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*The Sower III (version 2), Vincent van Gogh (1853-1890)*

## *Solemn Evensong*

16 March 2025

Our Church stands on the unceded traditional territory of the Anishinabe Algonquin Nation.

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## THE OFFICE OF EVENING PRAYER

### Organ Prelude

Three Psalm-Preludes: Set II, No. 2     Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

*“Yea, the darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as day: the darkness and light to Thee are both alike.”*

### Introit

An Evening Hymn     Godfrey Hewitt (1940-2013)

*Now it is evening; time to cease from labour; Father, according to thy will and pleasure, through the night season have thy faithful people safe in thy keeping.*

Petrus Herbertus (1530-1571), tr. G.R. Woodward

Opening Sentences     Mass booklet, p.25

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G. Hewitt

### Psalm 84

*Quam dilecta!*

<sup>1</sup> O how lovely are thy dwellings, / thou Lord of hosts!

<sup>2</sup> My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: / my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

<sup>3</sup> Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: / even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; / they will be always praising thee.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are the men whose strength is in thee, / in whose heart are the pilgrim ways;

<sup>6</sup> Who going through the Vale of Misery use it for a well; / yea, the early rain covereth it with blessings.

<sup>7</sup> They go from strength to strength, / and unto the God of gods

appeareth every one of them in Sion.

<sup>8</sup> O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: / hearken, O God of Jacob.

<sup>9</sup> Behold, O God, our shield, / and look upon the face of thine  
anointed.

<sup>10</sup> For one day in thy courts / is better than a thousand.

<sup>11</sup> I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, / than to  
dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

<sup>12</sup> For the Lord God is a light and defence; the Lord will give grace  
and glory; / and no good thing shall he withhold from them that  
lead a godly life.

<sup>13</sup> O Lord God of hosts, / blessed is the man that putteth his trust in  
thee.

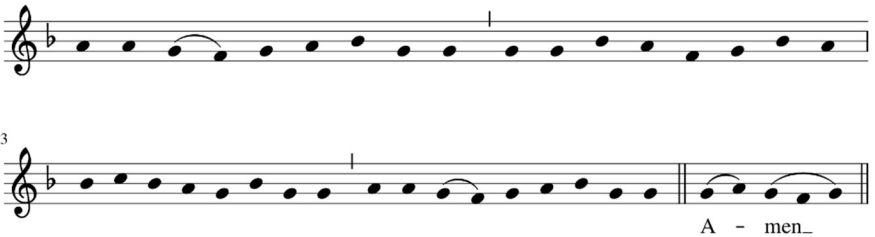
First Lesson

Genesis 41:14-45

Office Hymn

**81**     *O Christ, who art the light and day*

**Christe qui lux**



<sup>1</sup> O Christ, who art the light and day,  
Thou drivest darksome night away!  
We know thee as the Light of Light  
Illuminating mortal sight.

<sup>2</sup> All-holy Lord, we pray to thee,  
Keep us tonight from danger free;  
Grant us, dear Lord, in thee to rest,  
So be our sleep in quiet blessed.

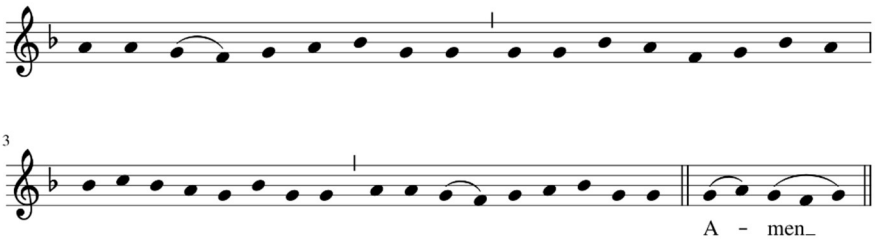
<sup>3</sup> And while the eyes soft slumber take,  
Still be the heart to thee awake;

Be thy right hand upheld above  
Thy servants resting in thy love.

<sup>4</sup> O strong defender, be thou nigh  
To bid the powers of darkness fly;  
Keep us from sin, and guide for good  
Thy servants purchased by thy blood.

<sup>5</sup> Remember us, dear Lord, we pray,  
While in this mortal flesh we stay:  
'Tis thou who dost the soul defend,  
Be present with us to the end.

<sup>6</sup> Blest three in one and one in three,  
Almighty God, we pray to thee,  
That thou wouldst now vouchsafe to bless  
Our fast with fruits of righteousness. Amen.



	Magnificat	p.29
Evening Canticle		G. Hewitt
	Second Lesson	
		Mark 3:31-4:9
	Nunc Dimittis	p.30
Evening Canticle		G. Hewitt
	Apostles Creed	p.30
	Versicles and Responses	p.31-32
		G. Hewitt

## Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collect for Lent

Almight and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collects

pp.32-33

Anthem

Pilgrims' Hymn

Stephen Paulus (1949-2014)

*Even before we call on your name to ask you, O God, when we seek for the words to glorify you, you hear our prayer.  
Unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe your name, and through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in you.  
Endless your grace, O endless your grace, beyond all mortal dream. Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages,  
Amen.*

Michael Dennis Browne

Prayers ending with the Grace

p.33

Sermon

Announcements

Hymn (Offering)

**533**    *O God, our help in ages past*

**St Anne**

Prayers

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

**353**    *The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended*

**St Clement**

Organ Postlude

Fuga a 5 voci per organo pieno, BWV 522 (“St Anne”)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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## NOTES AND NOTICES

A sincere welcome is extended to all newcomers and visitors worshipping with us this evening. Please join us for a reception in the Parish Hall immediately following the service.

Much of this evening's music (the Introit, Preces and Responses, Versicles, Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis) are the work of Godfrey Hewitt. Godfrey was the Organist and Choirmaster at Christ Church Cathedral from 1931 to 1980, after which he held the same position at St. Barnabas until his retirement in 1987. His settings of the evening canticles employ a unique combination of Anglican chant and plainsong, a musical device of Godfrey's own invention. These canticle settings have been rarely, if ever, sung in recent decades and we are delighted to be singing Godfrey's splendid music once again.

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