts excels
a thousand spent away;
how happy they who keep thy laws
nor from thy precepts stray,
for thou shalt surely bless all those
who live the words they pray.

*Text: Ps. 84; para. sts. 1-2, Scottish Psalter, 1650; para. sts. 3-4, Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944-).
Sts. 3-4 © 1981 Hope Publishing Co.
Music: James Leith Macbeth Bain (1840?-1925); arr. Gordon Jacob (1895-1984),
alt. Arr. © Oxford University Press.*

Great is the Lord and highly to be praised :
 in the city of our God even upon his holy hill.
 The hill of Zion is a fair place and the joy of the whole earth :
 upon the north-side lieth the city of the great King
 God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.
 For lo the kings of the earth are gathered and gone by together.
 They marvelled to see such things :
 they were astonished and suddenly cast down.
 Fear came there upon them and sorrow :
 as upon a woman in her travail.
 Thou shalt break the ships of the sea through the east wind.
 Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts
 in the city of our God :
 God upholdeth the same for ever.
 We wait for thy loving kindness O God in the midst of thy temple.
 O God according to thy Name so is thy praise unto the world's end :
 thy right hand is full of righteousness.
 Let the mount Sion rejoice
 and the daughters of Judah be glad because of thy judgements.
 Walk about Sion and go round about her :
 and tell the towers thereof.
 Mark well her bulwarks set up her houses :
 that ye may tell them that come after.
 For this God is our God for ever and ever :
 he shall be our guide unto death.
 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.

First Reading

Haggai 1.13-2-9

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

1 Corinthians 3.10-17 / *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.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
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

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.

The Collects

Book of Common Prayer (1979), p. 173

The Officiant prays three collects beginning with:

Officiant O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Choir Amen.

Anthem

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you:
for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are:
for the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joy of the temple with
a season of festivity.
Alleluia.

Text: Sarum Antiphon for the Dedication of a Church
Music: William Henry Harris (d. 1973)

Homily

The Reverend Jacqueline Stober

Awake, arise, lift up your voice,
let Easter music swell;
rejoice in Christ, again rejoice
and on his praises dwell.

Oh, with what gladness and surprise
the saints their Saviour greet;
nor will they trust their ears and eyes
but by his hands and feet,

those hands of liberal love indeed
in infinite degree,
those feet still free to move and bleed
for millions and for me.

His enemies had sealed the stone
as Pilate gave them leave,
lest dead and friendless and alone
he should their skill deceive.

O Dead arise! O Friendless stand
by seraphim adored!
O Solitude again command
your host from heaven restored!

Text: Christopher Smart (1722-1771), alt.

Music: Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe the younger (1770?-1843).

Prayers of the Community

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: Ode

Kenneth Leighton (d. 1988)



Assisting with Today's Service

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