



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
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Choral Evensong

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
[Proper 19]

Christ Church Cathedral
Sung by BC Viols and MOTET

August 9, 2026 at 4:00 PM

[All Sit]

Psalm 19

(Sung by the choir)

Chant: Thomas Walmisley (1814-56)

- The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handy-work.
2 One day telleth another; and one night certifieth another.
3 There is neither speech nor language; their voice cannot be heard;
4 Yet their sound is gone out into all lands; and their words into the ends of the world.
5 In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun;
 which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber,
 and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.
6 It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again;
 and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
7 The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, restoring the soul;
 the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.
8 The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart;
 the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.
9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever;
 the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold;
 sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.
11 Moreover, by them is thy servant taught;
 and in keeping of them there is great reward.
12 Who can tell how oft he offendeth?
 O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.
13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me;
 so shall I be undefiled and innocent from the great offence.
14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be alway acceptable in thy sight,
 O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Psalm 46

(Chant after Martin Luther 1483-1546)

God is our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be changed,
 and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;
3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell,
 and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
4 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
5 There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God,
 the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.
6 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be moved;
 God shall help her, and that right early.
7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved;
 but God uttereth his voice, and the earth doth melt away.
8 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
9 O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord, what wonders he hath wrought upon the earth.
10 He maketh wars to cease in all the world;
 he breaketh the bow, and snappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.
11 Be still then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations,
 and I will be exalted in the earth.
12 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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 First Lesson 2 Samuel 13: 1-22

[Standing]

Office Hymn

O Blest Creator of the Light

[LUCIS CREATOR, Mode viii]

Latin: 8th Century or earlier, trans. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

1. O blest Cre - a - tor of the light,
2. whose wis - dom joined in meet ar - ray
3. Lest sunk in sin, and whelmed with strife,
4. But grant them grace that they may strain
5. O Fa - ther, that we ask be done,

who mak'st the day with ra - diance bright,
the morn and eve, and named them day;
they lose the gift of end - less life;
the heaven - ly gate and prize to gain:
through Je - sus Christ, thine on - ly Son;

and o'er the form - ing world didst call
night comes with all its dark - ling fears;
while think - ing but the thoughts of time,
each harm - ful lure a - side to cast,
who, with the Ho - ly Ghost and thee,

the light from cha - os first of all:
re - gard thy peo - ple's prayers and tears.
they weave new chains of woe and crime.
and purge a - way each er - ror past.
shall live and reign e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

[Standing]

Canticle

Magnificat from the Second Service

William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

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.

The Second Lesson Mark 4: 35-41

[Standing]

Canticle

Nunc Dimittis from the Second Service

William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

The congregation may stand for the Nunc Dimittis.

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

Minister

All I believe in God,
**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.**

Please be seated or kneel.

Responses [Minister/Choir]

William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

The Lord be with you

And with thy spirit

Let us pray

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Minister

All Our Father,
**which art in heav'n,
hallow'd be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heav'n.
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.**

Choir

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.
O Lord, save the King;
and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;
and make thy chosen people joyful.
O Lord, save thy people;
and bless thine inheritance.
Give peace in our time, O Lord;
because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
O God, make clean our hearts within us;
and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
who sent thy Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of thy Church.
Open our hearts to the riches of thy grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love, joy, and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. *[CHOIR: Amen]*

A Collect For Peace

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]*

A Collect For Aid Against Perils

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

Domine salva nos

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

*Domine salva nos, perimus:
impera, et fac Deus tranquillitatem.*

Lord, save us, we perish:
give the command, O God, and create calm.

*[Vesper antiphon for Epiphany IV
Matthew 8:25–26]*

The Litany *[Spoken]*

Officiant Save your people, O Hope of the poor,
and bless your inheritance.

***All* Govern and uphold them now and always.**

Officiant Day by day, we bless you.

***All* We praise your name for ever.**

Officiant Keep us this night from all sin.

***All* Have mercy on us, have mercy.**

Officiant We long for your salvation:

***All* grant us understanding, so that we may live.**

Officiant Show us your love and mercy,

***All* for we put our trust in you.**

Officiant In you is our hope;

***All* let us not be confounded at the last.**

Officiant Lord God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ triumphed over the
powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem:
Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection,
may praise you in that City of which he is the light,
and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

***All* Amen.**

Sundays@4

Sundays@4 features a different music-centered worship each Sunday at 4 p.m. based on the service of Evening Prayer, following the Revised Common Lectionary.

Please join us in-person for Sundays@4. These services are not livestreamed.

Compline

The short, monastic service of Compline (Night Prayer) is sung weekly in the Cathedral on Sundays at 8pm.

If the summer weather takes you further afield and you can't return in time for Sundays@4, join us for chanted psalms, canticles, and meditative prayer at Compline. Services run for about half an hour.

Participants

<i>Clergy</i>	Fr. Matthew Koovisk
<i>Reader</i>	Pia Shandel
<i>Music</i>	BC Viols (www.bcviois.ca) is a chapter of the Viola da Gamba Society of America, sharing the love of the viol in British Columbia. MOTET (www.motet.ca) is a ministry, seeking to provide theologically sound and intrinsically sacred liturgical choral music of quality throughout Vancouver. David Poon (<i>Director of Music, St. John's Shaughnessy</i>)

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