



*The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 22, 2023*

CHORAL MATTINS

CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL
Greenville, South Carolina

WELCOME

In the name of our 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 200 years, 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

ALTAR FLOWERS

The greens on the altar are given to the glory of Almighty God.

CHORAL MATTINS

The service of Choral Mattins, or sung morning prayer, is an old tradition in Anglicanism. Before the introduction of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (our current prayer book), the Holy Eucharist was not the principal service each Sunday in most Episcopal parishes. Morning Prayer was the norm for most Sundays, with Holy Communion being celebrated once or twice each month. This uniquely Anglican service focuses on the reading of Scripture, the singing of psalms and canticles, prayers, and a sermon.
Today we celebrate our liturgical heritage with this special service.

ORDER OF SERVICE

*In preparation for the service, we invite your quiet prayers and ask that you please silence your cell phone.
The congregation stands as the organist begins the hymn in procession.*

The Organ Voluntary

Donald W. Duncan, Director of Liturgy & Music

The congregation stands at the sound of the tower bell.

The Hymn in Procession, No. 427

When morning gilds the skies

The Opening Sentences of Scripture

The Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod, Officiant

I was glad when they said unto me, "We will go into the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*

O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling. *Psalm 43:3*

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling.

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord
grant you absolution and remission of all your sins,
true repentance, amendment of life,
and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

The congregation stands.

The Preces and Responses

The Christ Church Greenville Responses
by Robert J. Powell (Commissioned March 2018)

Sung by the Choir.

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 Canticle: Venite, exultemus Domino

All join in singing.



- O COME, let us sing | unto • the LORD; ★
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of | our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with | thanksgiving; ★
and show ourselves | glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a | great God; ★
and a great | King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are all the corners | of the earth; ★
and the strength of the hills is | his also.
- 5 The sea is | his and • he made it; ★
and his hands pre|pared the dry land.
- 6 O come, let us worship and | fall down, ★
and kneel before the |LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is the | Lord our God; ★
and we are the people of his pasture, and the | sheep of his hand.
- 8 O worship the LORD in the | beauty • of holiness; ★
let the whole earth | stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he cometh, for he cometh to | judge the earth; ★
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the | peoples with his truth.

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.** **A**men.

The congregation is seated as the choir chants the psalm.

The Appointed Psalm: Psalm 27:1, 5-13

Anglican Chant by Stanley Vann

Sung by the Choir.

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? ★
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; ★
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord ★
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; ★
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head ★
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; ★
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; ★
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my face.” ★
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, ★
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; ★
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

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 LESSONS

The First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Lector A Reading from St. Paul’s First Epistle to the Corinthians.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one

The congregation stands for the canticle and joins in singing.

The Cantic: Benedictus es, Domine



BLESSED art thou, O Lord | God of • our fathers: ★
praised and exalted above | all for ever.

2 Blessed art thou for the | Name of • thy Majesty: ★
praised and exalted above | all for ever.

3 Blessed art thou in the temple | of thy holiness: ★
praised and exalted above | all for ever.

4 Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest be|tween the Cherubim: ★
praised and exalted above | all for ever.

5 Blessed art thou on the glorious | throne of • thy kingdom: ★
praised and exalted above | all for ever.

6 Blessed art thou in the firma|ment of heaven: ★
praised and exalted above | all 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 congregation is seated following the cantic.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod, *Rector*

The congregation stands for the Apostles' 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.

The congregation kneels for the prayers.

THE PRAYERS

The Lesser Litany, Suffrages, and Lord's Prayer

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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.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and all the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

O God, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the night and turnest the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Officiant offers additional intercessions and thanksgivings.

Following the prayers, the congregation is seated.

The Welcome and Announcements

The Anthem at the Offertory

How bright appears the Morning Star, with mercy beaming from afar;
the host of heaven rejoices; O righteous Branch, O Jesse's Rod!
Thou Son of Man and Son of God! We, too, will lift our voices:
Jesus, Jesus! Holy, holy, yet most lowly, draw thou near us;
great Emmanuel, come and hear us.

Though circled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a pitying eye
upon his helpless creature; the whole creation's Head and Lord,
by highest seraphim adored, assumed our very nature;
Jesus, grant us, through thy merit, to inherit thy salvation;
hear, O hear our supplication.

Rejoice, ye heavens; thou earth, reply; with praise, ye sinners, fill the sky,
for this his Incarnation. Incarnate God, put forth thy power,
ride on, ride on, great Conqueror, till all know thy salvation.
Amen, amen! Alleluia, alleluia! Praise be given
evermore, by earth and heaven.

Text: William Mercer (1811-1873); after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)
arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Following the anthem, the congregation stands and joins in singing the hymn.

The Office Hymn, No. 124

What star is this, with beams so bright

Following the Office Hymn, the congregation kneels for the General Thanksgiving.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People together:

Almighty God, 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 Officiant alone continues:

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.**

The congregation stands.

The Concluding Versicle and Response

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Grace

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 Hymn in Procession, No. 441

In the cross of Christ I glory

The Organ Voluntary

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