



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
East Texas Pipe Organ Festival
October 20, 2024

We welcome you to Christ Church Cathedral. Since 1839, this Christian community has gathered for worship. To learn more about the ministries we share in this place, you are invited to fill in one of the cards found in the pew rack.

Solemn Evensong

five o'clock in the afternoon

THE VERY REV. NATHANIEL KATZ, *Dean*

THE CHOIR OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

ROBERT L. SIMPSON, *Canon for Music*

VALENTINA HUANG, *Cathedral Organist*

JOEL GOODLOE, *Cantor*

The Liturgy is found in The Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

Hymns are in The Hymnal 1982.

The People stand as the procession enters the Cathedral.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Carillon

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

INTROIT

Leo Sowerby

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts. Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil. Eternal Power, be our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

— *St. Alcuin (735-804)*

PROCESSION

EVENING SENTENCES

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CONFESSION

Officiant and People, all kneeling

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**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.**

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
 spare thou those who confess their faults,
 restore thou those who are penitent,
 according to thy promises declared unto mankind
 in Christ Jesus our Lord;
 and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
 that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
 to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

PRECES AND RESPONSES

Bernard Rose (1916-1996)

HYMN

Christ Church; Richard Dirksen (1921-2003)

1 Christ is made the sure founda - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner - stone,
 2 All that ded - i - ca - ted cit - y, Dear - ly loved of God on high,
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, Come, O Lord of hosts, to - day;
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy ser - vants What they ask of thee to gain;

Cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious, Bind - ing all the church in one; Ho - ly
 In ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion Pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the
 With thy won - ted lov - ing - kind - ness Hear thy ser - vants as they pray, And thy
 What they gain from thee for ev - er With the bless - ed to re - tain, And here -

Si - on's help for - ev - er, And her con - fi - dence a - lone; Ho - ly
 One in Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly; God the
 full - est ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in its walls al - way; And thy
 - aft - er in thy glo - ry Ev - er - more with thee to reign; And here -

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PSALM 149

Anglican Chant: David Ashley White (b.1944)

Sung by Choir, People seated.

O sing unto the Lord a new song *
let the congregation of saints praise him.
Let Israel rejoice in him that made him *
and let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
Let them praise his Name in the dance *
let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.
For the Lord hath pleasure in his people *
and helpeth the meek-hearted.
Let the saints be joyful with glory *
let them rejoice in their beds.
Let the praises of God be in their mouth *
and a two-edged sword in their hands;
To be avenged of the heathen *
and to rebuke the people;
To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron.
That they may be avenged of them, as it is written *
Such honour have all his saints.

PSALM 150

Anglican Chant: Charles Villiers Stanford (1854-1924)

O praise God in his holiness *
praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts *
praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet *
praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances *
praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals *
praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Let every thing that hath breath *
praise the Lord.
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 LESSON

Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 4:1-10

Reader A Reading from Book of Ecclesiasticus

My child, do not cheat the poor of their living, and do not keep needy eyes waiting. Do not grieve the hungry or anger one in need. Do not add to the troubles of the angry or delay giving to the needy. Do not reject a suppliant in distress or turn your face away from the poor. Do not avert your eye from the needy, and give no one reason to curse you, for if in bitterness of soul some should curse you, their Creator will hear their prayer. Endear yourself to the congregation; bow your head low to the great. Give a hearing to the poor, and return their greeting kindly. Rescue the oppressed from the oppressor, and do not be hesitant in giving a verdict. Be a father to orphans, and be like a husband to their mother; you will then be like a son of the Most High, and he will love you more than does your mother.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

MAGNIFICAT IN D

Leo Sowerby

Sung by Choir, People seated.

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. 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.

All stand

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.

All sit

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 16:13-20

Reader A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you,

you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

NUNC DIMITTIS IN D

Leo Sowerby

Sung by Choir, People seated.

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.

All stand

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.

APOSTLES' CREED *People and Choir monotone, all standing.*

**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.

THE SUFFRAGES

Barnard Rose

Sung by Choir. The People stand or kneel.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sung by 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 those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

COLLECTS AND PRAYERS

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INTERCESSIONS FOR EVENING WORSHIP

Holy and Most Gracious God, we pray for our siblings who live in every state of need this night.

We pray for those in need of shelter, and the dignity that comes from having a place to call home.

We pray for those around the world, around the country, and in this very city who will go to sleep hungry this night.

We pray for those who are persecuted and punished for the color of their skin, what they believe, where they come from, how they worship, or who they love.

We pray for those whose desperation, vulnerability and innocence are leveraged for profit.

We pray for those who are afflicted in body, mind, and spirit, and call out in the night for relief.

We pray for those who live in constant fear of violence on their streets, from their skies, in their houses of worship and in their homes.

We pray especially for children who have never known a life free of fear and need.

We pray for those who have died and see no more, especially for those who have given the last full measure of devotion for the cause of freedom and dignity, that they may find rest in the place you have prepared for them.

Grant us, O God, a sense of purpose to use our many blessings, talents, and privilege to house the homeless, feed the hungry, liberate the persecuted and oppressed, heal the sick, comfort the grieving, make peace in our world, and by your grace bring about your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

— *The Very Rev. Nathaniel Katz*

GREETING

AT THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

David McK. Williams (1887-1978)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." Then flew one of the seraphim, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar; and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, "Lo, this hath touched thy lips, and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin is purged." Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then said I, "Here am I; send me."

—*Isaiah 6:1-8*

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM *The people stand.*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

HYMN 31

Dunedin

THE BLESSING

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

PROCESSION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Pièce de Résistance

Ronald Arnatt (1930-2018)

After Evensong, an organ recital by Scott Dettra will follow in the Cathedral, and the Eucharist will be celebrated in Golding Chapel. Those who wish to participate in the Eucharist are to enter the chapel by exiting the Cathedral through the east transept doors. After the preparation of the altar, the Eucharist will be celebrated continuing on page 361 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral!

We are blessed by your presence. If you are new to the Cathedral, please fill out the WELCOME card in your pew and put it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

Tours of the Cathedral are available every Sunday following the 11 a.m. service and on the first Sunday of each month after the 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. services. Look for the guide under the crucifixion window at the rear of the nave.

Please be advised that our services are Livestreamed to Vimeo and Facebook. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children. Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun. Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly.