

Wednesday, February 10, 2021– Christ’s Church Cathedral  
A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER  
FERIA

**Officiant:** *The Dean*

**Cantor:** *Richard Cunningham; Organ:* *Michael Bloss.*

*Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. In this time of social distancing and while the cathedral is closed, may these opportunities for online worship draw us together in a unity of faith.*

**Words of Welcome**

**Sentence** – I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

*John 8.12*

**Gathering Music – Vouchsafe to hear us (from Te Deum) H. Purcell**

*Vouchsafe O Lord to keep us this day without sin,  
O Lord have mercy upon us.  
O Lord let thy mercy lighten upon us as our trust is in thee.*

**Introductory responses**

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Light and peace in Christ Jesus our hope Thanks be to God

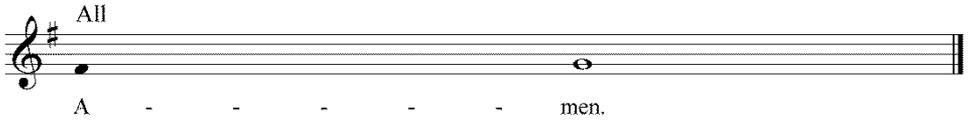
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Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed be God for - ever.

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Holy, immortal one have mercy up - on us.

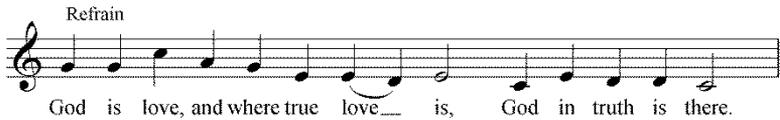
God of Israel,  
 giver of love's law:  
 liberate us from all that numbs compassion,  
 so that we may find in your commands  
 light undimmed and flavour undiminished;  
 through Jesus Christ, fulfiller of the law.



## Hymn – Here in Christ We Gather

**TEXT:** James Quinn, SJ (1919-2010)

**MUSIC:** Anthony Gregory Murray (1905-1992). UBI CARITAS

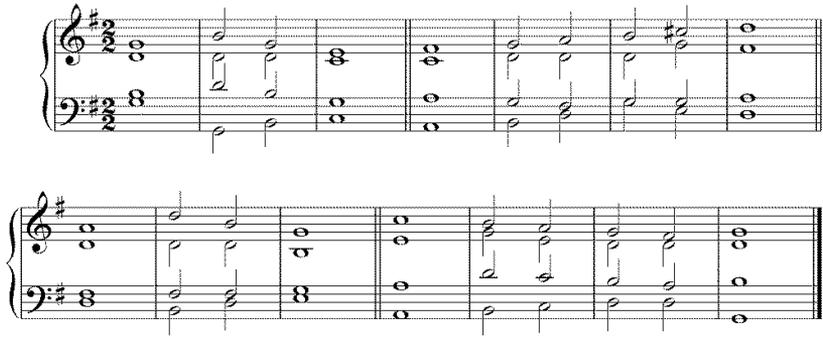


**Verses**

Musical notation for the verses, consisting of four staves. The lyrics are: "Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling. When we Christians gather, members of one Body, Grant us love's fulfillment, joy with all the blessed, Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting. let there be in us no discord, but one spirit. when we see your face, O saviour, in its glory. Let us all revere and love him, God eternal. Banished now be anger, strife and every quarrel. Shine on us, O purest Light of all creation, Let each love Christ in sisters and in brothers. Christ, our God, be present al-ways here amongst us. be our bliss while end-less a-ges sing your praises."

*The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Sung by all.*

**Psalm 81 – Exultate Deo**



Sing with joy to / God our / strength\*  
and raise a loud shout to the / God of / Jacob ● and / Rachel

Raise a song and / sound the / timbrel,\*  
the / merry ● harp / and the / lyre.

Blow the ram's horn / at the ● new / moon,\*  
and at the / full moon ● the / day of ● our / feast.

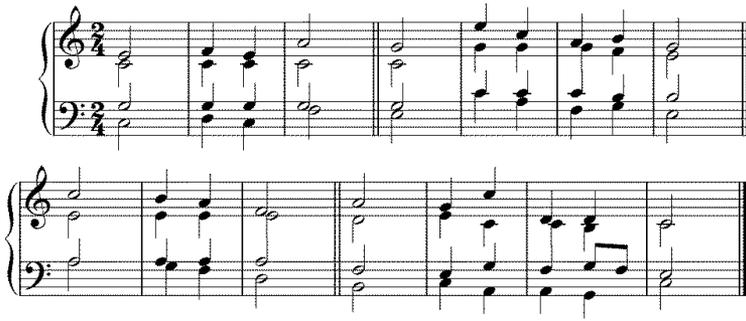
For this is a / statute ● for / Israel,\*  
a law of the / God of / Abraham ● and / Sarah.

God laid it as a solemn / charge up- ● on / Joseph,\*  
when he came / out of ● the / land of / Egypt.

I heard an unfa- / miliar ● voice / saying,\*  
“I eased your shoulder from the burden:  
your hands were set / free from / bearing ● the / load.”

You called on me in trouble, / and I / saved you;\*  
I answered you from the secret place of thunder  
and tested you / at the / waters ● of / Meribah.

Hear, O my people and / I will ● ad- / monish you:\*  
O Israel, if / you would ● but / listen ● to / me!



There shall be no strange / God a- / mong you:\*  
you shall not / worship ● a / foreign / god.

I am your God, who brought you out of the land of / Egypt ● and / said,\*  
“Open your mouth / wide and / I will / fill it.”

And yet my people did not / hear my / voice,\*  
and / Israel ● would / not o- / bey me.

So I gave them over to the stubbornness / of their / hearts,\*  
to / follow ● their / own de- / vices.

Oh that my people would / listen ● to / me!\*  
that / Israel ● would / walk in ● my / ways!

I should soon sub- / due their / enemies\*  
and turn my / hand a- / gainst their / foes.

Those who hate me would / cringe be- / fore me,\*  
their / punishment ● would / last for- / ever.

But Israel I would feed with the / finest / wheat\*  
and satisfy them with / honey / from the / rock.

### Psalm 82 – *Deus stetit*



God stands in the council **of** heaven;\*  
and gives judgement in the midst of **the** gods:



“How long will you judge **un**-justly,\*  
and show favour to **the** wicked?

Save the weak and **the** orphan:\*  
defend the humble **and** needy;

Rescue the weak and **the** poor:\*  
deliver them from the power of **the** wicked.

They do not know, neither do they understand;  
they go about **in** darkness,\*  
all the foundations of the earth **are** shaken.

Now I say to you, “You **are** gods,\*  
and all of you children of the **Most** High.

Nevertheless, you shall die **like** mortals,\*  
and fall like a-**ny** ruler.”

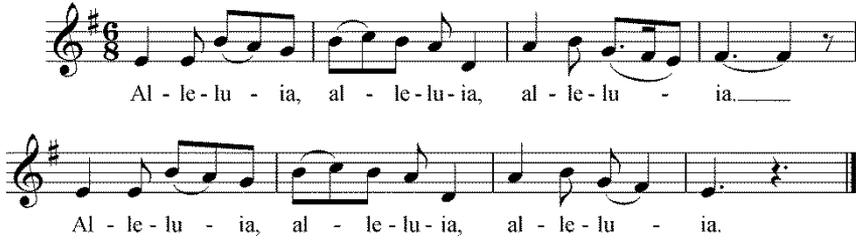
Arise O God, and rule **the** earth,\*  
for you shall take all nations for **your** own.

Glory to the Father, and to **the** Son,\*  
and to the Ho-**ly** Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be **for**-ever.  
world without end. **A**-men.

## Gradual Alleluia

(assembly joins in the **Refrain**, cantor sings the verse.)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Your word, O Lord, is truth;  
consecrate us in the truth.*

## Word (Mark 10: 1-16)

Jesus then left that place and went into the region of Judea and across the Jordan. Again crowds of people came to him, and as was his custom, he taught them.

Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”

“What did Moses command you?” he replied.

They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.”

“It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,” Jesus replied. “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. He answered, “Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.





You have filled the hungry with good **things**  
And sent the rich **away empty**.

You have come to the aid of your servant **Israel**  
To remember the **promise** of mercy

The promise you made to our **forebears**  
To Abraham, Sarah, and their **children** for ever.

Glory 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.

### **Collect**

*The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.*

O God of light,  
your Spirit reveals and illumines  
your presence in creation.  
Shine your radiant holiness into our lives,  
so that we may offer our hands and hearts to your work:  
to heal and shelter, to feed and clothe,  
to break every yoke and silence evil tongues.

**Amen.**

## The Litany

**Refrain** *(All sing the **Refrain** after the introduction and between each intercession).*

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall  
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

As the day draws to a close, Sun of Justice, we invoke your name upon the whole of your creation,  
so that all may enjoy your never failing light.

### Refrain

Preserve the covenant which you have ratified in your blood,  
cleanse and sanctify your church

### Refrain

Remember your people, here gathered together and throughout the world  
help us to honour your dwelling place within us

### Refrain

Guide travelers along the path of peace and prosperity,  
so that they may reach their destinations in safety and joy.

### Refrain

Receive the souls of the dead, Lord,  
grant them your favour and the gift of eternal glory.

### Refrain

## Lord's Prayer

Confident in hope, let us gather our prayers and praises into one,  
and pray as our Saviour taught us,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Hymn – Lord Jesus teach me faithfulness



Lord Je - sus teach me faith - ful - ness\_ in ev - ry  
May all\_ those lit - tle mo - ments give\_ the strength I  
You praised the faith - ful ser - vant, who\_ in hand - ling  
And may\_ that cloud of wit - ness - es\_ whose lives\_ and



lit - tle thing I do\_ that, when I speak\_ or\_ write\_ or  
need for faith - ful - ness, so that when great\_ temp - ta - tions  
world - ly things was wise; when sins en - tice - may faith - ful -  
deaths their Lord. con - fess, see that we look\_ to\_ you\_ a -



act, I do\_ to oth - ers as\_ to you\_ -  
come, I will\_ not wav - er or\_ trans - gress.  
ness\_ be my\_ pro - tect - tion and\_ my prize.  
lone, per - fec - tor of\_ our faith - ful - ness\_

## The Dismissal

Be one, so that the world may believe! Abide in his love, go into the world and bear the fruits of this love.

**May the God of hope fill us with all joy and all peace in faith, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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NEXT WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17  
ASH WEDNESDAY

LIVE STREAMED DIOCESAN EUCHARIST  
*Presider: The Bishop*

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