



*Lenten*  
Choral *Vespers*

March 15, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.

Christ did not come upon earth merely to teach, and preach, and work miracles. He came to make satisfaction for sin, by His own blood and suffering on the cross. Let us never forget. The incarnation, and example, and words of Christ are all of deep importance. But the grand object which demands our notice in the history of His earthly ministry is His death on Calvary.

J.C. RYLE

## ORGAN PRELUDE

*Herzlich tut mich verlangen* Op. 122, No. 9

Johannes Brahms

*Attende Domine* | Jeanne Demessieux

## CHORAL INTROIT

*Christ, We Do All Adore Thee* | Theodore Dubois

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader | O Radiant Light, splendor of the Father's glory, now as the day fades and evening draws near, we turn toward the gentle light of Your presence.

**People | We lift our voices in praise to the living God—to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

Leader | You are worthy to be praised at all times and in every place, with faithful voices and grateful hearts.

**People | O Christ, Son of God and Giver of Life, the heavens and the earth declare Your glory.**

Leader | Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe. You led Your people Israel through the wilderness—a pillar of cloud by day, a pillar of fire by night. Shine now into our darkness with the light of Christ. Let Your Word be a lamp for our feet and a light upon our path. For You are gracious and full of mercy, and You delight in all that You have made.

**People | Therefore, we glorify You—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—now and forever. Amen.**

## \*HYMN | NO. 170

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus* | vs. 1, 3, 4

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Leader | Let our prayers rise before You like incense,

**People | and the lifting of our hands like the evening offering.**

Leader | O Lord, we call to You—come quickly to us.

**People | Hear our voices when we cry out to You. Let our prayers rise before You like incense, and the lifting of our hands like the evening offering.**

Leader | Set a guard over our mouths, O Lord; keep watch over the door of our lips.

**People | Turn our hearts away from what is evil. Keep us from the paths of those who delight in wrongdoing.**

Leader | But our eyes are fixed on You, Lord God.

**People | In You we take refuge. Do not abandon us—but restore to us the joy of Your salvation.**

Leader | Let our prayers rise before You like incense,

**People | and the lifting of our hands like the evening offering.**

Leader | Receive the incense of our repentant prayers, O God.

**People | And let Your mercy fall upon us like evening light, so that with purified hearts and renewed voices we may join the praise of Your Church on earth and the great company of heaven, glorifying You forever.**

Leader | Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.

**People | The Light that no darkness can overcome.**

Leader | Stay with us, Lord, for the evening comes.

**People | And the day is nearly over.**

Leader | Let Your light scatter the darkness.

**People | And shine upon Your Church.**

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

**Messiah | George Frideric Handel**

### The Suffering Lamb Who Redeems

Leader | Hear the word of the Lord concerning the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world.

“Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”

JOHN 1:29

**People | “He was despised and rejected by men; a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities. The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed.”**

ISAIAH 53

Leader | We confess our wandering hearts:

**People | “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”**

Leader | Therefore we behold the suffering of Christ not as defeat, but as redemption—the Lamb of God who bears the sin of the world.

*Behold The Lamb of God*

*He Was Despised*

*Surely He Hath Borne*

*And With His Stripes*

*All We Like Sheep*

## The Abandoned Messiah Suffers Scorn

*All They That See Him*

*He Trusted in God*

*Thy Rebuke*

*Behold and See*

## The Resurrection from the Dead

*But Thou Didst Not Leave*

*Lift Up Your Heads*

*Thou Shalt Break Them*

*Hallelujah Chorus*

## Thanksgiving for the Defeat of Death

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*

*Since By Man Came Death*

*Death, Where is Thy Sting*

*But Thanks Be to God*

*Behold/The Trumpet Shall Sound*

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*All elements are gluten free. We will receive communion by intinction.*

## The Final Consummation & Judgment of the Lamb

*If God Be for Us, Who Can Be Against Us*

*Worthy is the Lamb/Amen*

### BENEDICTION

### THE PEOPLE DEPART IN SILENCE

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\*Stand as you are able

## Leading in Worship

### LITURGISTS

Rev. Larry Lutey, Executive Director of  
People & Cultures

Rev. Dr. Tracey Bianchi, Pastor for  
Adult Discipleship & Missions

### MUSICIANS

Ars Vesperis Chamber Choir

Christ Church Chamber Players

Jamal Sarikoki, Classic Worship Director

Marianne Kim, Classic Worship Organist

Matt Peterson, Classic Worship Pianist

Dana Campbell, Soprano

Stephanie Chiodras, Soprano

Susan Van Kley, Soprano

Sasha Tomasevich, Tenor

Denell Covington, Bass

## Mark Your Calendars

**Holy Communion | 10:45 a.m.** Classic  
Worship services will include Communion.

### **GO Trip Information Sessions | March 22**

Learn more about our GO Trips after service.

### **Maunder Thursday | April 2 | 7:00 p.m.**

Please join us for an evening of contemplative  
Convergence worship. Holy Communion will  
be served.

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