

# 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.

