



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025, 4 p.m.

## Choral Evensong with Holy Eucharist

*Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. We're delighted you have joined us for this beautiful, restorative service. Choral Evensong is a contemplative service of music, readings, and prayers that takes place in the late afternoon or early evening. It allows listeners time to meditate and transition from the busyness of the day to the peace and quiet of the evening. Evensong's distinguishing feature is that it consists primarily of music.*

### PRELUDE

PRELUDE SUR UNE ANTienne

*Jean Langlais*

*All stand.*

### OPENING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

**BCP 61**

**PRECES** *Sung by the Officiant and the choir*

*Kenneth Leighton*

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Choir* And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

*Choir* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant* 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.

*All sit.*

**PSALM 8** *Domine Dominus noster*

*Ivor Atkins*

O LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world \*  
thou that has set thy glory above the heavens!

Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength,  
because of thine enemies \*  
that thou mightest still the enemy, and the avenger.

*For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers \*  
the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.*

*What is man, that thou art mindful of him \*  
and the son of man, that thou visitest him?*

*Thou madest him lower than the angels \*  
to crown him with glory and worship.*

*Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands \*  
and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;*

*All sheep and oxen \*  
yea, and the beasts of the field;*

*The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea \*  
and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.*

*O LORD our Governor \*  
how excellent is thy Name in all the world!*

*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.*

**PSALM 84** *Quam dilecta*

*Herbert Brewer*

*O how amiable are thy dwellings \*  
thou LORD of hosts!*

*My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the LORD \*  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.*

*Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest  
where she may lay her young \*  
even thy altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.*

*Blessed are they that dwell in thy house \*  
they will be always praising thee.*

*Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee \*  
in whose heart are thy ways.*

*Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well \*  
and the pools are filled with water.*

*They will go from strength to strength \*  
and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.*

*O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.*

*Behold, O God our defender \*  
and look upon the face of thine Anointed.*

*For one day in thy courts \*  
is better than a thousand.*

*I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God \*  
than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.*

*For the LORD God is a light and defence \*  
the LORD will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he  
withhold from them that live a godly life.*

*O LORD God of hosts \*  
blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.*

*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 FIRST LESSON**

**WISDOM 7:22-8:1**

**F**or wisdom, the fashioner of all things, taught me. There is in her a spirit that is intelligent, holy, unique, manifold, subtle, mobile, clear, unpolluted, distinct, invulnerable, loving the good, keen, irresistible, beneficent, humane, steadfast, sure, free from anxiety, all-powerful, overseeing all, and penetrating through all spirits that are intelligent, pure, and altogether subtle. For wisdom is more mobile than any motion; because of her pureness she pervades and penetrates all things. For she is a breath of the power of God, and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty; therefore nothing defiled gains entrance into her. For she is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness. Although she is but one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself, she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God, and prophets; for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom. She is more beautiful than the sun, and excels every constellation of the stars. Compared with the light she is found to be superior, for it is succeeded by the night, but against wisdom evil does not prevail. She reaches

mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well.

*All stand.*

## HYMN 203

O SONS AND DAUGHTERS, LET US SING!

*O filii et filiae*

*All sit.*

## MAGNIFICAT IN A *sung by the choir*

*Herbert Sumsion*

*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 SECOND LESSON

MATTHEW 7:7-14

Jesus said, 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

'In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

'Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

## NUNC DIMITTIS IN A *sung by the choir*

*Herbert Sumsion*

*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 APOSTLES' CREED *intoned by the Officiant, sung by all, standing*

**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.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The following are sung by the Officiant and the choir.*

## SALUTATION

*Kenneth Leighton*

*Officiant The Lord be with you.*

*Choir And with thy spirit.*

*Officiant Let us pray.*

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Kenneth Leighton*

*Cantor Our Father,*

*Choir which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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.*

Officiant *O Lord, shew 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.*

### ***The Collect of the Day***

*O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

### ***A Collect for Peace***

*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 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.*

### ***A Collect for Aid against Perils***

*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 Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

*All sit.*

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,*  
*which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again*  
*unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*  
*To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled,*  
*that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,*  
*who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation*  
*ready to be revealed in the last time.*  
*But as he which hath called you is holy,*  
*so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.*  
*Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.*  
*See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.*  
*Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible,*  
*by the word of God.*  
*For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass.*  
*The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:*  
*But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. Amen.*

*Text: 1 Peter 1:3-5, 15, 17, 22-25a*

*Soloist: Paige Cullins*

*All stand.*

### **THE PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM**

**BCP 72**

### **THE CONCLUDING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**BCP 72**

### **HYMN 195**

**JESUS LIVES! THY TERRORS NOW**

*Mowsley*

### **OFFERTORY**

**CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN**

*William Krape*

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*For those who wish to participate in the Eucharist, come up to the choir pews as you are able, following the Offertory.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 340

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 337

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 339

THE DISMISSAL

### PARTICIPATING THIS EVENING

*Officiant* The Rev. Danny Schieffler, *Vicar*

*Lector* Judy Barger

*Music* Dr. Colin MacKnight, *Director of Music*  
Jeremiah Mead, *Associate Director of Music*  
Trinity Cathedral Choir

***Notes on the notes:*** Herbert Sumsion's final church post was Director of Music at Gloucester Cathedral, where he succeeded Herbert Brewer. Sumsion had just accepted the directorship of Coventry Cathedral, but because of Brewer's sudden death, he was released from this contract so that he could fill the vacancy at Gloucester. Interestingly, prior to this post, Sumsion worked at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. Curtis is not well-known outside of the world of classical music, but it is the most selective college in the country, offering full-tuition scholarships to all its students.

This evening's anthem is Samuel Sebastian Wesley's substantial Easter anthem, *Blessed be the God and Father*. Wesley wrote this piece for a service on Easter Day at Hereford Cathedral, when 'only Trebles and a single Bass voice' were available, the bass singer being the Dean's butler.

***Please join us for a reception in Morrison Hall following the service.***