

Christ Church Grosse Pointe

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 20

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 ✠ 4 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

IMPROVISATION ON ST. CLEMENT

*Gerre Hancock
(1934-2012)*

INTROIT

PILGRIM'S HYMN

*Stephen Paulus
(1949-2014)*

Even before we call on Your name
To ask You, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify You,
You hear our prayer;
Unceasing love, O unceasing love,
Surpassing all we know.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Even with darkness sealing us in,
We breathe Your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast,
We trust in You;
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace,
Beyond all mortal dream.
Both now and for ever, and unto ages and ages, Amen.

*Michael Dennis Browne
(b. 1940)*

❧ The Entrance Rite ❧

The people stand for the procession.

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me,
and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

❧ The Invitatory and Psalter ❧

PRECES & RESPONSES

Margaret Burk
(b. 1990)

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

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:
Choir 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.

PHOS HILARON

McNeil Robinson
(1943-2015)

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 104:1-14

chant: George C. Martin

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

Esther 3:1 – 4:3

The people stand for the hymn.

HYMN 289

OUR FATHER, BY WHOSE SERVANTS

Wolvercote

The people are seated.

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.

SECOND READING

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

NUNC DIMITTIS

FROM SERVICE IN E

H. Murrill

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. Burk

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. Burk

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. Burk

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 Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; 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 & REFLECTION

The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while the offering is collected.

ANTHEM

EVENING HYMN

*H. Balfour Gardiner
(1877-1950)*

*Te lucis ante terminum
Rerum Creator poscimus
Ut pro tua clementia
Sis praesul et custodia.
Procul recedant somnia
Et noctium phantasmata
Hos temque nostrum comprime
Ne polluantu corpora.
Praesta, Pater piissime
Patrique compar unice
Cum Spiritu Paraclito
Regnans per omne saeculum.
Amen.*

Thee, Lord, before the close of day,
Maker of all things, Thee we pray
For Thy dear loving kindness' sake
To guard and guide us in Thy way.
Banish the dreams that terrify,
And night's fantastic company:
Keep us from Satan's tyranny;
Defend us from unchastity.
Protect us, Father, God adored,
Thou too, co-equal Son and Lord,
Thou, Holy Ghost, our Advocate,
Whose reign can know no bound nor date.
Amen.

Latin, 6th century

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.

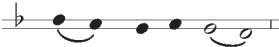
THE BLESSING

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.

VOLUNTARY

ALLEGRO MAESTOSO E VIVACE, FROM
SONATA No. 4, Op. 65

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
Hymnathon
8 am – 6 pm



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
Choral Evensong at 4 pm



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
All Souls' Requiem at 4 pm



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
Concert at 4 pm
Handel *Alexander's Feast*
Sung by the Christ Church Chorale
Tickets available at the door