



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Evensong for the Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday
May 19, 2024

We welcome you to Christ Church Cathedral. Since 1839, this Christian community has gathered for worship. To learn more about the ministries we share in this place, you are invited to fill in one of the cards found in the pew rack.

Organ Recital

quarter past four o'clock in the afternoon

James F. Mellichamp, organist

Applause is an appropriate expression of appreciation and thanksgiving.

Omaggio Festivo, op. 89	Rachel Laurin (1961-2023)
Chorale Prelude: "Veni creator spiritus"	Libby Larsen (born 1950)
"Andante sostenuto" (from Sonata I for Organ)	Harald Rohlig (1926-2014)
Prelude and Fuge in G Major, BWV 541	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Hymn to the Sun (opus 53)	Louis Vierne (1870-1937)
Romance sans paroles, op. 7 no. 8	Joseph Bonnet (1884-1944)
Cantilène, op. 29 no. 2	Gabriel Pierné (1863-1937)
Finale (from Symphony No. 8, op. 42/4)	Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

James F. Mellichamp, with a performance career spanning 50 years, has made prominent appearances as an organist throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, and Asia. His concerts have included solo recitals at such notable venues as the Washington Cathedral, Berlin Cathedral, Dijon Cathedral, Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, Moscow Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey in London. Dr. Mellichamp was a featured performer in May, 2019 at the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, South Carolina. As an organ consultant, he has been responsible for the design of over fifty organs for churches and colleges in the United States. He is also the author of articles related to organ design and construction published in various musical periodicals. For over 40 years, Dr. Mellichamp was a faculty member at Piedmont University where he built a notable program in music, including an active studio of young organists. He served also as Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, and later Vice President-Provost, and President of the University. Upon retirement the board of trustees named him President and Distinguished Professor of Music Emeritus. Dr. Mellichamp received a Baccalaureate degree in organ performance from Huntingdon College. He also holds a Diploma from the Hochschule für Musik in Herford, Germany; and the Doctor of Music degree from the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. In 2015, he was honored with the Distinguished Organ Alumnus award by Indiana University.

Solemn Evensong

five o'clock in the afternoon

THE REV. CANON LIZ KRONENBERG

THE CHOIR OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

ROBERT L. SIMPSON, *Canon for Music*

THOMAS MARVIL, *Cathedral Organist*

JOEL GOODLOE, *Cantor*

The Liturgy is found in The Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

Hymns and service music (S) are in The Hymnal 1982.

The People stand as the procession enters the Cathedral.

EVENING SENTENCES

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PRECES AND RESPONSES

Bernard Rose (1916-1996)

HYMN 511

Abbot's Leigh

PSALM 145

Anglican chant setting: Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)

Sung by Choir, People seated.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:18-21, 23-33

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

So they called them and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in God's sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard." After threatening them again, they let them go, finding no way to punish them because of the people, for all of them praised God for what had happened. After they were released, they went to their own people and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard it, they raised their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth, the sea, and everything in them, it is you who said by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, your servant: 'Why did the gentiles rage and the peoples imagine vain things? The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers have gathered together against the Lord and against his Messiah.' "For in this city, in fact, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the

gentiles and the peoples of Israel, gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. And now, Lord, look at their threats, and grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness. Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

MAGNIFICAT IN D

George Dyson (1883-1964)

Sung by Choir, People 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 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 for ever.

All stand

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.

SECOND LESSON

John 4:19-26

Reader A Reading from the Gospel according to John.

The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and

is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

NUNC DIMITTIS IN D

George Dyson

Sung by Choir, People seated.

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.

All stand

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.

APOSTLES' CREED *People and Choir monotone, all standing.*

**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 SUFFRAGES

Bernard Rose

Sung by Choir. The People stand or kneel.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The people and choir monotone.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on 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. Amen.**

COLLECTS AND PRAYERS

GREETING

AT THE OFFERTORY

CANTATA *Rejoice In The Lamb, Op. 30* Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

- I. 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 for 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.

- II. 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.

Michelle Girardot, soprano

III. 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.

Laura Lisk, alto

IV. 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 the flowers are peculiarly the poetry of Christ.

Sean Stultz, tenor

V. For I am under the same accusation with my Savior, 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 the 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.

VI. 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.

John Gallagher, bass

VII. For the instruments are by their rhimes, For the shawm rhimes are lawn fawn and the like. For the harp rhimes are sing ring and the like. For the cymbal rhimes are bell well and the like. For the flute rhimes are tooth youth 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 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 for 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.

— *Text: Christopher Smart (1722–1771)*

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM *The people stand.*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of

them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

HYMN 24

St. Clement

THE BLESSING

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

PROCESSION

You are cordially invited to a reception in Reynolds Hall.

After Evensong, the Eucharist will be celebrated in the chancel of the Cathedral. Those who wish to remain for the Eucharist are to come forward into the choir stalls. After the preparation of the altar, the Eucharist will be celebrated continuing on page 361 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Book of Remembrance

This week we remember Martha Moore Cuenod.

The Beauty of Flowers

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar are given to the glory of God in celebration of the marriage of Charlotte Jones and Leonard Trombetta.

The flowers on the choir stalls are given to the glory of God in celebration of the baptism of Michael Peter Hendryx by his family.

Please be advised that our services are Livestreamed to Vimeo and Facebook. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children. Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun. Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly.

Welcome
Sunday, May 19, 2024
Announcements

- ❖ **Treble Choir performs with Houston Symphony** • Treble Choir of Houston joins Pulitzer Prize-winning composer John Adams for *El Niño: The Nativity Story, Reimagined*. Performances are Saturday, May 25 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, May 26 at 2:30 p.m., both at Jones Hall. To buy tickets, visit: www.houstonsymphony.org
- ❖ **Summer Place** • Come meet new folks and connect with old friends at Summer Place. Cathedral councils take turns hosting this special coffee hour beginning May 26 at 10 o'clock in Reynolds Hall. All are welcome!
- ❖ **Cathedral Reads Kickoff** • Enjoy another great book with your Cathedral family! This summer, we'll explore Markus Zusak's novel *The Book Thief*. On Sunday, June 2, our 2024 Cathedral Reads program kicks off with a bi-lingual Zoom at 6 p.m. To learn more and sign-up visit: www.christchurchcathedral.org/cathedralreads
- ❖ **Summer Shade returns for Youth!** • Get ready for an unforgettable summer with thrilling water adventures! Cathedral Youth (and their friends) - rising 6th graders to graduating seniors - are invited to two fantastic water park outings: Six Flags Hurricane Harbor Splashtown, June 13, and Typhoon Texas Waterpark, July 25. Learn more and register at: www.christchurchcathedral.org/summershade

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Christ Church Cathedral!***

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and put it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

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11 a.m. service and on the third Sunday of each month
after the 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. services. Look for the guide under the
crucifixion window at the rear of the nave.