

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 46

chant: *Martin Luther*

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

Exodus 3:1-12

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

B. Rose

Cantor The Lord be with you.
Choir And with thy spirit.
Cantor Let us pray.
Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

B. Rose

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

B. Rose

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, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.
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 & REFLECTION

The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

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
(1608-1674)*

INTERCESSIONS

The people remain standing or are seated.

*The Intercessor offers petitions and thanksgivings on behalf of the congregation.
The people respond **Amen.***

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.

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.

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Edward Elgar
(1857-1934)

CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR 2025-2026

GIRL CHORISTERS – Carolyn Adams[†], Eliza Bennett, Siena Bennett, Lydia Edwin, Violet Hakim, Molly Hanoian, Paige Niscoromni, Brennan O’Brien, Collette Peabody, Catherine Van Culin, Meghan vonSchwarz[†], Charlotte Walsh, Elizabeth Walsh[†], Brynn Wood

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