

Christ Church

Prelude by Debby Hix
“In the bleak mid-winter”

The Processional

Introit: “Matin Responsory” *Palestrina*

The Opening Sentences *BCP, P. 62*

Invitatory and Psalter

Preces

Officiant
O God, make speed to save us.

People
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

Prayer for the Blessing of Light *arr., Archer*

Psalms 103 *Benedic, anima mea*

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1 Bless the LORD,/O my/soul, *
and all that is within me,/bless his/holy/Name.

2 Bless the LORD,/O my/soul, *
and for/get not/all his/benefits.

Advent Choral Evensong
December 14, 2008
Half-past Five o'clock in the Evening

3 He forgives/all your/sins *
and/heals/all your in/firmities;

4 He redeems your/life from the/grave *
and crowns you with/mercy and/loving-/kindness;

†5 He satisfies you with/good/things, *
and your/youth is re/newed like an/eagle's.

6 The LORD/executes/righteousness *
and judgment for/all who/are op/pressed.

7 He made his ways/known to/Moses *
and his/works to the/children of/Israel.

8 The LORD is full of com/passion and/mercy, *
slow to/anger and of/great/kindness.

9 He will not/always ac/cuse us, *
nor will he/keep his/anger for/ever.

†10 He has not dealt with us ac/cording to our/sins, *
nor rewarded us ac/cording/to our/wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are/high above the/earth, *
so is his mercy/great upon/those who/fear him.

12 As far as the/east is from the/west, *
so far has he re/moved our/sins/from us.

13 As a father/cares for his/children, *
so does the LORD/care for/those who/fear him.

14 For he himself knows where/of we are/made; *
he re/members that/we are but/dust.

15 Our days are/like the/grass; *
we flourish like a/flower/of the/field;

16 When the wind goes over it,/it is/gone, *
and its/place shall/know it no/more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever
on/those who/fear him, *
and his/righteousness on/children's/children;

18 On those who/keep his/covenant *
and remember/his com/mandments and/do them.

19 The LORD has set his/throne in/heaven, *
and his kingship has do/minion/over/all.

20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his,
you mighty ones who/do his/bidding, *
and/hearken to the/voice of his/word.

21 Bless the LORD, all/you his/hosts, *
you ministers of/his who/do his/will.

22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his,
in all places of/his do/minion; *
bless the/LORD,/O my/soul.

Glory to the Father, and/to the/Son,*
And/to the/Holy/Spirit:
As it was in the be/ginning, is/now,*
And/will be for/ever. A/men.

Choral Evensong

Evensong, sung Evening Prayer, has its roots in the pre-Reformation monastic and cathedral choir prayer services, sometimes called the daily offices, in the Church in England. The service includes hymns, prayers, Scripture readings, and choral and organ music.

This evening's offering is designated for the music ministry of Christ Episcopal Church, Blacksburg. The offering will be used to support special musical events, guest musicians, larger musical scores, etc., and to enhance the musical offerings of Christ Church; your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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Up Coming Concert Series and Future Evensong Dates

Friday, February 20, 2009, 8:00 p.m., First Concert in the Christ Church Concert Series, featuring organist Douglas A. Beck, organist and choirmaster of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia.

Sunday, March 22, 2009, 5:30 p.m. Lenten Evensong

Sunday, May 10, 2009, 5:30 p.m. Easter Evensong

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