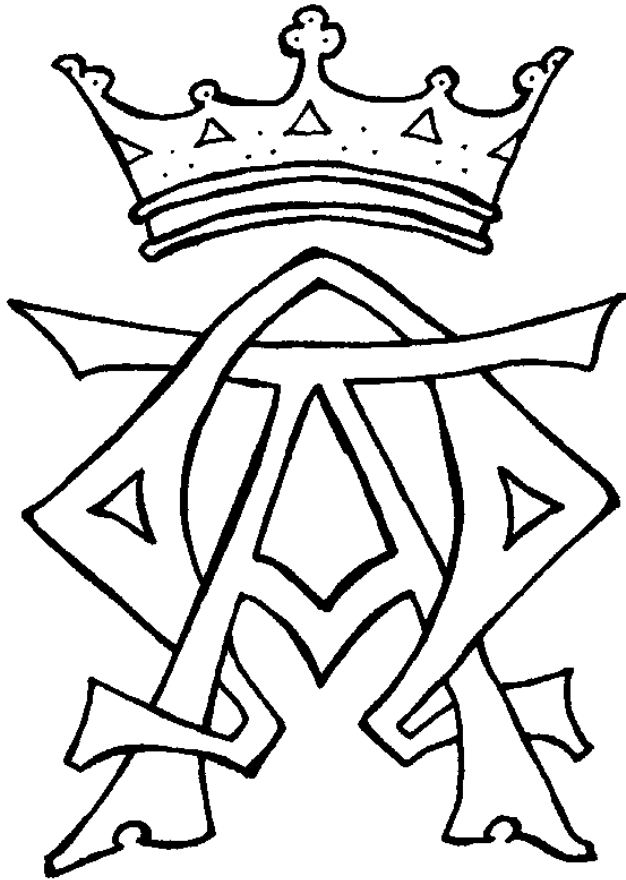


# *Christ Church Celebrates 150 Years*



FESTIVE CHORAL EVENSONG  
September 7, 2008

Half-past Five o'clock in the Evening

Prelude by Debby Hix

The Processional

Introit "Round me falls the night"

A. Drese

The Opening Sentences

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## 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.

Hymn #25 "O gracious Light"

vs 1, unison; vs 2, 2-part canon; vs 3, 4-part canon

*The congregation is invited to sing with any voice of the canon.*

Psalm 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.

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.

<i>Magnificat</i>	<i>R. Vaughan Williams</i>
The Second Lesson	Matthew 5:13-20
<i>Nunc dimittis</i>	<i>R. Vaughan Williams</i>
<i>Officiant and People together, all standing</i>	
The Apostles' Creed	BCP, P. 66
<b>The Prayers</b>	BCP, P. 67
The Salutation and The Lord's Prayer	S-28
Suffrages B	S-30
The Collects	
For the 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	BCP, P. 181
For Sunday	BCP, P. 69
For Church Musicians & Artists	BCP, P. 69
For the Mission of the Church	BCP, P. 71
Anthems	
<i>Haec dies</i>	<i>William Byrd</i>
<i>(This is the day the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.)</i>	
"The Heavens Declare Thy Glory"	<i>William Selby</i>
<i>(Sung by Christ Church's Choristers)</i>	
"O Clap Your Hands"	<i>R. Vaughan Williams</i>

The General Thanksgiving	BCP, P. 71
A Prayer of St. Chrysostom	BCP, P. 72
Hymn #377	
"All People that on earth do dwell"	<i>Old Hundredth</i>
Congregation to sing vs. #1, #2, #5	
Choir to sing vs. #3, #4, #5	
The Dismissal	S-32
The Concluding Sentences	BCP, P. 72
Postlude: "Invocation and Remembrance"	<i>L. T. Haugen</i>

Everyone is invited to the Great Hall for a musical reception.

This evening's service is part of our year-long celebration of our 150<sup>th</sup> year which we hope will enrich you spiritually in this season of joy and rebirth.

### **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.

Would you like to receive email notices and reminders for future music programs at Christ Church? If so, please complete the "Christ Church Concert Series" card found in the pews and place in the offering plate.

#### **Up Coming Concert Series and Future Evensong Dates**

Sunday, December 14, 5:30 p.m. Advent Evensong

Friday, February 20, Time to be announced, First Concert in the Christ Church Concert Series, featuring organist Douglas A. Beck

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

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

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