

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee

Choral Evensong

The First Sunday in Lent

4:45 PM Sunday, February 22, 2026

Service items listed in red can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer. Hymns, listed in blue, can be found in the blue Hymnal.

Welcome

We are glad you joined us this evening. The service of Evensong has its roots in the daily prayers of monastic communities. The first Book of Common Prayer from 1549 combined the daily office services of Vespers and Compline to create Evening Prayer. As the choral tradition absorbed the service, it became known as Evensong (as in Evening prayer Sung). You are invited to join us for a brief reception following the service.

Prelude Recital:

Dr. Jason M. Gunnell

Phoenix Processional

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

Fantasia and Fugue in C Minor, BWV 537

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Idyll

Darwin Wolford (1936-2023)

Fuge from Fuge, Kanzone, und Epilog, Op. 85, No. 3

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Procession (*All stand for procession*)

The Opening Sentences

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The Invitatory and Psalter

Humphrey Clucas (b. 1941)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips,
Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Officiant O God, make speed to save us,
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.
Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be: world without end. Amen.
Officiant Praise ye the Lord.
Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

Hymn 26: *O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ*

Psalm 63 *Deus, Deus meus*

Chant by Jason Overall (b. 1973)

- 1 O GOD, thou art my God; *
early will I seek thee.
- 2 My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee, *
in a barren and dry land where no water is.
- 3 Thus have I looked for thee in the sanctuary, *
that I might behold thy power and glory.
- 4 For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself: *
my lips shall praise thee.
- 5 As long as I live will I magnify thee in this manner, *
and lift up my hands in thy Name.
- 6 My soul shall be satisfied,
even as it were with marrow and fatness, *
when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips.
- 7 Have I not remembered thee in my bed, *
and thought upon thee when I was waking?
- 8 Because thou hast been my helper; *
therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.
- 9 My soul hangeth upon thee; *
thy right hand hath upholden me.
- 10 These also that seek the hurt of my soul, *
they shall go under the earth.
- 11 Let them fall upon the edge of the sword, *
that they may be a portion for foxes.
- 12 But the King shall rejoice in God;
all they also that swear by him shall be commended; *
for the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

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*Hebrews 2: 10-18***Magnificat: 'Friday Service'**

George Arthur (b.1985)

The Second Lesson*John 12: 44-50***Nunc dimittis: 'Friday Service'**

George Arthur

The Apostles' Creed (*All stand*)

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The Prayers (*All sit or kneel*)**Lesser Litany And Suffrages**

Humphrey Clucas

Officiant The Lord be with you.*Choir* And with thy spirit.*Officiant* Let us pray.*Choir* Lord, have mercy upon us.*Officiant* Christ have mercy upon us.*Choir* Lord have mercy upon us.*ALL* 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.

Amen.

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;*Choir* And grant us thy salvation.*Officiant* O Lord, save the State:*Choir* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*Officiant* Endue thy ministers with righteousness:*Choir* And make thy chosen people joyful.*Officiant* O Lord, save thy people:*Choir* And bless thine inheritance.*Officiant* Give peace in our time, O Lord:*Choir* Because there is none other that fighteth for

us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us:*Choir* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**The Collects****The Anthem: *Media vita***

Kerensa Briggs (b.1991)

Media vita in morte sumus.

Quem quaerimus adjutorem nisi te, Domine,
qui pro peccatis nostris juste irasceris?Sancte Deus, sancte fortis, sancte et misericors Salvator,
amare morti ne tradas nos.*In the midst of life we are in death.**Whom can we seek as our helper but you, O Lord,
who for our sins are justly angry.**Holy God, holy and strong, holy and merciful Saviour,
deliver us not to the bitter pains of death.***General Thanksgiving** (*spoken by all*)

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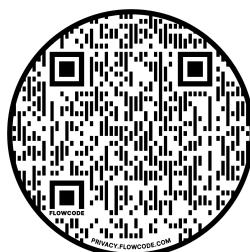
A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**Concluding Sentence****The Office Hymn 692: *I heard the voice of Jesus say*****Postlude**

(all are invited to sit for the Postlude or leave quietly)
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Media vita was commissioned in 2015 by the English vocal ensemble, Siglo de Oro, and their director Patrick Allies to celebrate 500 years since the birth of the English Renaissance composer, John Sheppard. The piece draws inspiration from both the expansiveness and intensity found within Sheppard's setting and the meaning found within the text itself. These ideas are incorporated into a richer harmonic language and reflective sonority.

The music was given to the glory of God and in memory of SSG Charles Edgar Newburn, Jr. who perished in the US from a military plane crash while on active duty in WW II. by James Newburn. "In the midst of life we are in death"

Dr. Jason M. Gunnell is the Associate Director of Music and Organist at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Terrace Park, Ohio, where he assists in leading a large and dynamic parish music program. He is also a member of the Bach Ensemble at St. Thomas, performing major organ works and cantatas of J. S. Bach. Dr. Gunnell holds degrees from Brigham Young University-Idaho, the University of Kansas, and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. Dr. Gunnell is a winner of the Strader Organ Competition and was a finalist for the post of Tabernacle Organist of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City, Utah. Notably, as a recitalist, Dr. Gunnell gives recitals regularly at the famed Salt Lake Tabernacle as a Guest Organist at Temple Square. He teaches private organ and piano lessons, courses in music theory and history, and at the Annual BYU Organ Workshop and BYU Traveling Organ Workshops. Dr. Gunnell resides in Cincinnati, Ohio with his family. He is happily married to his wife, Kate. They are the proud parents of seven boys, Grant, Mitch, Brigham, William, Clark, Russell, and Hyrum, and a daughter, Ava.



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