

# ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

*The Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee*

## Choral Evensong

*The Third Sunday After Epiphany*

4:45 PM Sunday, January 25th, 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. Peter Roghan  
*Associate Organist and Choirmaster*  
Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville, TN

*Fête*

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

*Elegy*

Gerry Senechal (b. 1980)

*Star Fantasy (Alleluia: vidis stellam)* Kristina Arakelyan (b. 1994)

*Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Sonata No. 6 in E minor, Op. 137 Gustav Merkel (1827-1885)  
III. Introduction - Allegro risoluto - Poco moderato

### Procession

*(All stand for procession)*

### The Opening Sentences

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### 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 36: *O gladsome Light, O grace*

**Psalm 103 Benedic, anima mea** *(sung by the choir)*  
Chant: Ivor Atkins (1869-1953)

Praise the LORD, O my soul; \*  
and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.  
Praise the LORD, O my soul, \*  
and forget not all his benefits:

Who forgiveth all thy sin, \*  
and healeth all thine infirmities;  
Who saveth thy life from destruction, \*  
and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;  
Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, \*  
making thee young and lusty as an eagle.  
The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment \*  
for all them that are oppressed with wrong.  
He showed his ways unto Moses, \*  
his works unto the children of Israel.  
The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
long-suffering, and of great goodness.  
He will not alway be chiding; \*  
neither keepeth he his anger for ever.  
He hath not dealt with us after our sins; \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.  
For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth; \*  
so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.  
Look how wide also the east is from the west; \*  
so far hath he set our sins from us.  
Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children; \*  
even so is the LORD merciful unto them that fear him.  
For he knoweth whereof we are made; \*  
he remembereth that we are but dust.  
The days of man are but as grass; \*  
for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.  
For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone; \*  
and the place thereof shall know it no more.  
But the merciful goodness of the LORD endureth  
for ever and ever upon them that fear him; \*  
and his righteousness upon children's children;  
Even upon such as keep his covenant, \*  
and think upon his commandments to do them.  
The LORD hath prepared his seat in heaven, \*  
and his kingdom ruleth over all.  
O praise the LORD, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength; \*  
ye that fulfil his commandment,  
and hearken unto the voice of his word.  
O praise the LORD, all ye his hosts; \*  
ye servants of his that do his pleasure.  
O speak good of the LORD, all ye works of his,  
in all places of his dominion: \*  
praise thou the LORD, O my soul.

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***Genesis 13: 2–18***Magnificat:***"Merton" Service*

Eriks Ešenvalds (b. 1977)

**The Second Lesson***Mark 7: 31–37***Nunc dimittis:***"Merton" Service*

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**The Apostles' Creed***(All stand)*

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

Humphrey Clucas (b. 1941)

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

Christ have mercy upon us.

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;  
And grant us thy salvation.*Choir* O Lord, save the State:

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****Anthem**

Jonathan Dove (b. 1959)

*Seek him that maketh the seven stars*

Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion  
 And turneth the shadow of death into the morning  
 Alleluia, yea, the darkness shineth as the day  
 The night is light about me  
 Amen.

Text: Amos 5: 8 and Psalm 139

**General Thanksgiving** *(spoken by all)*

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**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom****Concluding Sentence****Office Hymn 431: *The stars declare his glory*****Postlude:** From *Vingt-quatre pièces en style libre*

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

*Carillon sur la sonnair de la Chapelle du Longpont**(all are invited to sit for the Postlude or leave quietly)**You are invited to join us for a brief reception following the service.***Dr. Peter Rogahn**

Peter Rogahn serves as the Associate Organist and Choirmaster at Christ Church Cathedral in Nashville, sharing responsibilities in organ playing, choral conducting, chorister training, and the administration of the Cathedral's music program with the Canon for Music.

His previous appointments include Organist and Assistant Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church of Nashville and Precentor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Indianapolis. A committed advocate for music education, he spent four years at Lawrence North High School in Indianapolis as a Choral Accompanist and Instructional Assistant, supporting classes in music theory, piano, and electronic music. He has collaborated with numerous ensembles, including the choirs of Stewarts Creek High School, the University of Indianapolis Women's Chorus, the Indianapolis Children's Choir, and Center Grove High School.

Active in Nashville's musical community, Peter also serves on the faculty at Belmont University and Lipscomb University, where he teaches organ. He has held several leadership roles in the Nashville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, now serving as Past-Dean.

Peter holds the Doctor of Music degree in Organ Performance and Literature, with minors in Music Theory and Choral Conducting, from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, where he received both the Artistic Excellence Award and the Graduate Tuition Award. He also earned a Performer Diploma and a Master of Music degree from Indiana University, as well as a Bachelor of Music degree from Concordia College, Moorhead, MN. His principal teachers include Christopher Young, Peter Nygaard, and Harold Rutz. Outside of his musical work, he enjoys learning languages, reading science fiction and history, walking in nature, and spending time with his two cats, Felix and Fanny.