

Christ Church Grosse Pointe

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ✠ MAY 21, 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

❧ The Entrance Rite ❧

VOLUNTARY

CATHÉDRALES

*Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)*

INTROIT

EXULTATE JUSTI

*Ludovico da Viadana
(1564-1645)*

Exultate justi in Domino: rectos decet collaudatio. Confitemini Domino in cithara: in psalterio decem chordarum psallite illi. Cantate ei, canticum novum: bene psallite ei in vociferatione. Exultate justi in Domino: rectos decet collaudatio.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just; praise befits the upright. Give praise to the Lord on the harp; sing to him with the psaltery, the instrument of ten strings. Sing to him a new canticle, sing well unto him with a loud noise.

Psalm 33:1-3

The people stand for the procession.

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands,
which are the figures of the true;
but into heaven itself,
now to appear in the presence of God for us.

❧ The Invitatory and Psalter ❧

PRECES & RESPONSES

*Kenneth Leighton
(1929-1988)*

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

O God, make speed to save us.
Choir 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.

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

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

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 105:1-15

chant: *Ley*

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

Ecclesiasticus 43:1-12, 27-32

The people stand for the hymn.

HYMN 410

PRAISE MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

Lauda anima

The people are seated.

MAGNIFICAT

FROM *ST. PAUL'S SERVICE*

Herbert Howells
(1892-1983)

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 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.

NUNC DIMITTIS

FROM *ST. PAUL'S SERVICE**H. Howells*

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 I believe in God,
All **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

K. Leighton

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

K. 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.

SUFFRAGES

K. Leighton

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

Choir O Lord, save the state.
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

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

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

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

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

THE COLLECTS

Officiant O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 people are seated.

THE WELCOME

THE INSTALLATION AND VALEDICTION OF CHORISTERS

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while the offering is collected.

ANTHEM

BLEST PAIR OF SIRENS

*C. Hubert H. Parry
(1848-1918)*

Blest pair of Sirens, pledges of Heaven's joy,
Sphere-born harmonious sisters, Voice and Verse,
Wed your divine sounds, and mixt power employ,
Dead things with inbreathed sense able to pierce;
And to our high-raised phantasy present
That undisturbed song of pure consent,
Aye sung before the sapphire-coloured throne
To him that sits thereon,
With saintly shout and solemn jubilee;
Where the bright Seraphim, in burning row,
Their loud, uplifted angel-trumpets blow,
And the Cherubic host in thousand quires
Touch their immortal harps of golden wires,
With those just spirits, that wear victorious palms,
Hymns devout and holy psalms
Singing everlastingly.

That we on Earth with undiscording voice,
May rightly answer that melodious noise;
As once we did, till disproportioned sin
Jarr'd against Nature's chime, and with harsh din
Broke the fair music that all creatures made
To their great Lord, whose love their motion swayed
In perfect diapason, whilst they stood
In first obedience, and their state of good.
O may we soon again renew that song
And keep in tune with Heaven, till God ere long
To his celestial consort us unite,
To live with him and sing in endless morn of light.

from "At a Solemn Musick" by John Milton

The people kneel.

INTERCESSIONS

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

Intercessor 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.**

The people stand for the hymn.

HYMN 541

COME, LABOR ON

Ora labora

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

ALLEGRO, FROM *SYMPHONY No. 6, Op. 42* Charles Marie Widor
(1844-1937)