

Christ Church Grosse Pointe

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT ✠ MARCH 19, 2017 ✠ 4:30 PM

Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. We hope that this service will help lift you to the presence of God and strengthen you for the week to come.

Scripture readings are printed in Currents (leaflet insert).

Evening Prayer: Rite I

VOLUNTARY

PRELUDE IN B MINOR, BWV 544

*J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)*

❧ The Entrance Rite ❧

The people stand for the procession.

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant Jesus said, "I am the light of the world;
he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness,
but shall have the light of life."

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The people kneel. A brief period of silence is observed.

Officiant Almighty and most merciful Father,
All **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 offers the absolution, and the people respond Amen.

❧ The Invitatory and Psalter ❧

The people stand.

PRECES & RESPONSES

*Malcolm Archer
(b. 1952)*

Cantor O Lord open thou our lips
Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Choir O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Choir 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.

Choir Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

The people are seated and stand during the Psalm where indicated.

PHOS HILARON

Andrew Walker

O gracious light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in Heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

PSALM 98

chants: *Douglas Major*

The text for the Psalm is printed in Currents.

The people stand for the Gloria Patri.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

❧ The Lessons ❧

The people are seated for the first reading.

The texts for the Scriptures are printed in Currents.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 6:9-15

The people stand for the hymn.

HYMN 411

O BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL!

St. Thomas (Williams)

The people are seated.

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit rejoiceth 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 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.

The people stand for the Gloria Patri.

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 are seated.

SECOND READING

John 7:14-31

NUNC DIMITTIS

FROM *FAUXBOURDON SERVICE**M. Arnold*

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.

The people stand for the Gloria Patri.

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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant
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.

❧ The Prayers ❧

THE LESSER LITANY

M. Archer

Cantor The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Cantor 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

M. Archer

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

M. Archer

Cantor O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the state.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

Officiant Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Choir Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Choir 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 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.

Choir 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 Savior Jesus Christ.

Choir Amen.

THE WELCOME

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while the offering is collected.

ANTHEM

O LORD GOD

*Percy Buck
(1871-1947)*

O Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do; mercifully grant that by thy power, we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer

INTERCESSIONS

The people kneel.

The Officiant offers petitions and thanksgivings on behalf of the congregation.

Officiant Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

THE GRACE

All **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.**

HYMN 567

THINE ARM, O LORD, IN DAYS OF OLD

St. Matthew

THE BLESSING

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The Officiant blesses the people.

People **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant  Let us bless the Lord.

People  Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

FUGUE IN B MINOR, BWV 544

J. S. Bach

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 26

Choral Evensong at 4:30

Sung by the Christ Church Schola



Sunday, April 2

Choral Evensong at 4:30

Sung by the Professional Core



SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Choral Concert at 4:30 pm

*Ein deutsches Requiem - Johannes Brahms
with the Christ Church Chorale, Soloists and Orchestra*



Sunday, May 7

Choral Concert at 4:30 pm

*Requiem - John Rutter
Lux Aeterna - Morten Lauridsen
with the Christ Church Choirs*