

EVENSONG

February 8, 2026

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING



SUNG BY: THE CATHEDRAL SCHOLA

OFFICIANT & DEAN: THE VERY REV. PENNY BRIDGES

LECTOR: KATHRYN BUNCH

The Rev. Canon Brooks Mason, *Canon Liturgist*

Seonjeong Park, *Interim Choir Director*

Michael Lawrence, *Interim Organist*

Canon Lucinda Parsons, *Head Usher*

Bob Longstreth, *Usher*

We welcome all to this service. If you are here this evening to experience the service as a “sound bath” we invite you to find a space on the floor at the front of the north aisle (to the left), in the area with a rug. Please use the QR code on page 11 to make a contribution.

Assisted hearing devices are available from an usher.

For the link to the webpage with the announcements and bulletins, use this QR code:

Services are regularly streamed and recorded and you can find them:

<http://www.stpaulcathedral.org/watch>

If you’re interested in more information about the cathedral’s ministries, we would like to hear from you: <http://stpaulcathedral.org/im-new/>



This service is being streamed live and if you don't wish to be seen on camera, please ask an usher for appropriate seating.

As a courtesy to others, please silence electronic devices.

St. Paul's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on unceded Kumeyaay land. We value the knowledge, culture, and worldview of Indigenous people. We commit to the vital work of educating ourselves, increasing community awareness, and promoting reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbors. As we examine actions and practices that perpetuate harm against Indigenous communities, we pledge to work toward a meaningful and respectful relationship as we follow their example in honoring this sacred land. *Approved by the Cathedral Chapter, May 2023*

In the unlikely event of an emergency requiring us to evacuate the cathedral please follow the directions of the ushers and vergers, and remain as quiet and calm as possible.

Please locate an exit nearest you.

The exit doors are:

- ❖ South porch doors at Nutmeg Street and Fifth Avenue*
 - ❖ North porch doors to Fifth Avenue Courtyard*
 - ❖ South transept east and west doors to Nutmeg Street*
 - ❖ Northeast hallway door to Fifth Avenue breezeway*
 - ❖ West chapel (to the left of chapel altar) stairs leading down to landing.*
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ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Adagio from Symphony No. 3
Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

INTROIT

O nata lux
Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi, dignare clemens supplicum laudes precesque sumere. Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis, nos membra confer effici tui beati corporis.

O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, mercifully deign to accept the praises and prayers of your suppliants. You who once deigned to be clothed in flesh on behalf of the lost, grant us to be made members of your blessed body.

¶ *Please stand as you are able at the tolling of the bell.*

OPENING SENTENCE (*Officiant*)

PRECES

John Barnard (b. 1948)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.
Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
Officiant O God, make speed to save us.
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.
Officiant 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.
Officiant Praise ye the Lord.
Choir The Lord's name be praised.

¶ *Please remain standing as able for the hymn.*

OFFICE HYMN 29

1 O Trin - i - ty of bless - ed light, O U - ni -
 2 To thee our morn - ing song of praise, to thee our
 3 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ re -

ty of prince - ly might, the fier - y sun now
 eve - ning prayer we raise; O grant us with thy
 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

goes his way; shed thou with - in our hearts thy ray.
 saints on high to praise thee through e - ter - ni - ty.
 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Words: Latin, 6th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866). St. 3, Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. John Chandler (1806-1876).
 Music: *Bromley*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809).

¶ Please be seated.

Psalm 34. *Benedicam Dominum.*

Chant: Boyce/Barnby

I WILL always give thanks unto the LORD; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD; * the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

3 O praise the LORD with me, * and let us magnify his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me; * yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

5 They had an eye unto him, and were lightened; * and their faces were not ashamed.

6 Lo, the poor crieth, and the LORD heareth him; * yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD tarrieth round about them that fear him, * and delivereth them.

8 O taste, and see, how gracious the LORD is: * blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
 9 O fear the LORD, ye that are his saints; * for they that fear him lack nothing.
 10 The lions do lack, and suffer hunger; * but they who seek the LORD shall want no manner of thing that is good.
 11 Come, ye children, and hearken unto me; * I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
 12 What man is he that lusteth to live, * and would fain see good days?
 13 Keep thy tongue from evil, * and thy lips, that they speak no guile.
 14 Eschew evil, and do good; * seek peace, and ensue it.
 15 The eyes of the LORD are over the righteous, * and his ears are open unto their prayers.
 16 The countenance of the LORD is against them that do evil, * to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
 17 The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth them, * and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
 18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, * and will save such as be of an humble spirit.
 19 Great are the troubles of the righteous; * but the LORD delivereth him out of all.
 20 He keepeth all his bones, * so that not one of them is broken.
 21 But misfortune shall slay the ungodly; * and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
 22 The LORD delivereth the souls of his servants; * and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

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.

FIRST READING

Genesis 24:50-67

The first reading is taken from the Hebrew Scriptures.

¶ *Please stand as you are able.*

MAGNIFICAT

in F

George Dyson (1883-1964)

The Magnificat is Mary's song (Luke 1:46-55) responding to the declaration that the child she is to bear will fulfill the promises of the Hebrew Scriptures.

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 showed 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 forever.

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.

¶ *Please be seated.*

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 2:14-21

The second reading is taken from the New Testament, which tells of the life and teaching of Jesus and the witness of the early Church.

¶ *Please stand as you are able.*

NUNC DIMITTIS

in F

Dyson

The Nunc Dimittis is the song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32) who, before he dies, sees the Infant Jesus and holds him in his arms.

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.

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.

¶ *Please remain standing.*

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(led by the Officiant and choir)*

**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.**

SALUTATION

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LESSER LITANY *(choir)*

Barnard

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(led by the Officiant and choir)*

**Our Father, who 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 those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE SUFFRAGES

Officiant O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
Choir And grant us thy salvation.
Officiant O Lord, save the State.
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.
Officiant O Lord, save thy people.
Choir And bless thine inheritance.
Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

SET US FREE, O GOD, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

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. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission

KEEP WATCH, DEAR LORD, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. **Amen.**

¶ *Please be seated for the anthem.*

Offerings at Evensong directly support ministries at the Cathedral. See page 11.

AT THE OFFERING, ANTHEM

The Deer's Cry
Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me,
Christ with me.

[Text: According to the Lorica of St. Patrick]

THE WELCOME

¶ *Please stand as you are able.*

CLOSING PRAYERS

DISMISSAL

The grace ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

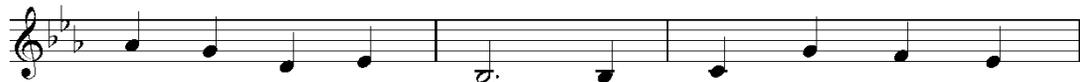
People **Amen.**

¶ Please remain standing for the following hymn.

HYMN 653



1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for -
2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -
3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O
4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till
5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy



1 give our fool - ish ways! Re - clothe us in our
2 side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing
3 calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to
4 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the
5 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let



1 right - ful mind, in pur - cr lives thy scr - vice find, in
2 of the Lord, let us, like them, with - out a word, rise
3 share with thee the si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in -
4 strain and stress, and let our or - dered lives con - fess the
5 flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O



1 deep - cr rev - erence, praise, in deep - cr rev - erence, praise.
2 up and fol - low thee, rise up and fol - low thee.
3 ter - pret - ed by love! in - ter - pret - ed by love!
4 beau - ty of thy peace, the beau - ty of thy peace.
5 still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), alt. Music: *Repton*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, (1848-1918), alt.

Cantor Let us bless the Lord.
Choir Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue from Sonata VI
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

If you choose not to remain for the Organ Voluntary, please leave quietly out of respect for those who would like to stay and pray for a while. Thank you.

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