

Christ Church Grosse Pointe

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 23

OCTOBER 11, 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

ADAGIO IN E

*Frank Bridge
(1879-1941)*

INTROIT

ETERNAL LIGHT

*Leo Sowerby
(1895-1968)*

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts,
Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil,
Eternal Power, be our support,
Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

❧ The Entrance Rite ❧

The people stand for the procession.

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant I will bless the Lord, who giveth me counsel;
my heart teacheth me, night after night.
I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.

❧ The Invitatory and Psalter ❧

PRECES & RESPONSES

*Philip Moore
(b. 1943)*

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

*Ronald Arnatt
(1930-2018)*

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 60

chants: *Samuel S. Wesley, Frederick A. Ouseley*

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

Micah 6:1-8

The people stand for the hymn.

HYMN 641

LORD JESUS, THINK ON ME

Southwell

The people are seated.

MAGNIFICAT

FROM SERVICE IN C

*Bryan Kelly
(b. 1934)*

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 15:21-28

NUNC DIMITTIS

FROM SERVICE IN C

B. Kelly

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

P. Moore

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

P. Moore

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

P. Moore

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE COLLECTS

Officiant Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 Maureen L. Martin

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while the offering is collected.

Rejoice in God, O ye Tongues; give the glory to the Lord, and the Lamb. Nations, and languages, and every Creature in which is the breath of Life. Let man and beast appear before him, and magnify his name together.

Let Nimrod, the mighty hunter bind a leopard to the altar and consecrate his spear to the Lord. Let Ishmail dedicate a tyger and give praise for the liberty in which the Lord has let him at large. Let Balaam appear with an ass and bless the Lord his people and his creatures for a reward eternal. Let Daniel come forth with a lion and praise God with all his might through faith in Christ Jesus. Let Ithamar minister with a chamois and bless the name of Him that cloatheth the naked. Let Jakim with the satyr bless God in the dance, let David bless with the bear the beginning of victory to the Lord, To the Lord the perfection of excellence.

Hallelujah, from the heart of God, and from the hand of the artist inimitable, and from the echo of the heavenly harp in sweetness magnificent and mighty. Hallelujah.

For I will consider my cat Jeoffry. For he is the servant of the living God. Duly and daily serving him. For at the first glance of the glory of God in the East He worships in his way. For this is done by wreathing his body seven times round with elegant quickness. For he knows that God is his saviour. For God has bless'd him In the variety of his movements. For there is nothing sweeter than his peace when at rest. For I am possessed of a cat, surpassing in beauty, from whom I take occasion to bless Almighty God.

For the Mouse is a creature of great personal valour. For this is a true case—cat takes female mouse, male mouse will not depart, but stands threat'ning and daring. If you will let her go, I will engage you, as prodigious a creature as you are. For the Mouse is a creature of great personal valour. For the Mouse is of an hospitable disposition.

For the flowers are great blessings. For the flowers are great blessings. For the flowers have their angels, even the words of God's creation. For the flower glorifies God and the root parries the adversary. For there is a language of flowers. For flowers are peculiarly the poetry of Christ.

For I am under the same accusation with my Saviour, for they said, He is besides himself. For the officers of the peace are at variance with me, and the watchman smites me with his staff. For silly fellow, silly fellow, is against me, and belongeth neither to me nor to my family. For I am in twelve hardships, but he that was born of a virgin shall deliver me out of all.

For H is a spirit and therefore he is God. For K is king and therefore he is God. For L is love and therefore he is God. For M is musick and therefore he is God.

For the instruments are by their rhimes, for the shawm rhimes are lawn fawn and the like. For the shawm rhimes are moon boon and the like. For the harp rhimes are sing ring and the like. For the harp rhimes are ring string and the like. For the cymbal rhimes

are bell well and the like. For the cymbal rhimes are toll soul and the like. For the flute rhimes are tooth youth and the like. For the flute rhimes are suit mute and the like. For the bassoon rhimes are pass class and the like. For the dulcimer rhimes are grace place and the like. For the clarinet rhimes are clean seen and the like. For the trumpet rhimes are sound bound soar more and the like. For the trumpet of God is a blessed intelligence and so are all the instruments in Heav'n. For God the Father Almighty plays upon the harp of stupendous magnitude and melody. For at that time malignity ceases and the devils themselves are at peace. For this time is perceptible to man by a remarkable stillness and serenity of soul.

Hallelujah, from the heart of God, and from the hand of the artist inimitable, and from the echo of the heavenly harp in sweetness magnificent and mighty. Hallelujah.

Christopher Smart
(1722-1771)

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.

HYMN 35

CHRIST, MIGHTY SAVIOR

Mighty Savior

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

GAUDEAMUS

Sidney Campbell
(1909-1974)