

Choral Evensong

THE 5TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 9, 2025 5 p.m.



Welcome to Atonement. We hope you will participate fully in today's service, as you feel comfortable. Customary times to stand, kneel, and sit are indicated by italic type. Words spoken by the people are indicated by bold type. Hymns can be found by number in the blue hymnal in the pewbacks.

THE VOLUNTARY

Benedictus

Alec Rowley (1892–1958)

Please remain seated as the Choir sings

THE INTROIT

We shall walk through the valley

arr. Undine Smith Moore (1904–1999)

Lord, we shall walk in peace. We shall walk through the valley in peace, if Jesus himself shall lead us. There will be no trials there, if Jesus himself shall lead us. We shall walk in peace.

When the bell rings, please stand, as able.

THE PRECES AND RESPONSES

Gabriel Jackson (b.1962)

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. 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. Praise ye the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.

THE OFFICE HYMN • LEVAS 188

It is well with my soul

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my
2. Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should
3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;
2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,
3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—
4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
2. tate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.
3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
4. scend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "It is well with my soul." It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The vocal line begins with a whole note rest, followed by the lyrics "It is well" on a half note, "with my soul," on a half note, and then "It is well with my" on a half note, and "soul," on a half note. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The second system continues the vocal line with "soul," on a half note, "It is well," on a half note, "it is well" on a half note, and "with my soul." on a half note. The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

Words: Horatio Spafford (1828–1888). Music: Philip P. Bliss (1838–1876)

Please be seated.

THE PSALM • 34

Setting: Thomas Norris (1741–1790)

Benedicam Dominum

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth. I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice. Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt his Name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me out of all my terror. Look upon him and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed. I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles. The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, and he will deliver them. Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him! Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. The young lions lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good. Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Who among you loves life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity? Keep your tongue from evil-speaking and your lips from lying words. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them and delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and will save those whose spirits are crushed. Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord will deliver him out of them all. He will keep safe all his bones; not one of them shall be broken. Evil shall slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be punished. The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, and none will be punished who trust in him.

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 24:50–67

Then Laban and Bethuel answered, “The thing comes from the Lord; we cannot speak to you anything bad or good. Look, Rebekah is before you, take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master’s son, as the Lord has spoken.” When Abraham’s servant heard their words, he bowed himself to the ground before the Lord. And the servant brought out jewelry of silver and of gold, and garments, and gave them to Rebekah; he also gave to her brother and to her mother costly ornaments.

Then he and the men who were with him ate and drank, and they spent the night there. When they rose in the morning, he said, "Send me back to my master." Her brother and her mother said, "Let the girl remain with us a while, at least ten days; after that she may go." But he said to them, "Do not delay me, since the Lord has made my journey successful; let me go that I may go to my master." They said, "We will call the girl, and ask her." And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Here endeth the Reading.

Please remain standing for

THE MAGIFICAT

Gloucester Service

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. 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 showed 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.

Please be seated.

THE SECOND READING

John 7:37–46

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some in the crowd said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Messiah." But some asked, "Surely the Messiah does not come from Galilee, does he? Has not the scripture said that the Messiah is descended from David and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?" So there was a division in the crowd because of him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

Then the temple police went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, "Why did you not arrest him?" The police answered, "Never has anyone spoken like this!"

Here endeth the Reading.

Please stand, as able.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Gloucester Service

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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. Amen.

Please kneel or sit for the prayers.

THE PRAYERS & RESPONSES

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.

The Choir sings

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

THE VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

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 Celebrant sings the Collects, to which the Choir responds

Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANTHEM

Lo, the full, final Sacrifice

Gerald Finzi (1901–1956)

Lo, the full, final sacrifice on which all figures fix'd their eyes, the ransom'd Isaac, and his ram; The Manna, and the Paschal lamb. Jesu Master, just and true! Our Food, and faithful Shepherd too!

O let that love which thus makes thee mix with our low Mortality, lift our lean Souls, and set us up Convictors of thine own full cup, Coheirs of Saints. That so all may Drink the same wine; and the same way.

Nor change the Pasture, but the Place to feed of Thee in thine own Face. O dear Memorial of that Death which lives still, and allows us breath! Rich, Royal food! Bountiful Bread! Whose use denies us to the dead!

Live ever Bread of loves, and be my life, my soul, my surer self to me. Help Lord, my Faith, my Hope increase; and fill my portion in thy peace. Give love for life; nor let my days grow, but in new powers to thy name and praise.

Rise, Royal Sion! rise and sing Thy soul's kind shepherd, thy heart's King. Stretch all thy powers; call if you can harps of heaven to hands of man. This sovereign subject sits above the best ambition of thy love.

Lo the Bread of Life, this day's Triumphant Text provokes thy praise. The living and life-giving bread, to the great twelve distributed when Life, himself, at point to die of love, was his own Legacy.

O soft self-wounding Pelican! Whose breast weeps Balm for wounded man. All this way bend thy benign flood to a bleeding Heart that gasps for blood. That blood, whose least drops sovereign be to wash my worlds of sins from me.

Come love! Come Lord! and that long day for which I languish, come away. When this dry soul those eyes shall see, and drink the unseal'd source of thee. When Glory's sun faith's shades shall chase, and for thy veil give me thy Face. Amen.

Please stand, as able, for the Dismissal and Hymn.

THE DISMISSAL & GRACE

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

Choir Thanks be to God.

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

People **Amen.**

THE HYMN • 24

The day thou gavest Lord has ended

St Clement

THE VOLUNTARY

Rhapsody No. 3 in C-sharp minor

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

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*All are invited to a reception following the service.
Please join us on the first floor of the rectory for refreshments.*

*There is an offering plate at the rear of the church.
Your gift supports the ministries at Atonement.*

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TODAY'S MINISTERS

Officiant: The Rev'd Charles Everson; *Organist:* Charlie Segal; *Choirmaster:* Dr Christopher Windle; *Choral Scholar:* Annamarie Collins; *Choir:* Atonement Choir

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Hymn Hysteria. For tonight's Evensong, we asked you to help us choose the hymns and raise money for the music program and to support our annual Souper Bowl of Caring food drive for Care for Real. The results are in and *It is well with my soul* and *The day thou gavest Lord is ended* are the two winners. Thank you to everyone who participated in this fun fundraiser. With your help, we raised more than \$700.

Choral Evensong at Rockefeller Chapel on Feb. 19. The Atonement Choir will sing a service of Choral Evensong at 7:30 p.m. on Wed., Feb. 19 at the University of Chicago's Rockefeller Chapel (5850 S Woodlawn Ave).

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Worship Schedule

SUNDAYS Low Mass 8 a.m., Family Mass 9 a.m., Solemn High Mass 11 a.m.

WEEKDAYS Monday and Friday 7:30 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday 12 noon, Wednesday 7 p.m.

SATURDAYS The Holy Rosary 9:30 a.m., Healing Mass 10 a.m.

MORNING PRAYER Daily 8:30 a.m. *on Google Meet*

EVENING PRAYER Tuesday 5:30 p.m. *on Google Meet*

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