



"I WILL GIVE

thanks

TO YOU, LORD, WITH ALL MY HEART"

Thessalonians 5:18



The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 19, 2023

5pm

Choral Evensong with Admission of Choristers



Welcome

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me,
and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."

- Matthew 10:40

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Christ Church welcomes you. We are bound together by Christ's love for all people everywhere and united in the common mission to seek and serve God in all persons.



We hope you will continue to join us to explore how you and your family can grow in the spiritual journey through the Episcopal faith at Christ Church. Bring your family and friends.

We're glad you're here today.

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Prelude

Psalm Prelude Set 1 no 2

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

But the meek spirited shall possess the earth : and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace

Please stand as the procession begins

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.

Response And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us.

Response O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

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

Cantor Praise ye the Lord.

Response The Lord's name be praised.

Music: Philip Radcliffe (1905-1986)

Please sit

Psalm 94

O Lord God, to whom vengeance belongeth : thou God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thyself.

Arise, thou Judge of the world : and reward the proud after their deserving.

Lord, how long shall the ungodly : how long shall the ungodly triumph?

How long shall all wicked doers speak so disdainfully : and make such proud boasting?

They smite down thy people, O Lord : and trouble thine heritage.

They murder the widow, and the stranger : and put the fatherless to death.

And yet they say, Tush, the Lord shall not see : neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.

Take heed, ye unwise among the people : O ye fools, when will ye understand?

He that planted the ear, shall he not hear : or he that made the eye, shall he not see?

Or he that nutureth the heathen : it is he that teacheth man knowledge, shall not he punish?

The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man : that they are but vain.

Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord : and teachest him in thy law;

That thou mayest give him patience in time of adversity : until the pit be digged up for the ungodly.

For the Lord will not fail his people : neither will he forsake his inheritance;

Until righteousness turn again unto judgement : all such as are true in heart shall follow it.

Who will rise up with me against the wicked : or who will take my part against the evil-doers?

If the Lord had not helped me : it had not failed but my soul had been put to silence.

But when I said, My foot hath slipt : thy mercy, O Lord, held me up.

In the multitude of the sorrows that I had in my heart : thy comforts have refreshed my soul.

Wilt thou have any thing to do with the stool of wickedness : which imagineth mischief as a law?

They gather them together against the soul of the righteous : and condemn the innocent blood.

But the Lord is my refuge : and my God is the strength of my confidence.

He shall recompense them their wickedness, and destroy them in their own malice :

yea, the Lord our God shall destroy them.

Please 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.

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876) and James Turlle (1802-1882)

Please sit

Old Testament Lesson

I Maccabees 2.29-43, 49-50

At that time many who were seeking righteousness and justice went down to the wilderness to live there, they, their sons, their wives, and their livestock, because troubles pressed heavily upon them. And it was reported to the king's officers, and to the troops in Jerusalem the city of David, that those who had rejected the king's command had gone down to the hiding-places in the wilderness. Many pursued them, and overtook them; they encamped opposite them and prepared for battle against them on the sabbath day. They said to them, 'Enough of this! Come out and do what the king commands, and you will live.' But they said, 'We will not come out, nor will we do what the king commands and so profane the sabbath day.' Then the enemy quickly attacked them. But they did not answer them or hurl a stone at them or block up their hiding-places, for they said, 'Let us all die in our innocence; heaven and earth testify for us that you are killing us unjustly.' So they attacked them on the sabbath, and they died, with their wives and children and livestock, to the number of a thousand people. When Mattathias and his friends learned of it, they mourned for them deeply. And all said to their neighbours: 'If we all do as our kindred have done and refuse to fight with the Gentiles for our lives and for our ordinances, they will quickly destroy us from the earth.' So they made this decision that day: 'Let us fight against anyone who comes to attack us on the sabbath day; let us not all die as our kindred died in their hiding-places.' Then there united with them a company of Hasideans, mighty warriors of Israel, all who offered themselves willingly for the law. And all who became fugitives to escape their troubles joined them and reinforced them. Now the days drew near for Mattathias to die, and he said to his sons: 'Arrogance and scorn have now become strong; it is a time of ruin and furious anger. Now, my children, show zeal for the law, and give your lives for the covenant of our ancestors.'

Please stand

Office Hymn 656 *sung by all*

Blest are the pure in heart

Words: John Keble (1792-1866) and William John Hall (1793-1861)
Music: *Franconia* Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758)

Please sit

Magnificat *sung by the choir*

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
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 shewed 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.

Please 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.

Words: Luke 1. 46-55
Music: *St. John's Service* Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Please sit

New Testament Lesson

Acts 28.14b-23

And so we came to Rome. The believers from there, when they heard of us, came as far as the Forum of Appius and Three Taverns to meet us. On seeing them, Paul thanked God and took courage. When we came into Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with the soldier who was guarding him. Three days later he called together the local leaders of the Jews. When they had assembled, he said to them, 'Brothers, though I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our ancestors, yet I was arrested in Jerusalem and handed over to the Romans. When they had examined me, the Romans wanted to release me, because there was no reason for the death penalty in my case. But when the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to the emperor – even though I had no charge to bring against my nation. For this reason therefore I have asked to see you and speak with you, since it is for the sake of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain.' They replied, 'We have received no letters from Judea about you, and none of the brothers coming here has reported or spoken anything evil about you. But we would like to hear from you what you think, for with regard to this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against.' After they had fixed a day to meet him, they came to him at his lodgings in great numbers. From morning until evening he explained the matter to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the law of Moses and from the prophets.

Nunc Dimittis *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.

Please 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.

Words: Luke 2. 29-32
Music: *St. John's Service* Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

The Apostles' Creed *said by all*

**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.**

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

Please kneel

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

 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.

Cantor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
Response And grant us thy salvation.
Cantor O Lord, save the State.
Response And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Cantor Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
Response And make thy chosen people joyful.
Cantor O Lord, save thy people.
Response And bless thine inheritance.
Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Response Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Response And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you 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 do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that, by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.



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Please sit

The Anthem

O Lorde, the maker of al thinge,
We pray Thee now in this evening
Us to defende, through Thy mercy,
From al deceite of our en'my.
Let neither us deluded be,
Good Lorde, with dreame or phantasy,
Our hearte wakyng in Thee Thou kepe,
That we in sinne fal not on slepe.
O Father, throughe Thy blessed Sonne,
Grant us this our petition,
To whom with the Holy Ghost alwaies,
In heav'n and yearth be laude and praise.

Words: King Henry VIII (1491-1547)
Music: John Joubert (1927-2019)

The Sermon

The Rev. Marek Zabriskie

Greetings and Notices

Admission of Choristers

Daphne Hentsch-Cowles
Felix Hentsch-Cowles
Maria Sharavarnyk

<i>Officiant</i>	In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
<i>Choir</i>	Amen.
<i>Officiant</i>	It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord.
<i>Choir</i>	And to sing praises unto thy Name, O thou most Highest.
<i>Officiant</i>	Do you desire to become a member of this choir?
<i>Answer</i>	I do.
<i>Officiant</i>	Will you do your best to keep the standards of the choir?
<i>Answer</i>	I will.

The new choristers are vested with a surplice, then the Officiant presents them with a hymnal with these words:

<i>Officiant</i>	I admit you to the Choir of Christ Church, Greenwich. Receive this hymnal as a token of your ministry. May God bless you in this service, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
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When the new choristers have been admitted, the officiant shall say:

Sing, rejoice, and be glad. Praise the Lord with a merry voice, and delight him with true melody in your heart: and the Lord preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth for evermore.

Then the clergy and choir shall say the Choristers' Prayer

Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple. Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We say together

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Please stand

Hymn 582 *during which a collection will be taken*

O holy city, seen of John

Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969)
Music: *Sancta Civitas* Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Blessing

Postlude

Tocatta (Plymouth Suite)

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

Serving today

<i>Officiant & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Marek Zabriskie
<i>Director of Music</i>	Jamie Hitel
<i>Associate Director of Music</i>	Jonathan Vaughn
<i>Choirs</i>	The St. Cecilia Choir of Girls with the Christ Church Choir of Men & Boys
<i>Lector</i>	William Jarvis

The altar flowers are given by Emily Ragsdale, in loving memory of Emily Moore Wright, Kenneth M. Wright, Thomas Lee Mahan, Clifton W. Ragsdale;

The altar flowers were arranged by Rebecca Fretty and Perry Johnston.

Upcoming services

Wednesday 22 at 12.15pm	Holy Eucharist (Rite I) <i>in the Chapel</i>
Thursday 23 at 10am	Thanksgiving Day Morning Prayer (Rite II) <i>in the Chapel</i>
Sunday 26 at 8am	Holy Eucharist (Rite II) <i>in the Chapel</i>
Sunday 26 at 9am	"Messy Church" Family Eucharist <i>in the Parish Hall</i>
Sunday 26 at 10am	Holy Eucharist (Rite II) <i>in the Church, sung by the St. Cecilia Choir of Girls with the Choir of Men & Teen Boys</i>
Sunday 26 at 5pm	Compline <i>in the church</i>