



A Service of Choral Evensong Celebrating

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL

Greenville, South Carolina

WELCOME

In the name of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to Christ Church Episcopal.

Known as the “Parish in the Heart of the City,” Christ Church is blessed by the beauty of its church, chapel, and setting, which have been preserved and expanded by the energy and vision of faithful stewards, both past and present.

For more than two centuries, we have been gathering to worship God and demonstrate our faith in our daily lives. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are inspired to be *a joyful community sharing life in Jesus Christ.*

We hope you will experience God’s blessings during this service
as we have been blessed by your presence.

CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY

The Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod, *Rector*
The Rev. Kellie Wilson, *Senior Associate Rector*
The Rev. Scott Fleischer, *Associate for Pastoral Care*
The Rev. Lindy Bunch, *Associate for Parish Life*
The Rev. Wallace Adams-Riley, *CCES Chaplain*

AN ORDER FOR EVENING PRAYER

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY | *Adoration*

Florence Price

The congregation stands at the sound of the Tower Bell and joins in singing the hymn in procession.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION | *Oh, freedom!*

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

(Reprinted from LEVAS II, the Episcopal Church's African-American supplement to the Hymnal 1982.)



1. Oh, free - dom! Oh, no moan - in', free - dom o - ver me!
2. No moan - in', no moan - in' o - ver me!

1. — An' be fo' I'd be a slave I'll be bur - ied in my
2. — An' be fo' I'd be a slave I'll be bur - ied in my

1. grave, An' go home to my Lord an' be free.
2. grave, An' go home to my Lord an' be free.

3. No mo' weepin'...
4. There'll be singin'...

5. There'll be shoutin'...
6. There'll be prayin'...

THE PRECES AND RESPONSES (*Sung by the choir*)

Robert J. Powell

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.

THE PHOS HILARON (*Sung by the choir*)

David Hogan

O gracious light, pure brightness of the everlasting Father, O Jesus Christ, most 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. Amen.

THE APPOINTED PSALM, 33:18-22 (*Sung by the Choir*)

Anglican chant by John Randall

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, on those who wait upon his love, to pluck their lives from death, and to feed them in time of famine. Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, for in his holy Name we put our trust. Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, as we have put our trust in you. 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 FIRST LESSON

Joshua 24:2-7, 11, 14-15

And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in its midst; and afterwards I brought you out. When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, you came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued your ancestors with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. When they cried out to the Lord, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and made the sea come upon them and cover them; and your eyes saw what I did to Egypt. Afterwards you lived in the wilderness a long time. When you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, the citizens of Jericho fought against you, and also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I handed them over to you. Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.

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

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 Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. *(The Song of Mary, Luke 1:46-55)*

THE SECOND LESSON

Galatians 3:6-9; 23-29

Just as Abraham “believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” so, you see, those who believe are the descendants of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the Gentiles shall be blessed in you.” For this reason, those who believe are blessed with Abraham who believed. Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE NUNC DIMITTIS *(Sung by the choir)*

Anglican Chant by John Naylor

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. *(The Song of Simeon, Luke 2:29-32)*

Following the Nunc Dimittis, all stand for the Apostles’ Creed.

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.**

Following the Apostles' Creed, the Congregation kneels for the prayers.

THE LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER, AND SUFFRAGES

Robert J. Powell

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.

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:

Compassionate God, who sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities, create in us new hearts and enlarged visions, to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background, race and ethnicity. May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism and injustice; creating communities of human flourishing, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit, and made known to every race and nation the way of eternal life; open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, and no strength known but the strength of love: so guide and inspire the work of those who seek your kingdom that all your people may find their security in that love which casts out fear and in the fellowship revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated following the intercessions.

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Lindy Bunch, *Associate for Parish Life*

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

THE ANTHEMS AT THE OFFERTORY

Precious Lord, take my hand, bring me home through the night, through the dark, through the storm, to thy light. I have been to the mount, I have seen the promised land: Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand. Precious Lord, take my hand, bring thy child home at last, where the strife and the pain all are past: I have dreamed a great dream that thy love shall rule our land: Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand. Precious Lord, take my hand, take thy child unto Thee, with my dream of a world that is free, for that day when all flesh joins the glory Thou hast planned: Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Text & Music | Thomas A. Dorsey

Arrangement | Roy Ringwald

We shall overcome. We shall overcome. We shall overcome some day.

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, that we shall overcome some day.

We'll walk hand in hand. We'll walk hand in hand. We'll walk hand in hand some day.

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall overcome some day.

We shall live in peace. We shall live in peace. We shall live in peace someday.

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall overcome some day.

We are not afraid. We are not afraid. We are not afraid today.

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall overcome some day.

God will see us through. God will see us through. God will see us through some day.

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall overcome some day.

Text & Music | African-American Freedom Song

Arrangement | Tom Trenney

Please kneel 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.

THE 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.

People **Amen.**

Please stand.

THE DISMISSAL & GRACE

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **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.

People **Amen.**

THE OFFICE HYMN, NO. 599 | *Lift every voice and sing*

LIFT EVERY VOICE

THE RETIRING PROCESSION & VOLUNTARY | *Lift every voice and sing*

arr. Michael Ryan

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Please join us for

LENTEN
CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.



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