



The Second Sunday after Pentecost Corpus Christi (*Observed*)

3:30 p.m. Organ Recital
4 p.m. Choral Evensong &
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
June 7, 2026
Church of the Ascension

About the Service

Evensong is one of the jewels of Anglicanism. Evensong, also known as Evening Prayer (particularly when said rather than sung) is part of the Daily Office. The Daily Office is derived from the regular services of monastic communities in the early Church. At the heart of these services was the recitation of the Psalter, the songbook of the Bible. It remains the very core of the Daily Office in our day as well. By the late middle ages, the Daily Office was seen as the responsibility of the monks and clergy rather than an occasion for participation by all in the prayers of the community throughout the day. After the English Reformation, Archbishop Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556) reduced the eight monastic offices to the two services of Morning and Evening Prayer. These services were printed in vernacular English and intended for use by all members of the Church. At Church of the Ascension, Evensong is offered monthly during the choir term in conjunction with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is a devotional rite in which prayers and hymns are offered in praise to Our Lord, as we venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood. Benediction was introduced in the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago in 1884, here at Church of the Ascension. Professor John Macquarrie (1919-2007) offers us the following thoughts about the service of Benediction: “Benediction’ is a beautiful word. It means a blessing, a greeting, and an expression of kindness and love. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is a service that makes real to us in an impressive way the fact that God is always reaching out to us, to bless, to strengthen, to assure us of his loving kindness toward us. The greatest blessing that God ever bestowed or could bestow was the sending of his Son. [At Benediction] a remarkable thing happens as we find ourselves saying the words of the Divine Praises: 'Blessed be God! Blessed be his holy Name!' We came seeking God's blessing, and now find that we are blessing God! This indeed is the goal of all our worshipping that we may come to love God better. And we cannot love God without loving our neighbor, so that in seeking God's blessing, we are praying that, in blessing us, he will make us a blessing to others.”

ORGAN RECITAL
David R. White, Organist
Sunday, June 7, 2026, 3:30 pm.

THE END OF TERM PROGRAM OF FAVORITES

JOHANNES BRAHMS (1833-1897)

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen Opus 122, no. 8

[favorite of Benjamin Rivera]

CHARLES-MARIE WIDOR (1844-1937)

Symphonie pour Orgue, Opus 42, no. 1 [1918 revision]

V. *Toccata*

[favorite of Susan Schlough]

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS (1872-1958)

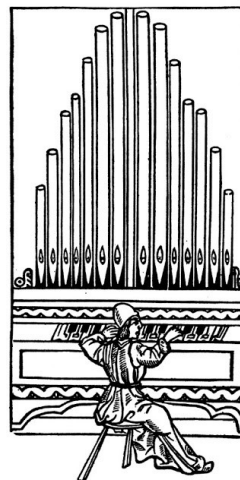
Fantasy on Rhosymedre IRV 66 [ca. 1919]

[favorite of Nathanael Deward Rahm BSG]

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685-1750)

Partita: *O Gott, du frommer Gott* BWV 767

[favorite of David White]



Evensong


The Opening Sentence *Please stand as able.*

The Officiant begins with the following sentence of Scripture

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice. *Psalm 141:2*

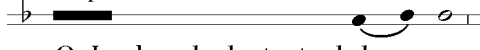
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Officiant



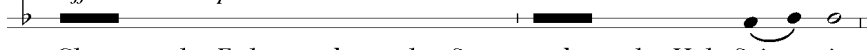
O God, make speed to save us.

People

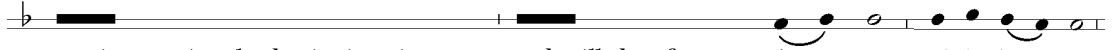


O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

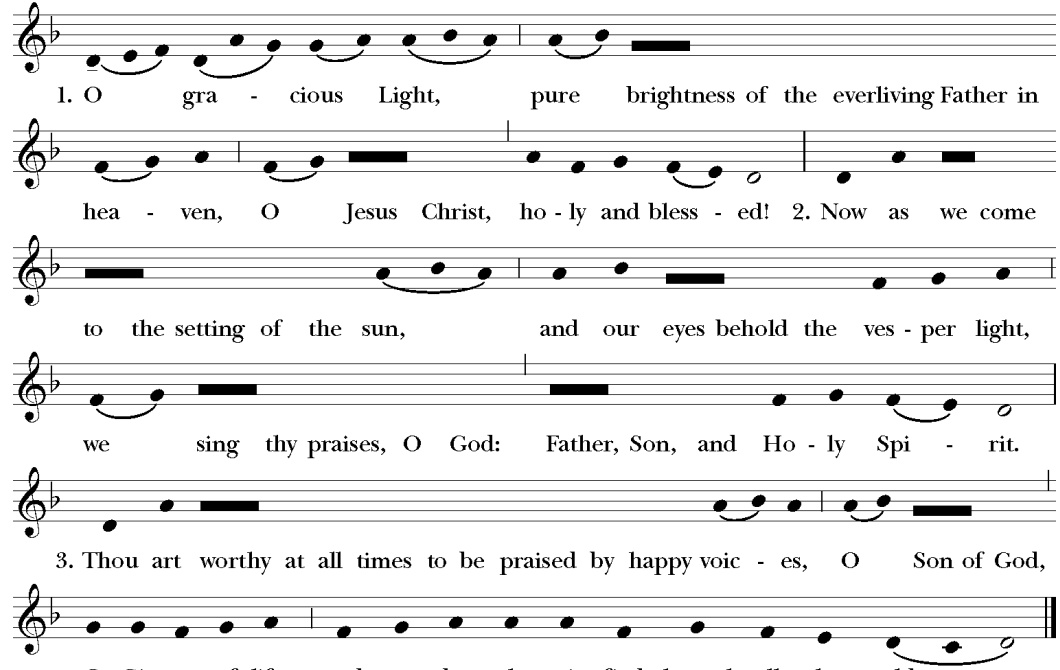


Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:



as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia.

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*



1. O gra - cious Light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in
hea - ven, O Jesus Christ, ho - ly and bless - ed! 2. Now as we come
to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the ves - per light,
we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.
3. Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voic - es, O Son of God,
O Giv - er of life, and to be glo - ri - fied through all the worlds.

The People are seated as the Choir sings the Psalmody.

Psalm 8 *Domine, Dominus noster*

Chant: James Turle (1802-1882)

- 1 O LORD OUR GOVERNOR, how excellent is thy Name in all the world *
thou that has set thy glory above the heavens!
 - 2 Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength,
because of thine enemies*
that thou mightest still the enemy, and the avenger.
 - 3 For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers *
the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.
 - 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him *
and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
 - 5 Thou madest him lower than the angels *
to crown him with glory and worship.
 - 6 Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands *
and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;
 - 7 All sheep and oxen *
yea, and the beasts of the field;
 - 8 The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea *
and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.
 - 9 O Lord our Governor *
how excellent is thy Name in all the world!
- 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.

Psalm 84 *Quam dilecta*

Chant: Sir Charles H. H. Parry (1848-1918)

- 1 O HOW AMIABLE are thy dwellings *
thou Lord of hosts!
- 2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord *
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she
may lay her young *
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house *
they will be always praising thee.

5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee *
in whose heart are thy ways.

6 Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well *
and the pools are filled with water.

7 They will go from strength to strength *
and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

9 Behold, O God our defender *
and look upon the face of thine Anointed.

10 For one day in thy courts *
is better than a thousand.

11 I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God *
than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

12 For the Lord God is a light and defence *
the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold
from them that live a godly life.

13 O Lord God of hosts *
blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

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 People are seated for the readings and stand as able for the Canticles.

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 29:16-29

You know how we lived in the land of Egypt and how we came through the midst of the nations through which you passed. You have seen their detestable things, the filthy idols of wood and stone, of silver and gold, that were among them. It may be that there is among you a man or woman or a family or tribe whose heart is already turning away from the Lord our God to serve the gods of those nations. It may be that there is among you a root sprouting poisonous and bitter growth.

All who hear the words of this oath and bless themselves, thinking in their hearts, 'We are safe even though we go our own stubborn ways' (thus sweeping away the moist with the dry) the Lord will be unwilling to pardon them, for then the Lord's anger and passion will smoke against them. All the curses written in this book will descend on them, and the Lord will blot out their names from under heaven. The Lord will single them out from all the tribes of Israel for calamity, in accordance with all the curses of the covenant written in this book of the law. The next generation, your children who rise up after you, as well as the foreigner who comes from a distant country, will see the devastation of that land and the afflictions with which the Lord has afflicted it—all its soil burned out by sulfur and salt, nothing planted, nothing sprouting, unable to support any vegetation, like the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, which the Lord destroyed in his fierce anger— they and indeed all the nations will wonder, 'Why has the Lord done thus to this land? What caused this great display of anger?' They will conclude, 'It is because they abandoned the covenant of the Lord, the God of their ancestors, which he made with them when he brought them out of the land of Egypt. They turned and served other gods, worshipping them, gods whom they had not known and whom he had not allotted to them; so the anger of the Lord was kindled against that land, bringing on it every curse written in this book. The Lord uprooted them from their land in anger, fury, and great wrath and cast them into another land, as is now the case.' The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the revealed things belong to us and to our children forever, to observe all the words of this law.

The Lector concludes Here ends the reading.

Magnificat (*The Song of Mary*)

My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

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 shewed 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.

Setting: David White (b. 1959) *St. Mark's Service* (2012)

First offering at Ascension

The Second Lesson

Luke 12:32-40

Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

The Lector concludes Here ends the reading.

Nunc dimittis (*The Song of Simeon*)

*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.*

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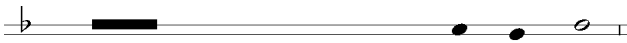
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The Apostles' Creed (Monotone)

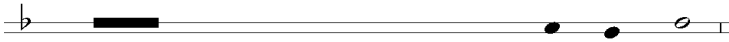
Officiant and People together

**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.**

— — — — —
A - men.



V. Lord, keep this nation un - der thy care;



R. And guide us in the way of jus - tice and truth.



V. Let thy way be known up - on earth;



R. Thy saving health among all na - tions.



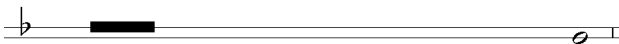
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgot - ten;



R. Nor the hope of the poor be ta - ken a - way.



V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;



R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spi - rit.

Collect of the Day

God our Father, whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ in a wonderful Sacrament hath left unto us a memorial of his passion: Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Sunday

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

O God, who dost manifest in thy servants the signs of thy presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another thine abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People are seated for the Anthem.

Anthem

Bleib bei uns, denn es will Abend werden;
und der Tag hat sich geneiget.

*Stay with us, for it is becoming evening;
And the day has drawn to a close.*

Setting: Josef Gabriel Rheinberger (1839-1901) *Abendlied*, from *Drei geistliche Gesänge*, op. 69

The People stand, as able.

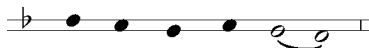
The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

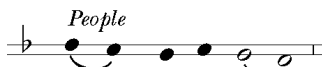
**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the 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 Spirit,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Concluding Versicle and Response



Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

The Grace

The Officiant concludes with the following

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.

2 Corinthians 13:14

Office Hymn

SACRIS SOLEMNIIS



1. Wel - come with ju - bi - lee this glad sol-em-ni - ty let heart - felt hom-age
2. Think on that night when Christ proclaims his law of love, and shows him-self the
3. Now when the feast was done, to each be-lov-ed one he gave his Bo - dy



now as-cend to hea-ven's height; ring out the reign of sin; ring
Lamb of God and great high priest yea, Christ hath con- quered death, for
true, as King and Lord of heav'n; and by those hands so blessed un-



in the reign of grace; a world re-newed ac claims her King, thoveiled in sight.
sin-ners gives his all, and shares with us his ver - y self as Pas - chal Feast.
to each sin - gle - guest was giv'n his Bo - dy which we now do here a - dore.

At the Adoration

As the bells are rung, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed; the People kneel in adoration.

O salutaris Hostia

CHILLESFORD



1. O sav - ing Vic - tim, op' - ning wide the gate of heav'n to us be - low, our
2. All praise and thanks to thee a - scend for ev - er - more, blest One in Three; O



foes press on from ev' - ry side, thine aid sup - ply, thy strength be stow.
grant us life that shall not end in our true na - tive land with thee.



Meditation

Tantum ergo

TANTUM ERGO SACRAMENTUM

5 There-fore we, be - fore him bend - ing,
6 Glo - ry let us give and bless - ing

this great Sac - ra - ment re - vere;
to the Fa - ther and the Son,

types and sha - dows have their end - ing,
hon - or, thanks, and praise ad - dress - ing,

for the new - er rite is here;
while e - ter - nal a - ges run;

faith, our out - ward sense be - friend - ing,
ev - er too his love con - fess - ing

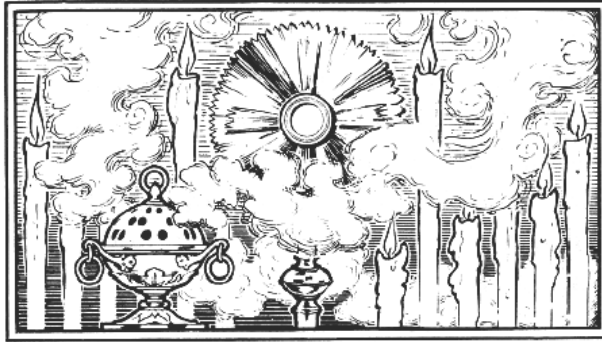
makes our in - ward vi - sion clear.
who from both with both is One.

Officiant Thou gavest them Bread from Heaven.

People **Containing within itself all sweetness.**

Officiant Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy Passion: Grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, world without end. **Amen.**



The Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament

As the Officiant makes the sign of the Cross over the People, all pray silently.

The Divine Praises

The People repeat each phrase after the Officiant.

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most sacred heart.

Blessed be his most precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the comforter.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

Blessed be God in the hearts of his faithful people.

The Celebrant reposes the Blessed Sacrament.

As the Tabernacle door is closed; the bell rings, and all stand as able to sing the following antiphon and psalm.

Psalm 117 *Laudate Dominum*

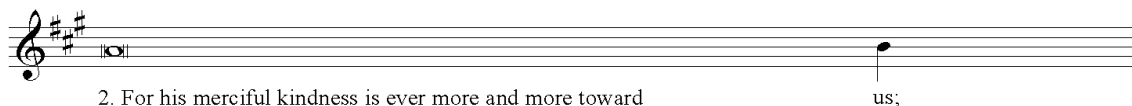
Cantor *All*



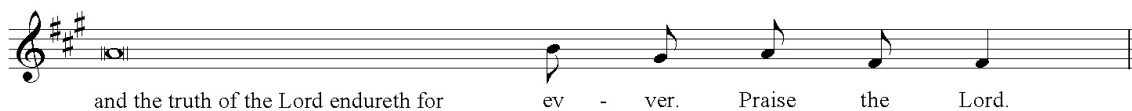
Let us for ev - er a - dore_____ the Most Ho - ly Sac - ra - ment.



O praise the Lord, all ye na - tions; praise him, all ye peo - ples.



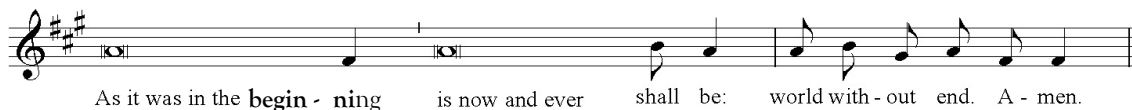
2. For his merciful kindness is ever more and more toward us;



and the truth of the Lord endureth for ev - ver. Praise the Lord.



V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost.



As it was in the **begin - ning** is now and ever shall be: world with - out end. A - men.



Let us...

The People remain standing as the Ministers depart.

ORGAN

O Gott, du frommer Gott, Opus 122, no. 7

Johannes Brahms

A dessert reception in the narthex follows Benediction.

Many thanks to those who serve:

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The mosaic on the door of the Altar tabernacle, Church of the Ascension

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