



CHRIST CHURCH
CATHEDRAL

A CATHEDRAL FOR THE CITY

Sunday, May 24, 2026 – The Day of Pentecost, Year A

Choral Evensong
4.00 p.m.

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Officiant: Canon Ian Alexander

Music for the Responses: plainsong

Setting for the Canticles: Magnificat—Tone I.5 (solemn);

Nunc Dimittis—Geoffrey Burgon (d. 2010)

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Prelude: *Étoile du soir*

Louis Vierne (d. 1937)

All stand as the procession enters.

Opening Sentence

The love of God hath been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit which was given unto us. *Romans 5.5*

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.

Psalm 133

Behold how good and joyful a thing it is :
for brethren to dwell together in unity!
It is like the precious oil upon the head, that ran down unto the beard :
even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the collar of his clothing;
Like as the dew of Hermon :
which falleth upon the hills of Sion.
For there the Lord promised his blessing :
even life for evermore.
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

Numbers 11.24-30 / *all seated*

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.

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 on this day didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end.

Choir Amen.

Anthem

In the hour of my distress, when temptations me oppress
and when I my sins confess, Sweet Spirit, comfort me!
When I lie with my bed, sick in heart and sick in head,
And with doubts discomfited, Sweet Spirit, comfort me!
When the house doth sigh and weep, And the world is drown'd in sleep,
Yet mine eyes the watch do keep, Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

Music: Peter Hurford (d. 2019)

Text: Robert Herrick (d. 1674)

Homily

Canon Ian Alexander

Hymn for the Offering

Tune: Hyfrydol (Common Praise 643)

Holy Spirit, come with power,
breathe into our aching night.
We expect you this glad hour,
waiting for your strength and light.
We are fearful we are ailing,
we are weak and selfish too.
Break upon your congregation,
give us vigour, life anew.

Holy Spirit, come with fire,
burn us with your presence new.
Let us as one mighty choir
sing our hymn of praise to you.
Burn away our wasted sadness,
and enflame us with your love.

Burst upon your congregation,
give us gladness from above.

Holy Spirit, bring your message,
burn and breathe each word anew
deep into our tired living
till we strive your work to do.
Teach us love and trusting kindness,
lend our hands to those who hurt.
Breathe upon your congregation
and inspire us with your word.

Text: Anne Neufeld Rupp (1932–2020)
Music: Rowland Huw Prichard (1811 - 1887)

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: Prelude and Fugue in C major, BWV545

J.S. Bach (d. 1750)



Assisting with Today's Service

Sidespeople David Collins, Jacquie Collins

Verger Bob Fearnley

Musicians Members of The Cathedral Choir, *sopranos & altos*
Oriel Chapman, *organ scholar*
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