

CHORAL EVENSONG



The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, Rembrandt

5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

CHRIST CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA

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ORGAN PRELUDE

Benedicam Dominum

Peter Philips (1561-1628)

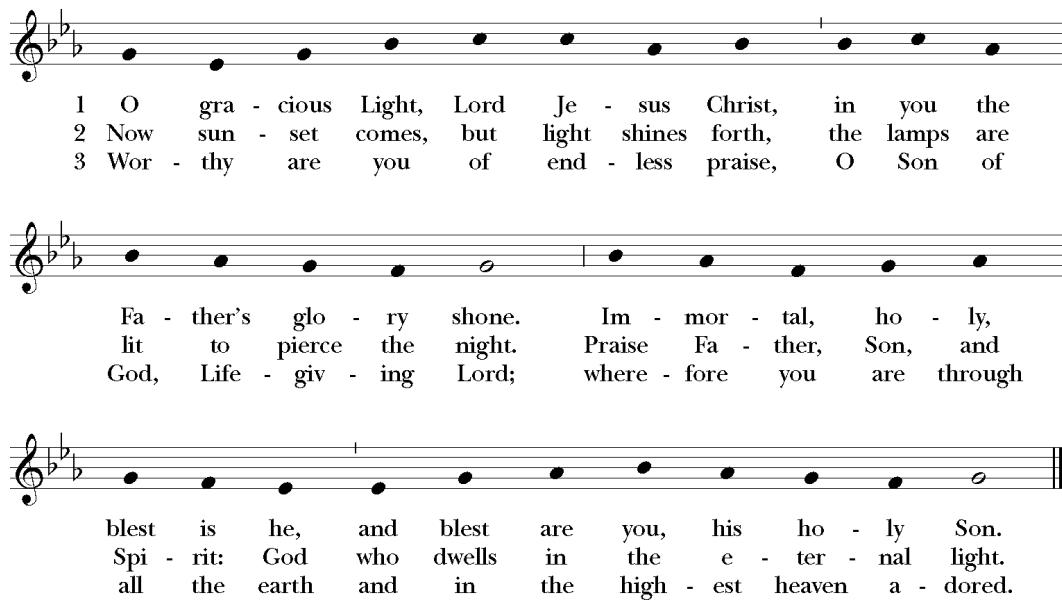
INTROIT

O praise the Lord, all ye heathen, praise him, all ye nations: For his merciful kindness is evermore and more towards us. And the truth of the Lord endureth for ever and ever. Amen.

Words: Psalm 117:1-2
Music: Adrian Batten (c. 1590-1637)

Please stand and sing.

HYMN 26



Words: Greek, paraphrase of O Gracious Light
Music: Conditor alme siderum

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

William Byrd (c. 1543-1623)

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.

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.

Praise ye the Lord.

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."
- 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge under his wings; *
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
- 7 A thousand shall fall at your side
and ten thousand at your right hand, *
but it shall not come near you.
- 8 Your eyes have only to behold *
to see the reward of the wicked.
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

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.

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The People stand

MAGNIFICAT FROM THE SECOND EVENING SERVICE

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

The people may be seated.

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The People stand

NUNC DIMITTIS FROM THE SECOND EVENING SERVICE

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 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 People remain standing and say in unison:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.*

RESPONSES

Byrd

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

The People kneel.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SUFFRAGES

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the State.

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 Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

CONCLUDING COLLECTS

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works to 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 all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine 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 thy love's sake. Amen.

Please stand and sing

HYMN 605

1 What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?
 2 Ru - lers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice show?
 3 Still down the a - ges ring the pro - phet's stern com-mands.
 4 How shall my soul ful - fill God's law so hard and high?

What sac - ri - fice de - sire, or trib - ute bid you bring?
 Will God your plead - ing hear, while crime and cruel - ty grow?
 To mer - chant, work - er, king he brings God's high de - mands.
 Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy.

[1-3]

Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
 Then just - ly; in mer - cy we'll (hum - bly walk with God.)

Final Ending

hum - bly walk with God.

Words: Albert F. Bayly
 Music: Sharphorne, Erik Routley

The People may be seated.

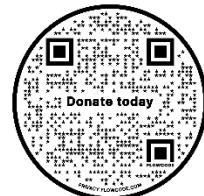
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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Mary made a pilgrimage to the temple and brought her child there,
who was seen by the aged Simeon, as the prophets had foretold.
Simeon took Jesus in his arms, and joyfully sang:

Now I go forth with joy,
for today I have seen Thee, Savior —
comfort of Israel, light of the World.

O dear Jesus, grant now that we at all times
find all our joy in Thee, just as Simeon did,
and that, when the time comes, we pass away gently and thus sing gladly:

Now I go forth with joy,
for today I shall see Thee, Savior —
comfort of Israel, light of the World.

Words: German, from the Nunc dimittis
Music: Johannes Eccard (1553-1611)

The People kneel and say in unison:

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all people.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, world without end. ***Amen.***

The Officiant prays

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

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 People stand.

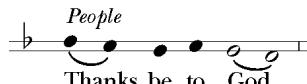
CONCLUDING VERSICLE AND RESPONSE

Cantor or Officiant



Let us bless the Lord.

People



Thanks be to God.

THE GRACE

HYMN 257

1 O Zi - on, o - pen wide thy gates, let
 2 A - ware of hid - den de - i - ty, the
 3 The a - ged Si - meon sees at last his
 4 But si - lent knelt the mo - ther blest of
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther be, all

1 sym - bols dis - ap - pear; a priest and vic - tim,
 2 low - ly Vir - gin brings her new - born babe, with
 3 Lord, so long de - sired, and An - na wel - comes
 4 the yet si - lent Word, and pon - dering all things
 5 glo - ry to the Son, all glo - ry, Ho - ly

1 both in one, the Truth him - self, is here.
 2 two young doves, her hum - ble of - fer - ings.
 3 Is - rael's hope, with ho - ly rap - ture fired.
 4 in her heart, with speech - less praise a - dored.
 5 Ghost, to thee, while end - less a - ges run.

Words: Jean Baptiste de Santeuil
 Music: Edmonton

POSTLUDE: Ut, re, mi, fa, sol, la, BK64

William Byrd

*You are invited to be seated for the duration of the postlude, or you may exit quietly.
 Please join us for a reception in the Auditorium of the Parish House.*

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

In memory of Bea and Rex Cherryman

In memory of Eleanor and Milton Briggs

In memory of Don Hilty

WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

Richard Briggs, Brad Lipham, Bob Pringle

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY OVERSEAS

Kate Ballard, Holly Prousalis, Omar Sharif, the Hood, Doherty, Jennings, and Streyder families

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Bonnie-Lorraine Thiele, Barbara Cooley, Mary Crow, Gladys Hook, LaVerne Scott-Rayford, David Caleb, Gail & Ridge Multop, Helen Lewis, Susanne O'Neill, Carol Lafley, Chris McLaughlin, Linda Hoekstra, Peggy Boeneke, Mary Jane Penzo, Tyger Latham, Kathleen McCulloch, Joe Nader, Murat Omay, Kathie Nelson, the Rev. Bruce Stewart, Rick Newcomb, Mike Hodges, Zane Hassan, Gary Wright

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Sunday, February 15

5:00 Choral Evensong

Sung by the choir of Christ Church, Winnetka, Illinois

Sunday, March 1

5:00 Choral Evensong

The Christ Church Choir sings works by Herbert Howells

Chris Betts, guest organist, will offer an extended prelude beginning at 4:40

Monday, March 9

12:15 Concerts at Christ Church

4 Hand Piano Works by Mozart, Schubert, Hahn, & Barber

Jason Abel and Sean Burns, pianists

Wednesday, April 1

7:30 p.m. Taizé Service in the Auditorium

Friday, April 3

12:00 *Stabat Mater* by Alessandro Scarlatti

Margot Rood and Emily Marvosh, soloists

String Ensemble

Monday, April 13

12:15 Concerts at Christ Church

Love, Loss & Joy: Songs for New Beginnings

Nicole Plummer, mezzo-soprano and Guzal Isametdinova, piano

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