



CHRIST CHURCH  
**CATHEDRAL**

A CATHEDRAL FOR THE CITY

Sunday, May 31, 2026 — The Visitation, Year A

Choral Evensong

4.00 p.m.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 20

Officiant: The Reverend Anna E. Rossi

Music for the Responses: William Smith (d. 1645)

Setting for the Canticles: Magnificat quartii toni— Francesco Soriano (d. 1621)  
plainsong tone ii.1

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Prelude: Ave maris stella (Plein jeu, Fugue à 5)

Nicolas de Grigny (d. 1703)

*All stand as the procession enters.*

Opening Sentence

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.

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
 whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,  
 be there at our waking and give us, we pray,  
 your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
 be there at our labours and give us, we pray,  
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
 your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
 be there at our homing and give us, we pray,  
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
 whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
 be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,  
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

*Text: Jan Stuther (1901-1953).*

*Music: Melody Irish trad.; arr. Martin Shaw (1875-1958), alt.*

*Text and arr. © Oxford University Press*

Praise the Lord ye servants :  
 O praise the Name of the Lord.  
 Blessed be the Name of the Lord :  
 from this time forth for evermore.  
 The Lord's Name is praised :  
 from the rising up of the sun unto its going down of the same.  
 The Lord is high above all nations :  
 and his glory above the heavens.  
 Who is like unto the Lord our God that hath his dwelling so high :  
 and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and  
 earth?  
 He taketh up the simple out of the dust :  
 and lifteth the poor out of the mire;  
 That he may set him with the princes :  
 even with the princes of his people.

He maketh the barren woman to keep house :  
and to be a joyful mother of children.  
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

1 Samuel 2.1-10 / *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.

Second Reading

Romans 12.9-16b / *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* And evermore mightily defend us.  
*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. 176

*The Officiant prays three collects beginning with:*

*Officiant* Father in heaven, by whose grace the virgin mother of thy incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping thy word: Grant us who honour the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to thy will; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*Choir* Amen.

## Anthem

*Regina coeli laetare, Alleluia.  
Quia quem meruisti portare,  
Alleluia.  
Iam Resurrexit sicut dixit, Alleluia.  
Ora pro nobis Deum. Alleluia.*

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.  
For He whom you were worthy to bear,  
alleluia.  
Now has risen, as He said, alleluia.  
Pray for us to God, alleluia.

*Music: Gregor Aichinger (d. 1628)  
Text: Marian antiphon*

## Homily

The Reverend Anna E. Rossi

## Hymn for the Offering

Tune: Duke Street (Common Praise #363)

My soul proclaims your glory, Lord,  
my spirit sings with thankful voice,  
for you my lowly prayer have heard:  
in you, my Saviour, I rejoice.

Nations unborn will bless your name,  
giver of boundless grace to me,  
in every age you are the same:  
you make the humble whole and free.

You have made bare you mighty arm  
to break the yoke of selfish power,  
and lift your broken ones from harm,  
bursting the gates of greed's proud tower.

You fill the hungry mouths with food  
and show the poverty of wealth.  
Your ancient vow you have made good,  
and raised you children to new health.

Glory to God, all being's Spring,  
to God the Word, salvation's voice,  
to God the Spirit, praise we sing:  
with all the ages we rejoice.

*Text: Song of Mary (Luke 1.46-56); para. Paul Gibson (1932-2022) ©.  
Music: John Hatton (?-1793).*

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: Ave maris stella (Duo, Dialogue sur les grands Jeux) Nicolas de Grigny (d. 1703)



## Assisting with Today's Service

*Sidespeople* Gwyneth Evans, Anthony Danda

*Verger* Bob Fearnley

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

*Readers* Gwyneth Evans, Anthony Danda

*Camera and Tech Team* The Cathedral Technical Team



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