

# Choral Evensong & Benediction

THE 5TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
February 8, 2026 4 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

### *Pastorale*

Herbert Sumsion (1899–1995)

*Please remain seated as the Choir sings*

## THE INTROIT

### *The darkness is no darkness*

Margaret Burk (b.1990)

The darkness is no darkness with Thee  
But the night is as clear as the day  
The darkness and the light (no darkness at all)  
In Thee is no darkness at all  
But the night is as clear as the day  
Surely the darkness shall cover Thee?  
In Him is no darkness at all

*When the bell rings, please stand, as able.*

*Please remain standing, as able.*

## THE PRECES AND RESPONSES

Margaret Burk (b.1990)

<i>Officiant</i>	O Lord, open thou our lips;
<i>Choir</i>	And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
<i>Officiant</i>	O God, make speed to save us;
<i>Choir</i>	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.
<i>Officiant</i>	Praise ye the Lord.
<i>Choir</i>	The Lord's name be praised.

## THE OFFICE HYMN • 591

### *O God of earth and altar*

*King's Lynn*

*Please be seated.*

*Benedicam Dominum.*

Setting: Thomas Sanders Dupuis (1733–1796)

I will alway give thanks unto the Lord; his praise shall ever be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O praise the Lord with me, and let us magnify his Name together. I sought the Lord, and he heard me; yea, he delivered me out of all my fear. They had an eye unto him, and were lightened; and their faces were not ashamed. Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him; yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints; for they that fear him lack nothing. The lions do lack, and suffer hunger; but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good. Come, ye children, and hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. What man is he that lusteth to live, and would fain see good days? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips, that they speak no guile. Eschew evil, and do good; seek peace, and ensue it. The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers. The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, and will save such as be of an humble spirit. Great are the troubles of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of all. He keepeth all his bones, so that not one of them is broken. But misfortune shall slay the ungodly; and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate. The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants; and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

## THE FIRST READING

*Isaiah 57:14–21*

And it shall be said, “Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my people’s way.” For thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite. For I will not contend for ever, nor will I always be angry; for from me proceeds the spirit, and I have made the breath of life.

Because of the iniquity of his covetousness I was angry, I smote him, I hid my face and was angry; but he went on backsliding in the way of his own heart. I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will lead him and requite him with comfort, creating for his mourners the fruit of the lips. Peace, peace, to the far and to the near, says the Lord; and I will heal him. But the wicked are like the tossing sea; for it cannot rest, and its waters toss up mire and dirt. There is no peace, says my God, for the wicked.”

Here endeth the Reading.

*Please stand as able.*

## THE MAGNIFICAT

*Worcester 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

*Mark 10:13–22*

And they were bringing children to him, that he might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it he was indignant, and said to them, “Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have observed from my youth.” And Jesus looking upon him loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” At that saying his countenance fell, and he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

Here endeth the Reading.

*Please stand, as able.*

## THE NUNC DIMITTIS

*Worcester 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

<i>Officiant</i>	O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
<i>Choir</i>	And grant us thy salvation.
<i>Officiant</i>	O Lord, save the State;
<i>Choir</i>	And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
<i>Officiant</i>	Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
<i>Choir</i>	And make thy chosen people joyful.
<i>Officiant</i>	O Lord, save thy people;
<i>Choir</i>	And bless thine inheritance.
<i>Officiant</i>	Give peace in our time, O Lord;
<i>Choir</i>	Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
<i>Officiant</i>	O God, make clean our hearts within us;
<i>Choir</i>	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

*They that go down to the sea in ships*

Herbert Sumsion (1899–1995)

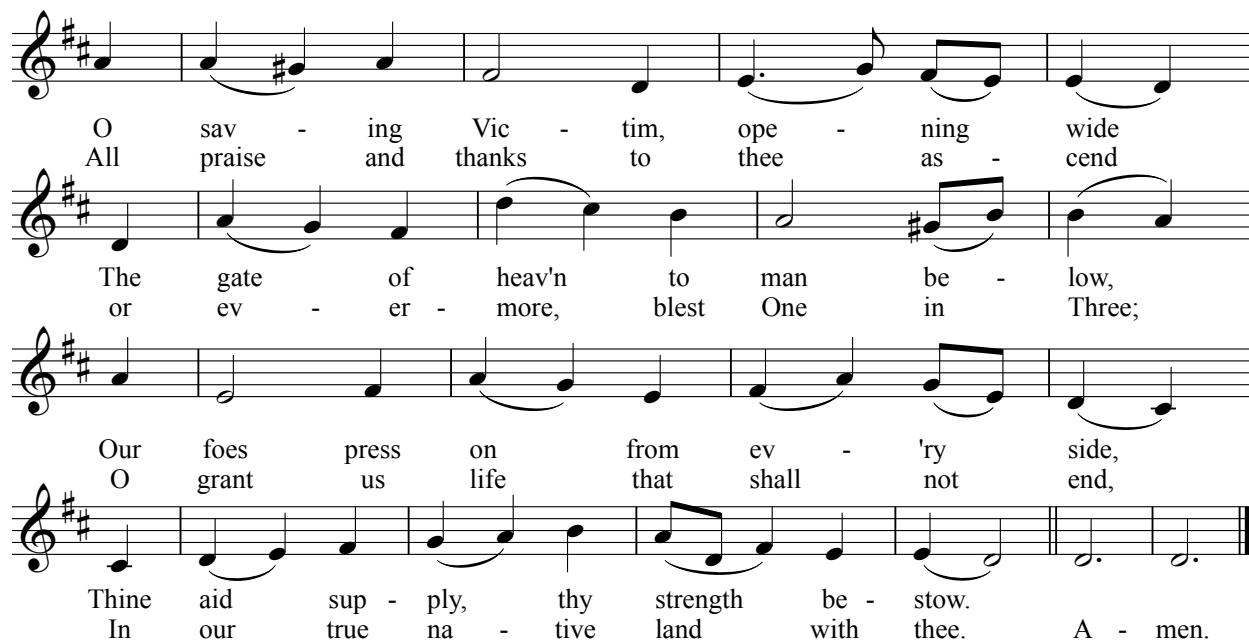
They that go down to the sea in ships: and occupy their business in great waters;  
These men see the works of the Lord: and his wonders in the deep  
For at his word the stormy wind ariseth: which lifteth up the waves thereof  
They are carried up to the heaven, and down again to the deep: their soul melteth away  
because of the trouble  
They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man: and are at their wits' end  
So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble: he delivereth them out of their distress  
For he maketh the storm to cease: so that the waves thereof are still  
Then are they glad, because they are at rest: and so he bringeth them unto the haven  
where they would be  
O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness: and declare the wonders  
that he doeth for the children of men!  
That they would exalt him also in the congregation of the people:  
And praise him in the seat of the elders!  
O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness: and declare the wonders  
that he doeth for the children of men!

# The Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

*All are invited to kneel, as able, while the Celebrant places the consecrated host into the monstrance.*

*The People sing*

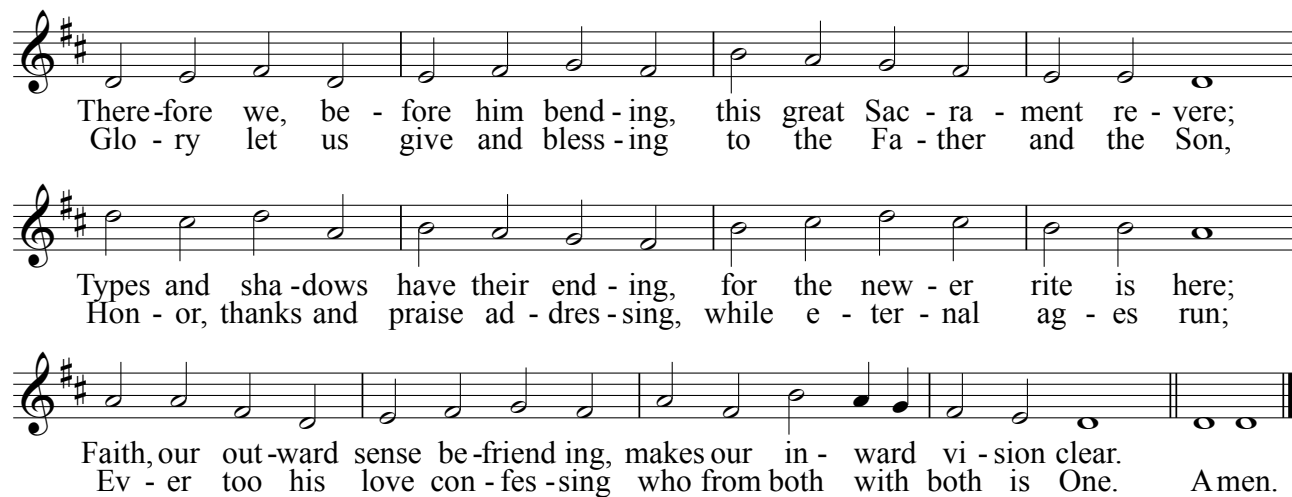
O SALUTARIS HOSTIA



O sav - ing and Vic - tim, ope - ning wide  
All praise and thanks to thee as - cend  
The gate of heav'n to man be - low,  
or ev - er - more, blest One in Three;  
Our foes press on life from that ev - 'ry side,  
O grant us life that shall not end,  
Thine aid sup - ply, thy strength be - stow.  
In our true na - tive land with thee. A - men.

*A time of silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament is observed.*

TANTUM ERGO



There-fore we, be - fore him bend - ing, this great Sac - ra - ment re - vere;  
Glo - ry let us give and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,  
Types and sha - dows have their end - ing, for the new - er rite is here;  
Hon - or, thanks and praise ad - dres - sing, while e - ter - nal ag - es run;  
Faith, our out - ward sense be - friend ing, makes our in - ward vi - sion clear.  
Ev - er too his love con - fes - sing who from both with both is One. A men.

*The People remain kneeling.*

## THE COLLECT

Thou gavest them bread from heaven.

**Containing in itself all sweetness.**

Let us pray.

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a Memorial of Thy Passion; grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the Sacred Mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of Thy redemption; who livest and resignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*The Officiant then blesses the People with the Blessed Sacrament. As the bell rings, the people make the sign of the cross and bow in fervent adoration, saying under their breath, “Blessed, praised, hallowed, and adored be Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.”*

## THE DIVINE PRAISES

*The People repeat each of the Divine Praises after the Priest.*

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints.

*The Blessed Sacrament is reposed by the Officiant. Please stand, as able, with the Altar Party.*

## THE HYMN • 662

*Abide with me, fast flows the eventide*

*Eventide*

## THE VOLUNTARY

*Paean*

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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## 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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