

FESTAL CHORAL EVENSONG  
FOR THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | JUNE 7, 2026 - 5:00PM



*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Exposed*

PRELUDE

*Folk Tune from 'Five Short Pieces' – Percy Whitlock (1903 – 1946)*  
Sarah Johnson, Organ

*The People **remain seated** as the Choir sings the Introit from the rear of the church.*

INTROIT

*seated, sung by the Choir*

**View me Lord**

*Richard Lloyd (1933 – 2021)*

View me, Lord, a work of thine;  
Shall I then lie drowned in night?  
Might thy grace in me but shine,  
I should seem made all of light.

In thy word, Lord, is my trust,  
To thy mercies fast I fly.  
Though I am but clay and dust,  
Yet thy grace can lift me high.

Worldly joys, like shadows, fade  
When the heavenly light appears;  
But the covenants thou hast made,  
Endless, know nor days nor years.

*After the Introit, the People stand for the Preces*

THE PRECES

*standing, sung by the Choir*

O Lord, open thou our lips.  
*And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.*

O God, make speed to save us.  
*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.  
*The Lord's name be praised!*

Setting: Margaret Burk

HYMN IN PROCESSION

*sung by all*

*Unison*

1. Lord en - throned in heaven - ly splen-dour, first - be - got - ten from the dead,  
 2. Here our hum - blest ho - mage pay we; here in lo - ving reve - rence bow;  
 3. Pas - chal Lamb, thine Offe - ring fi - nished once for all when thou wast slain,  
 4. Life - im - par - ting heav - enly Man - na, stri - cken rock with strea - ming side,

5 *Harmony*

Thou a - lone, our strong de - fen - der, lift - est up thy pe - ople's head.  
 Here for Faith's dis - cern - ment pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.  
 In its full - ness un - di - mi - nished shall for e - ver more re - main, A - lle - lu - ya,  
 Heav'n and earth with loud ho - sa - nna wor - ship thee, the Lamb who died,

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A - lle - lu - ya, Je - su, true and li - ving Bread!  
 Thou art here, we ask not how.  
 Clean - sing souls from ev - ery stain.  
 Risen, asc - en - ded, glo - ri - fied!

Words: G. H. Bourne, 1840-1925

Music: *St. Helen*, George Martin (1844 - 1916)

## THE COLLECT

Holy God, whose glory fills the heavens and the earth, draw us into your presence with hearts attentive to your desire, that we may see your light, be drawn into your love, and go forth transformed, to serve and to rejoice in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*The People sit for the Psalm.*

## PSALM

*seated, sung by the Choir*

*Psalm 34:1-14*

I will bless God at all times, \*  
and praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Most High; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of God; \*  
let us exalt God's Name together.

I sought, and God answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon the Most High and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction, and God heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.

The angels encompass those who fear God, \*  
and God will deliver them.

Taste and see that God is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in the Most High!

Fear the Most High, you that are God's saints, \*  
for those who fear God lack nothing.

The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
but those who seek God lack nothing that is good.

Come, children, and listen to me; \*  
I will teach you the fear of God.

Who among you loves life \*  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

Keep your tongue from evil-speaking \*  
and your lips from lying words.

Turn from evil and do good; \*  
seek peace and pursue it.

Glory to the Father; and to the Son \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now \*  
and will be forever. Amen.

Anglican Chant: Will Doreza

Remember the long way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

**Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE: MAGNIFICAT *standing,\* sung by the Choir*

*The People stand as the Magnificat begins*

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 forever.  
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.

Words: Luke 1:46-55

Music: Evening Service in C Major Op. 115, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852 – 1924)

\*We stand for both the Magnificat and the Nunc Dimittis, which are passages drawn from the Gospel of Luke, just as we stand for the Gospel reading on Sundays—a sign of dignity and respect for the place of the Gospel in our liturgy and our lives. The incense rises at the Magnificat as our evening prayer ascending, honoring Mary's proclamation of the Incarnation.

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

**Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE: NUNC DIMITTIS *standing, sung by the Choir*

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.

Words: Luke 2:29-32

Music: Evening Service in C Major Op. 115, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852 – 1924)

HOMILY

*The Most Reverend and Right Honorable Stephen Cottrell  
Archbishop of York*

*The Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Stephen Cottrell was born in Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, in 1958 and was educated at the Polytechnic of Central London and St Stephen’s House, Oxford. He was ordained in 1984 and served in parish ministry, theological education, and evangelism before becoming a bishop. He served as Bishop of Reading from 2004 to 2010 and as Bishop of Chelmsford from 2010 to 2020. In 2020, he became the 98th Archbishop of York, the second most senior bishop in the Church of England. A prolific author, he has written more than twenty books on Christian faith, discipleship, and spirituality. We are honored and grateful to have him with us this evening.*

THE APOSTLES' CREED *standing, sung by all*

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 LITANY *sung by the Choir*

The Lord be with you.  
*And with thy spirit.*  
Let us pray.

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

Setting: Margaret Burk

THE LORD'S PRAYER *sung by the Choir*

*Our Father, which 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 them  
that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

Setting: Margaret Burk

## THE RESPONSES

*sung by the Choir*

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
*And grant us thy salvation.*

O Lord, save those who govern.  
*And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.  
*And make thy chosen people joyful.*

O Lord, save thy people.  
*And bless thine inheritance.*

Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
*Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou O God.*

O God make clean our hearts within us.  
*And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

Setting: Margaret Burk

## THE COLLECTS

*sung by the Officiant and Choir*

O Jesus, we behold you here in bread and wine, the gift of your life poured out for us. Draw us close in your presence, fill our hearts with your love, and let this encounter kindle in us joy, gratitude, and service, that we may go forth bearing your life to the world; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. *Amen.*

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## THE ANTHEM

*seated, sung by the Choir*

**Thou, O God, Art Praised in Sion**

*Malcolm Boyle (1902 – 1976)*

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion,  
 And unto Thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.  
 Thou that hearest the prayer,  
 Unto Thee shall all flesh come.  
 Blessed is the man whom Thou chooseth and receivest unto Thee.  
 He shall dwell in Thy courts and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of Thy house,  
 Ev'n of Thy holy temple.  
 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stay'd on Thee.  
 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace because he trusted in Thee.  
 Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord, the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.  
 Let the people praise Thee, O God, yea, let all the people praise Thee.  
 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God shall give us His blessing.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

*standing*

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.**

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811–1887), Descant, John Abdenour

*Please join the Choir in the undercroft of the church for a reception.*

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