



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Palm Sunday  
March 29, 2026

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*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.*

## Organ Recital

*quarter past four o'clock in the afternoon*

***Katherine Jolliff, organist***

*Applause is an appropriate expression of appreciation and thanksgiving.*

Organ Sonata in G Major, Allegro Maestoso Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Come Sweetest Death, Come, Blessed Rest Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)  
arr. Virgil Fox (1912-1980)

Chorale-Preludes, Op 111 Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)  
9. Herzlich tut mich verlangen  
5. Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele  
3. O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

Prelude and Fugue in E Minor, BWV 548 Johann Sebastian Bach

**Katherine Jolliff**, named one of *The Diapason's* Top 20 Under 30 in 2023, is pursuing a Master's in organ performance at the Shepherd School of Music where she studies with Ken Cowan. Originally from Indianapolis, Indiana, she began piano studies at the age of five and started organ lessons with Marco Petricic during her freshman year of high school. She finished her high school studies at the Interlochen Arts Academy, where she majored in both piano and organ performance, graduated with honors, and earned the Fine Arts Award in Organ Performance. She pursued her undergraduate degree at the Eastman School of Music under the tutelage of David Higgs. She has won numerous competitions, including the Regional Competition for Young Organists, the Taylor Organ Competition, and both first prize and audience prize in the National Undergraduate Organ Competition in Ottumwa, Iowa. Outside of music, Katherine enjoys training at the local aerial studio, where she practices and has taught trapeze, aerial silks, and lyra.

# 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*

BEN MCGEE, *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.*

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.**

THE ABSOLUTION

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PRECES AND RESPONSES *All stand*

Bernard Rose (1916-1996)

HYMN 474

*Rockingham*

PSALM 103

Chant: Kellow J. Pye (1812-1901)

*Sung by Choir, People seated. Text found on BCP page 733*

*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.

FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 12:9-11; 13:1, 7-9

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Zechariah.

And on that day I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour out a spirit of compassion and supplication on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem so that, when they look on the one whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him as one mourns for an only child and weep bitterly over him as one weeps over a firstborn. On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. On that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity. "Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is my associate," says the Lord of hosts. "Strike the shepherd, that the sheep may be scattered; I will turn my hand against the little ones. In the whole land, says the Lord, two-thirds shall be cut off and perish, and one-third shall be left alive. And I will put this third into the fire, refine them as one refines silver, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on my name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'They are my people,' and they will say, 'The Lord is our God.'"

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

MAGNIFICAT

*Collegium Regale*

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

*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.

## SECOND LESSON

Luke 19:41-48

*Reader* A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God." Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there, and he said, "It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer,' but you have made it a den of robbers." Every day he was teaching in the temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people kept looking for a way to kill him, but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were spellbound by what they heard.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## NUNC DIMITTIS

*Collegium Regale*

Herbert Howells

*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.

*Ben McGee, soloist*

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

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**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

Bernard Rose

*Sung by Choir. The People stand or kneel.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *All monotone.*

**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

GREETING

AT THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*Psalm 22, Text found on BCP page 610*

*Tiffany Campos, Chelsea Berner-Taylor, Sean Stultz,  
Ben McGee, Travis Falknor, solo ensemble*

— "Mein Gott." Felix Mendelssohn

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.**

THE LENTEN DISMISSAL

*Priest* Bow down before the Lord.

*The people kneel.*

*Priest* Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCESSION

*After Evensong, the Eucharist will be celebrated in the chancel of the Cathedral. Those who wish to remain for the Eucharist are to come forward into the choir stalls. After the preparation of the altar, the Eucharist will be celebrated continuing on page 361 of the Book of Common Prayer.*

# Holy Week and Easter Services

## Holy Monday, March 30

12:05 p.m. Noontday Prayers, Golding Chapel

## Holy Tuesday, March 31

12:05 p.m. Noontday Prayers, Golding Chapel

## Holy Wednesday, April 1

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Golding Chapel

## Maundy Thursday, April 2

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing

7 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing,  
and Stripping of the Altar (*bilingual*) \*

## Good Friday, April 3

12:05 p.m. Liturgy for Good Friday

7 p.m. Good Friday Stations of the Cross: A Migrant's Way (*bilingual*)

## Holy Saturday, April 4

8 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter (*with incense*)  
At sundown, the first Eucharist of Easter \*

## Easter Day, April 5

7 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with hymns

9 a.m. Festival Eucharist, Rite II \*

10 a.m. Flowering of the Cross, Bishop's Courtyard

11 a.m. Festival Eucharist, Rite I \* (*with incense*)

1 p.m. Festival Eucharist, Rite II (in Spanish)

5 p.m. The Well, Contemplative Eucharist

\* *Childcare provided in the Jones Education Building*

# Welcome

## Sunday, March 29, 2026

### *Announcements*

#### ❖ TODAY

**Palm Sunday Evensong** • Join us as we begin the most sacred week of the year together with Palm Sunday Evensong: 4:15 p.m. Organ Recital and 5 p.m. Choral Evensong.

❖ **Holy Week and Easter** • A reminder that you are invited to all services and activities for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. The list can be found on our website at [christchurchcathedral.org/easter26](http://christchurchcathedral.org/easter26).

❖ **The Good Friday Offering** • Good Friday offerings this year will be donated to the following ministries: Offerings collected at the 12:05 p.m. service will be donated to the dioceses of The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. Offerings collected at the 7 p.m. bilingual Stations of the Cross: A Migrant's Way service will be donated to the Diocese of Texas' Migration with Dignity fund. Our diocese has set up this fund to provide emergency support to those impacted by deportations.

❖ **Traces of the Trade Film and Discussion** • On April 25, we invite you to a documentary film screening and facilitated dialogue on race in Reynolds Hall from noon to 3 p.m. Information and registration on our announcements page: [christchurchcathedral.org/announcements](http://christchurchcathedral.org/announcements).

❖ **Upcoming Course — Daily Prayer: How, What, Why** • Prayer is the lifeblood of our relationship with God. But how do we actually pray, especially when time is short and words are lacking? In this three-session class Canon Bradley Varnell will

help participants find both the time to pray and the words to pray by introducing the Episcopal Church's liturgies for daily prayer. Participants will be guided in using these liturgies on their own, and together we'll reflect on the challenges (and gifts) of daily prayer. Those looking to establish a regular rhythm of prayer are especially encouraged to attend, but all are welcome — no matter how long (or short) you've been praying. Sundays April 12-26, 10 a.m., in the McGehee Conference Room. Register at: [christchurchcathedral.org/announcements](http://christchurchcathedral.org/announcements).

❖ **Neighborhood Gatherings Are About to Spring Up** • This spring Christ Church Cathedral is hosting a series of neighborhood get-togethers — and you're invited. It's a relaxed evening from 6-7:30 p.m. to meet new faces, catch up with old friends, and just enjoy being together outside of Sunday. There are three evenings to choose from: Tuesday, April 21 (Northside area); Wednesday, May 6 (Southwest Houston); and Monday, May 18 (Southwest area). Spots are limited, so RSVP soon. Hosts and RSVP info at: [christchurchcathedral.org/announcements](http://christchurchcathedral.org/announcements).

❖ **The Dean's Hour Welcomes Imam Abdullah Antepli** • On April 12, The Dean's Hour will welcome Imam Abdullah Antepli, President of the Rothko Chapel. President Antepli will discuss the valuable work the Rothko Chapel does in our community, his vision of leadership for its future, and how our Cathedral family can support it.