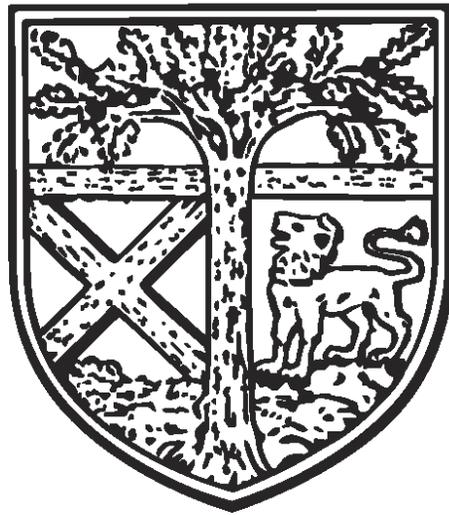


Prelude Recital at 4:30 p.m.
Choral Evensong at 5:00 p.m.



Sunday, March 15, 2026

The Parish of Christ Church
ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS

A SERVICE OF CHORAL EVENSONG

When you come to Evensong here, it is as if you were dropping in on a conversation already in progress – a conversation between God and humans which began long before you were born, and will go on long after you are dead. So do not be surprised, or disturbed, if there are some things in the conversation which you do not at once understand.

Evensong is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. Its primary purpose is to proclaim the wonderful work of God in history and in the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Its secondary purpose is to evoke from the worshipper a response of praise, penitence, prayer, and obedience.

(Quoted from Coventry Cathedral Evensong service leaflets)

ORGAN PRELUDE RECITAL

Erica Johnson

Psalm 116

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Hymn by Claude Goudimel – 4 verses

Wo soll ich fliehen hin, BWV 694

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

“Where should I fly from here”

Cathedral Windows

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Kyrie eleison & Saluto Angelico

Variations on “What Wondrous Love”

Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

Bell Toccata

Isabelle Ryder (b. 1976)

Erica Johnson, DMA, is a Boston based organist, keyboardist and church musician. She is the College Organist and Instructor of Organ and Harpsichord at Wellesley College and Adjunct Organ Instructor for the School of Theology of Boston University. Her leadership and advocacy for the historic Fisk instrument in Houghton Chapel continues to generate a blossoming of interest in the organ by many students. As an organ instructor Erica has taught at the UNC School of the Arts, Salem College and the Oberlin Conservatory. Additionally, she was Organ Scholar at The Memorial Church of Harvard University from 1999-2001. As a grant recipient of the Beebe Fund for Musicians she studied for two years at the Hochschule für Künste in Bremen, Germany, with Harald Vogel. Her years in Germany yielded two honors: the 2004 International Arp Schnitger Prize awarded by the Arp Schnitger Gesellschaft, and the 2002 NDR Musikpreis. More recently Erica has presented programs for the Boston Early Music Festival, the Westfield Center, the Göteborg International Organ Academy, and recitals around New England. She holds degrees from Oberlin College, Oberlin Conservatory, New England Conservatory, and the Eastman School of Music.

WELCOME

The Rev. Michael J. Hodges, Rector

The Congregation stands, as able.

HYMN 24

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended

St. Clement

1 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended, the dark - ness
2 We thank thee that thy Church, un - sleep - ing while earth rolls
3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land the dawn leads
4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall nev - er, like earth's proud
falls at thy be - hest; to thee our morn - ing hymns a -
on - ward in - to light, through all the world her watch is
on an - oth - er day, the voice of prayer is nev - er
em - pires, pass a - way; thy king - dom stands, and grows for
scend - ed, thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.
keep - ing, and rests not now by day or night.
si - lent, nor dies the strain of praise a - way.
ev - er, till all thy crea - tures own thy sway.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893). Music: St. Clement, Clement Cottevill Scholefield (1839-1904).

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER (*standing, sung by all*)

Officiant
O God, make speed to save us.

People
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

- 8 The Lord of hosts is /with us; *
the God of Jacob /is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the / Lord, *
what awesome things /he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the /world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and /burns the shields with fire.
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that I am /God; *
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be ex/alted in the earth."
- 12 The Lord of hosts is /with us; *
the God of Jacob /is our stronghold.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy/Spirit: *
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for/ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

A reading from Genesis (48:8-22 NRSV)

When Israel saw Joseph's sons, he said, "Who are these?" Joseph said to his father, "They are my sons, whom God has given me here." And he said, "Bring them to me, please, that I may bless them." Now the eyes of Israel were dim with age, and he could not see well. So Joseph brought them near him, and he kissed them and embraced them. Israel said to Joseph, "I did not expect to see your face; and here God has let me see your children also." Then Joseph removed them from his father's knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right, and brought them near him. But Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on the head of Manasseh, crossing his hands, for Manasseh was the firstborn. He blessed Joseph, and said, "The God before whom my ancestors Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day, the angel who has redeemed me from all harm, bless the boys; and in them let my name be perpetuated, and the name of my ancestors Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude on the earth." When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him, so he took his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father! Since this one is the firstborn, put your right hand on his head." But his father refused, and said, "I know, my son, I know; he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great. Nevertheless, his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his offspring shall become a multitude of nations." So he blessed them that day, saying, "By you Israel will invoke blessings, saying, 'God make you like Ephraim and like Manasseh.'" So he put Ephraim ahead of Manasseh. Then Israel said to Joseph, "I am about to die, but God will be with you and will bring you again to the land of your ancestors. I now give to you one portion more than to your brothers, the portion that I took from the hand of the Amorites with my sword and with my bow."

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Song of Mary *Magnificat (Short Service)*
Luke 1:46-55

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: *
as it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

A reading from Romans (8:11-25 NRSV)

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimittis (Short Service)*
Luke 2:29-32

Orlando Gibbons

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, and is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

All stand, as able.

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(monotoned)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS *The People stand or kneel.*

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Suffrages B, Tone I

Cantor or Officiant
That this evening may be holy, good, and peace-ful,

People
We en-treat you, O Lord.

(This response is sung after each petition)

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and good-will,

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and of-fen-ses,

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,

and not be condemned before the great judg-ment seat of Christ,

That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in the communion of

[_____ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

A Collect for The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

A Prayer in the Evening

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen.**

The Congregation is seated.

ANTHEM

Lord, let me know mine end

Maurice Greene (1696-1755)

Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days:
that I may be certified how long I have to live.
Behold, thou hast made my days, as it were a span long;
and mine age is ev'n as nothing in respect of thee;
And verily ev'ry man living is altogether vanity.

For man walketh in a vain shadow,
And disquieteth himself in vain;
he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what is my hope?
Truly my hope is ev'n in thee.
Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears, consider my calling.
Hold not thy peace at my tears.
O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength:
before I go hence, and be no more seen.

- Words from Psalm 39

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant and People

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

DISMISSAL

Cantor or Officiant

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 46 (*standing*)

The duteous day now closeth

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

1 The du - teous day now clos - eth, each flower and tree re -
 2 Now all the heaven - ly splen - dor breaks forth in star-light
 3 Though long our mor - tal blind - ness has missed God's lov - ing -

pos - eth, shade creeps o'er wild and wood: let
 ten - der from myr - iad worlds un - known; and
 kind - ness and plunged us in - to strife; yet

us, as night is fall - ing, on God our Ma - ker
 we, this mar - vel see - ing, for - get our self - ish
 when life's day is o - ver, shall death's fair night dis -

call - ing, give thanks to him, the Giv - er good.
 be - ing for joy of beau - ty not our own.
 cov - er the fields of ev - er - last - ing life.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930) and others. Music: *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*, melody att. Heinrich Isaac (1450?-1517); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

The congregation is seated for the closing voluntary.

VOLUNTARY

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

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UPCOMING SPECIAL MUSIC EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

Organ Recital at 4:30 p.m.

Nicholas White, Organist

Choral Evensong at 5:00 p.m.

Sung by the Parish Choir

In honor of Sir John Rutter's 80th birthday!

The Parish of Christ Church, Andover

Barbara Bruns, Minister of Music

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

Marie Stultz Memorial Concert at 3:00 p.m.

Marcus DeLoach, Baritone

Grant Loehnig, Pianist

Program includes works composed by Marcus DeLoach sung by the Parish Choir

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