

*The congregation kneels for the General Thanksgiving.*

## The General Thanksgiving

*Officiant* Almighty God,  
*All* Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## Prayer of St. Chrysostom

*Officiant* 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.  
*All* Amen.

*All stand following the Prayer of St. Chrysostom.*

## Dismissal and Grace

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*All* Thanks be to God.

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

## Office Hymn, No. 42

*Now the day is over*

## Retiring Procession & Organ Voluntary

Dr. Adam Pajan  
*Guest Organist*

## Serving in Worship

The Reverend David Upton, *Officiant*  
Nelson Arrington, *Verger*  
Dr. Adam Pajan, *Guest Organist*  
Donald W. Duncan, *Director of Liturgy & Music*

## The Parish Choir of Christ Church

### The Choristers of the Church Street Choral Academy

#### Decani

Vann Carter  
Mary Duncan  
Chloe Gaither  
Katelyn Jones  
Moses McGoogin  
Shiloh McIntyre, *Head Chorister*  
Sydney Richardson  
Lina Russell  
Ellie Stubbs

#### Cantoris

Addy Burmeister  
Lucy Carter  
Annie Culbertson  
Charlie Marie Davis, *Deputy Head Chorister*  
Malaya Johnson  
Elliana Jones  
Sofia Martinez  
Elsie Russell  
Libby Shirley  
Aeva Welgraven

In the Anglican choral tradition, the choir is divided into two sides known as **Decani** and **Cantoris**, designations that literally refer to physical positions within the choir stalls. When facing the altar, the Decani side—meaning “of the Dean” in Latin—is located on the south (right-hand) side of the chancel, where the Dean’s stall (or in a parish church the Rector) is traditionally placed. Opposite it, on the north (left-hand) side, is Cantoris, meaning “of the Cantor or Choirmaster.”

These names arose directly from the locations of the clergy and musicians who led worship from their respective stalls, and the division continues to structure the layout and sound of Anglican choirs today. The alternating musical dialogue between Decani and Cantoris, sung from their distinct physical sides of the choir, remains a defining feature of Anglican liturgical music.



CHRIST CHURCH  
EPISCOPAL  
A JOYFUL COMMUNITY  
SHARING LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST



## Organ Voluntary

Dr. Adam Pajan  
*Guest Organist*

*The congregation stands at the introduction of the hymn and joins in singing.*

## Hymn in Procession, No. 518

*Christ is made the sure foundation*

## Preces and Responses (Sung by the choir)

Robert J. Powell (1932-2025)

O Lord, open thou our lips.  
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.  
O God, make speed to save us.  
O Lord, make haste to help us.  
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.  
Praise ye the Lord.  
The Lord’s Name be praised.

*The congregation is seated.*

## Psalm 23 (Sung by the Church Street Choral Academy)

Colin Mawby

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

## First Lesson

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Magnificat** *(Sung by the choir)* Plainsong, Tone 8

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. Glory be 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 Song of Mary, Luke 1:46-55)*

**Second Lesson** John 14:1-14

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God.***

**Nunc Dimittis** *(Sung by the choir)* Plainsong, Tone 7

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 Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. *(The Song of Simeon, Luke 2:29-32)*

*All stand for the creed.*

**The Apostles’ Creed**

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.

*Following the creed, the congregation kneels for the prayers.*

**Lesser Litany, Lord’s Prayer, and Suffrages**

*Sung by the Choir:*

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

*All join, chanting in 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.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*Sung by the Choir:*

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

*Sung by the Choir:*

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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. Amen.

O God, who art the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank thee for the timely blessings of the day, and humbly beseech thy merciful protection all the night. Bring us, we pray thee, in safety to the morning hours; through him who died for us and rose again, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*The Officiant offers additional intercessions.*

O God, the creator and preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; [especially those for whom our prayers are desired]; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

**Words of Welcome** The Reverend David Upton  
*Priest Associate*

**Presentation of Achievement Medals**

*During the singing of the following two anthems,  
a special offering will be collected for the support of the Christ Church Music Ministry.*

**Anthems at the Offertory**

*The Chorister's Prayer (Sung by the Church Street Choral Academy)*  
Sarah MacDonald

Bless, O Lord, us thy servants, who minister in thy temple.  
Grant that what we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts;  
and what we believe in our hearts, we may show forth in our lives.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Blessed be the God and Father (Sung by the Christ Church Parish Choir)*  
Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again  
unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled,  
that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,  
who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation  
ready to be revealed in the last time.  
But as he which hath called you is holy,  
so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.  
Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.  
See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.  
Being born again, not of corruptible seed,  
but of incorruptible, by the word of God.  
For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass.  
The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:  
But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. Amen.