

A Memorial Service of Choral Evensong Celebrating

THE FEAST OF

ALL SAINTS

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

Evensong is a tiny fragment of something else: it is a fragment of the worship offered to God by Christian people, at every hour, in every part of the world. When you come to Evensong here, it is as if you were dropping in on a conversation already in progress – a conversation between God and his people that began long before you were born, and will go on long after you are dead. So do not be surprised, or disturbed, if there are some things in the conversation which you do not at once understand. Evensong is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. Its primary purpose is an act of praise to almighty God that proclaims His wonderful acts in history and in the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Its secondary purpose is to evoke from the worshipper a response of praise, penitence, prayer, and obedience.

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY | Before Thy Throne I Now Appear

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Following the Organ Voluntary, the Choristers of the Church Street Choral Academy will sing publicly for the first time since they began rehearsals on October 23.

These students gather on Monday and Wednesday each week at Christ Church for choir rehearsal, voice training, music theory and piano lessons.

We are delighted to welcome them and their families to Christ Church this evening.

THE INTROIT | I sing a song of the saints of God

John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820–1891)

I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.

And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green: they were all of them saints of God and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and his love made them strong; and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long.

And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast; and there's not any reason no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands still, the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.

You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too. (*Text by Lesbia Scott*)

THE RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL (Please stand)

THE PRECES AND RESPONSES (Sung by the choir)

Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)

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 APPOINTED PSALM, 23 (Sung by the Choir)

Anglican chant by Edward Cuthbert Bairstow (1874-1946)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord 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 FIRST LESSON Ecclesiasticus 44:1-10, 13-14

Let us now sing the praises of famous men, our ancestors in their generations. The Lord apportioned to them great glory, his majesty from the beginning. There were those who ruled in their kingdoms, and made a name for themselves by their valor; those who gave counsel because they were intelligent; those who spoke in prophetic oracles; those who led the people by their counsels and by their knowledge of the people's lore; they were wise in their words of instruction; those who composed musical tunes, or put verses in writing; rich men endowed with resources, living peacefully in their homes – all these were honored in their generations, and were the pride of their times. Some of them have left behind a name, so that others declare their praise. But of others there is no memory; they have perished as though they had never existed; they have become as though they had never been born, they and their children after them. But these also were godly men, whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten; Their offspring will continue forever, and their glory will never be blotted out. Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name lives on generation after generation.

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

THE MAGNIFICAT (Sung by the choir)

Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)

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 Revelation 7:2-4, 9-17

I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to damage earth and sea, saying, "Do not damage the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have marked the servants of our God with a seal on their foreheads." And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the people of Israel. After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (Sung by the choir)

Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)

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*)

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Doctor Harrison McLeod, Rector

THE ANTHEM | Lead me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, only that makest me dwell in safety. (Psalm 5:8, Psalm 4:8)

Please 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

Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)

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 fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Officiant Dear Friends: On this Feast of All Saints,

we remember all those

whom we love but see no longer.

It was our Lord Jesus himself who said "Come to me,

all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

Let us pray, then for our brothers and sisters

that they may rest from their labors,

and enter into the light of God's eternal sabbath rest.

Officiant Receive, O Lord, thy servants, for they return to you.

People Into thy hands, O Lord, we commend our brothers and sisters.

Officiant Wash them in the holy font of everlasting life,

and clothe them in their heavenly wedding garments.

People Into thy hands, O Lord, we commend our brothers and sisters.

Officiant May they hear thy words of invitation:

"Come, ye blessed of my Father."

People Into thy hands, O Lord, we commend our brothers and sisters.

Officiant May they gaze upon thee, O Lord, face to face,

and taste the blessedness of perfect rest.

People Into thy hands, O Lord, we commend our brothers and sisters.

Officiant May angels surround them,

and saints welcome them in peace.

People Into thy hands, O Lord, we commend our brothers and sisters.

Officiant Deliver thy servants, O Sovereign Lord Christ, from all evil,

and set them free from every bond;

especially those whom we remember this day;

The names of parishioners and friends who have departed this life are then read by the Officiant.

When all names have been read, silence is kept so that those present may add their own petitions.

Officiant May they have rest with all thy saints in the eternal habitations;

where with the Father and the Holy Spirit thou livest and reignest,

one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

Please be seated following the intercessions.

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

The Reverend Doctor Harrison McLeod, Rector

THE ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY | And I saw a new heaven

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. (Revelation 21:1-2, 4)

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.

THE CONCLUDING VERSICLES & RESPONSES

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.

Officiant Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord:

People And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Officiant May the souls of all the departed,

through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

People Amen.

THE OFFICE HYMN, No. 621 | Light's abode, celestial Salem

RHUDDLAN

THE RETIRING PROCESSION & VOLUNTARY | Final from Symphony No. 1, Opus 14 Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

All are invited to McKissick Family Courtyard for refreshments following the service.

CHRIST CHURCH MUSIC MINISTRY

The Christ Church Parish Choir

Donald W. Duncan

Director of Liturgy & Music

Sarah Marczynski Program Coordinator for Liturgy & Music

Dr. Charles Tompkins

Artist in Residence

Robert J. Powell Organist & Choirmaster Emeritus

> Chase McAbee Assistant Parish Musician

CHURCH STREET CHORAL ACADEMY

Legaci Caradine
Kimberly Duckett
Lucy Duncan
Caleb Hogue
Malachi Hogue
Emerson Libbrecht
Alyssa Miller
Drew Simmons
Ava Sisk
Yamileth Solano Bartolo
Kelsey Topper
Aeva Welgraven

Cara Horn, Theory Instructor
Mary Ann Thompson, Piano Instructor
Jeremiah Jackson, Program Assistant
Dr. Charles Tompkins, Rehearsal Accompanist
Sarah Marczynski, Program Coordinator
Donald W. Duncan, Artistic Director & Choirmaster

Please join us for our annual

ADVENT PROCESSION

Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 5:00 PM

The Christ Church Schola Cantorum and Choristers of the Church Street Choral Academy will sing a candlelit service of lessons and carols featuring music for the Advent season.

