

CHORAL EVENSONG



5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CHRIST CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA

4:40 ORGAN PRELUDE

SIMON THOMAS JACOBS

Fantasia in F minor, K608

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Prelude and Fugue in A minor, BWV 543

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

From *Three Preludes founded on Welsh Hymn Tunes*
ii) “Rhosymedre”

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

In July 2013, **Simon Thomas Jacobs** was awarded both the First Prize and Audience Prize at the Saint Albans International Organ Competition. As the 22nd organist to receive this distinction since 1963, he has secured a place alongside some of the world’s finest concert organists and has subsequently built an international reputation for his innovative programming, exacting technique, and engaging performances.

Following a year as organ scholar at All Saints’ Margaret Street, Simon became organ scholar at Clare College, University of Cambridge. While there, he studied organ with David Sanger and Jacques van Oortmerssen, and worked closely with Timothy Brown and Clare College’s internationally-renowned chapel choir in a busy schedule of choral services, performances, recordings and broadcasts.

In 2009, Simon moved to the United States to continue his work as a church musician, first as Associate Director of Music at Christ Church Greenwich, CT, and then as Associate Organist and Choirmaster at Christ Church Cathedral, Indianapolis, IN. He also pursued an Artist’s Diploma at Oberlin College, where he studied with James David Christie. From August 2015 to July 2016 he served as Interim Organist and Choirmaster of Saint Mark’s Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, PA.

Simon’s debut CD, *Parthenia Nova*—the first recording of the Richards, Fowkes & Co. organ at Saint George’s Hanover Square—has been praised as “an excellent recording that presents an interesting range of ancient and modern music on an exquisite new instrument...Jacobs’ playing is masterful throughout” (Kola Owalabi, *The Diapason*, October 2016). The recording was recently made available on all digital streaming platforms.

In search of higher wind pressures and even more buttons to push, Simon subsequently pursued a career in aviation and has earned type-ratings in several transport-category jets—the Embraer 170, Airbus 320, Boeing 717, and Boeing 757/767. He currently operates the latter as a First Officer for Delta Air Lines.

INTROIT

I sat down under His shadow with great delight, and His fruit was sweet to my taste.
He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love.

Words: Song of Solomon 2:3-4

Music: Edward Cuthbert Bairstow (1874-1946)

Please stand and sing.

HYMN 35



1 Christ, might - y Sa - vior, Light of all cre - a - tion, you make the
2 Now comes the day's end as the sun is set-ting: mir - ror of
3 There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer, joy - ful - ly
4 Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - pli - ca - tion: that you may
5 Though bo - dies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vi - gil, for ev - er



1 day - time ra - diant with the sun - light and to the night give
2 day - break, pledge of re - sur - rec - tion; while in the hea - vens
3 chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise you, with all cre - a - tion
4 grant us par - don for of - fens - es, strength for our weak hearts,
5 rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus, in light or dark - ness



1 glit - ter - ing a - dorn-ment, stars_____ in the hea - vens.
2 choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.
3 join - ing hearts and voic - es sing - ing your glo - ry.
4 rest for ach - ing bo - dies, sooth - ing the wear - y.
5 wor - ship - ing our Sa - vior now_____ and for ev - er.

Words: Mozarabic, 10th century

Music: *Mighty Savior*, David Hurd

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Philip Radcliffe (1905-1986)

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;

Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

- 1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise the LORD with the harp; *
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
- 3 Sing for him a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- 4 For the word of the LORD is right, *
and all his works are sure.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole earth.
- 6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; *
he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The LORD brings the will of the nations to naught; *
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.

Glory 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

Lamentations 1:1-6

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the LORD has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand

NUNC DIMITTIS FROM EVENING SERVICE IN G (1902)

Charles Villiers Stanford

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 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

Radcliffe

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 art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son 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 587

1 Our Fa - ther, by whose Name all fa - ther-hood is known,
2 O Christ, thy - self a child with - in an earth - ly home,
3 O Spi - rit, who dost bind our hearts in u - ni - ty,

who dost in love pro - claim each fam - i - ly thine own,
with heart still un - de - filed, thou didst to man-hood come;
who teach - est us to find the love from self set free,

bless thou all par - ents, guard - ing well, with con - stant love as
our chil - dren bless, in ev - ery place, that they may all be -
in all our hearts such love in - crease, that ev - ery home, by

sen - ti - nel, the homes in which thy peo - ple dwell.
hold thy face, and know - ing thee may grow in grace.
this re - lease, may be the dwell - ing place of peace.

Words: F. Bland Tucker

Music: Rhosymedre, John Edwards

The People may be seated.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That with thy wonted favor, Thou
Would'st be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
From nightly fears and fantasies;
Tread under foot our ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Shall live and reign eternally. Amen.

Words: *Latin*, Te lucis ante terminum,
Music: H. Balfour Gardiner (1877-1950)

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.*

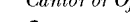
The Officiant prays

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.*


CONCLUDING VERSICLE AND RESPONSE

Cantor or Officiant



Let us bless the Lord.

People



Thanks be to God.

THE GRACE

HYMN 24

1 The day thou gav - est, Lord, is end - ed, 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
Music: St. *Clement*, Clement Scholefield

POSTLUDE: Organ Sonata No. 1 in F Minor
IV Allegro vivace assai

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*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.*

UPCOMING MUSICAL OFFERINGS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Monday, October 13

12:15 Concerts at Christ Church

Organ Works by Bach, Willis, and Bridge

J. Paul Byssainthe, Jr., Associate Organist, The Riverside Church, NYC

Sunday, November 2

5:00 Requiem

The Christ Church Choir, chamber orchestra, and organist Nick Bideler will offer

Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem* in an All Souls' Day Liturgy

Monday, November 10

12:15 Concerts at Christ Church

Fantasias for Solo Violin

Freya Creech, violin

Sunday, December 7

5:00 A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

The combined choirs of Christ Church, brass quintet, and organist Daniel Aune will offer this service which heralds the arrival of the Advent season. The service will include the premiere of a newly commissioned choral anthem by Jessica Nelson.

Monday, December 8

12:15 Concerts at Christ Church

Drive the Cold Winter Away: Renaissance and Celtic Music for Christmas

Gut, Wind, and Wire

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