



CHRIST CHURCH
CATHEDRAL

A CATHEDRAL FOR THE CITY

Sunday, May 10, 2026 — Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A

Choral Evensong
4.00 p.m.

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Officiant: The Reverend Jacqueline Stober

Music for the Responses: plainsong

Setting for the Canticles: Evening Service in C minor—George Dyson (d. 1964)

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Prelude: Chorale Prelude on “Rockingham”

Hubert Parry (d. 1918)

All stand as the procession enters.

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: Rockingham (Common Praise #303)

Unto thy temple, Lord, we come
with thankful hearts to worship thee,
and pray that this may be our home
until we touch eternity;

the common home of rich and poor,
of bond and free, and great and small;
large as thy love for evermore,
and warm and bright and good to all.

And dwell thou with us in this place,
thou and thy Christ, to guide and bless.
Here make the well-springs of thy grace
like fountains in the wilderness.

May thy whole truth be spoken here;
thy gospel light forever shine,
thy perfect love cast out all fear,
and human life become divine.

Text: Robert Collyer (1823-1912).

Music: Psalmody in Miniature, Second Supplement, 1780;

*adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1897); harm. Samuel Webbe the elder (1740-1816),
Collection of Psalm-Tunes, 1820, alt.*

Psalm 87

all are now seated

His foundation is upon the holy hills :
the Lord loveth the gates of Sion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.
Very excellent things are spoken of thee :
thou city of God.
I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon:
as among them that know me.
Behold Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia:
lo, this one was born there.
Yea, of Sion it shall be said, 'This one and that one were born in her':

and the Most High himself shall established her.
The Lord shall reckon when he writeth up the peoples:
that this one was born there.
The singers and dancers shall say:
'All my fresh springs are in thee.'
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

Zechariah 8.1-13

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 21.22-22.5 / *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.

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir Christ, have mercy upon us.

Officiant 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

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 And evermore mightily defend us.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Officiant prays three collects beginning with:

Officiant O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass human's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Choir Amen.

Anthem

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a Way, as gives us breath:
such a Truth, as ends all strife: such a Life, as killeth death.
Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a Light, as shows a feast:
such a Feast, as mends in length: such a Strength, as makes his guest.
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a Joy, as none can move:
such a Love, as none can part: such a Heart, as joys in love.

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (d. 1958)

Text: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Homily

The Reverend Jacqueline Stober

Hymn for the Offering

Tune: Moscow (Common Praise 560)

God, whose almighty Word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and, where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!

Saviour, who came to bring
on your redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind:
now for all humankind
let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving holy Dove,
speed on your flight!
Move on the waters' face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and, in earth's darkest place
let there be light!

Gracious and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love, might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride:
through the world far and wide
let there be light!

Text: John Marriott (1780-1825), alt.

Music: Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); adapt. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875;

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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: Postlude

George Dyson (d. 1964)



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