



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
November 9, 2025, 4 p.m.

Choral Evensong with Holy Eucharist

Welcome: *Whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-time member, we are honored to worship with you today. If you are searching for a church home, we would love to tell you more about this congregation and to learn more about you. Fill out a visitor card found in the back of the pew in front of you, drop it in the offering plate, and we'll be in conversation with you this week. Above all, please know that this is your Cathedral, and all are welcome.*

Choral Evensong is a service of readings from the Bible and prayers for the evening, almost entirely led by the Trinity Choir on behalf of the congregation. A very brief service of Holy Communion is celebrated afterwards for those who wish to receive the Bread and Wine.

PRELUDE

CONCERTO IN C, BWV 595

Johann Sebastian Bach

All stand.

OPENING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

BCP 61

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the people

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling or standing

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Officiant alone stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

All stand.

PRECES *Sung by the Officiant and the choir*

Philip Radcliffe

Officiant Oh Lord open 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.

The Lord's name be praised.

All sit.

PSALM 34 *Benedicam Dominum*

Ivor Atkins and Thomas Norris

I *will always give thanks unto the LORD; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.*

*My soul shall make her boast in the LORD; * the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.*

*O praise the LORD with me, * and let us magnify his Name together.*

*I sought the LORD, and he heard me; * yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.*

*They had an eye unto him, and were lightened; * and their faces were not ashamed.*

*Lo, the poor crieth, and the LORD heareth him; * yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.*

*The angel of the LORD tarrieth round about them that fear him, * and delivereth them.*

*O taste, and see, how gracious the LORD is: * blessed is the man that trusteth in him.*

*O fear the LORD, ye that are his saints; * for they that fear him lack nothing.*

*The lions do lack, and suffer hunger; **

but they who seek the LORD shall want no manner of thing that is good.

*Come, ye children, and hearken unto me; * I will teach you the fear of the LORD.*

*What man is he that lusteth to live, * and would fain see good days?*

*Keep thy tongue from evil, * and thy lips, that they speak no guile.*

*Eschew evil, and do good; * seek peace, and ensue it.*

*The eyes of the LORD are over the righteous, * and his ears are open unto their prayers.*

*The countenance of the LORD is against them that do evil, *
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.*

*The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth them, * and delivereth them out of all their troubles.*

*The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, *
and will save such as be of an humble spirit.*

*Great are the troubles of the righteous; * but the LORD delivereth him out of all.*

*He keepeth all his bones, * so that not one of them is broken.*

*But misfortune shall slay the ungodly; * and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.*

*The LORD delivereth the souls of his servants; *
and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.*

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezra 10:1-17

While Ezra prayed and made confession, weeping and throwing himself down before the house of God, a very great assembly of men, women, and children gathered to him out of Israel; the people also wept bitterly. Shecaniah son of Jehiel, of the descendants of Elam, addressed Ezra, saying, 'We have broken faith with our God and have married foreign women from the peoples of the land, but even now there is hope for Israel in spite of this. So now let us make a covenant with our God to send away all these wives and their children, according to the counsel of my LORD and of those who tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law. Take action, for it is your duty, and we are with you; be strong, and do it.' Then Ezra stood up and made the leading priests, the Levites, and all Israel swear that they would do as had been said. So they swore.

Then Ezra withdrew from before the house of God, and went to the chamber of Jehohanan son of Eliashib, where he spent the night. He did not eat bread or drink water, for he was mourning over the faithlessness of the exiles. They made a proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem to all the returned exiles that they should assemble at Jerusalem, and that if any did not come within three days, by order of the officials and the elders all their property should be forfeited, and they themselves banned from the congregation of the exiles.

Then all the people of Judah and Benjamin assembled at Jerusalem within the three days; it was the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month. All the people sat in the open square before the house of God, trembling because of this matter and because of the heavy rain. Then Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, 'You have trespassed and married foreign women, and so increased the guilt of Israel. Now make confession to the LORD the God of your ancestors, and do his will; separate yourselves from the peoples of the land and from the foreign wives.' Then all the assembly answered with a loud voice, 'It is so;

we must do as you have said. But the people are many, and it is a time of heavy rain; we cannot stand in the open. Nor is this a task for one day or for two, for many of us have transgressed in this matter. Let our officials represent the whole assembly, and let all in our towns who have taken foreign wives come at appointed times, and with them the elders and judges of every town, until the fierce wrath of our God on this account is averted from us.’ Only Jonathan son of Asahel and Jahzeiah son of Tikvah opposed this, and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levites supported them.

Then the returned exiles did so. Ezra the priest selected men, heads of families, according to their families, each of them designated by name. On the first day of the tenth month they sat down to examine the matter. By the first day of the first month they had come to the end of all the men who had married foreign women.

All stand.

HYMN 339

DECK THYSELF, MY SOUL, WITH GLADNESS

Schmücke dich

All sit.

MAGNIFICAT IN G *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

LUKE 14:12-24

Jesus said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, ‘Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!’ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, “Come; for everything is ready now.” But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, “I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my apologies.” Another said, “I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them

out; please accept my apologies.” Another said, “I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.” So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, “Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.” And the slave said, “Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.” Then the master said to the slave, “Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.” ’

NUNC DIMITTIS IN G *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.

All stand or kneel.

The following are sung by the Officiant and the choir.

SALUTATION

Philip Radcliffe

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

Philip Radcliffe

Choir Our Father, 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.

SUFFRAGES AND COLLECTS

Philip Radcliffe

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 God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. 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.

ANTHEM**NOS AUTEM GLORIARI***Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*

*Nos autem gloriari oportet
in cruce Domini nostri Jesu Christi:
In quo est salus, vita et resurrectio nostra:
Per quem salvati et liberati sumus.*

But it befits us to glory
in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
in whom is our salvation, life, and resurrection,
through whom we are saved and set free.

Text: Introit of Evening Mass on Maundy Thursday and Holy Cross Day

All stand.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**BCP 71**

Officiant and People

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 men. 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 Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**BCP 72****HYMN 28****O BLEST CREATOR, SOURCE OF LIGHT***Bromley*

For those who wish to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion, come up to the choir pews as you are able during the Offertory.

OFFERTORY**FANTASIA IN G, OP. 188***Charles Hubert Hastings Parry*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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. Thomas Alexander, *Curate*

Lector Jean Harper

Music Dr. Colin MacKnight, *Director of Music*
Katie Gunn, *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.