

# Christ Church Grosse Pointe

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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*Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. We hope that this service will help lift you to the presence of God and strengthen you for the week to come.*

*Scripture readings are printed in Currents (leaflet insert).*

## Evening Prayer: Rite I

VOLUNTARY

ROMANCE, FROM *SYMPHONY NO. 4, OP. 32*

*Louis Vierne  
(1870-1937)*

## ❧ The Entrance Rite ❧

INTROIT

DROP, DROP, SLOW TEARS

*Orlando Gibbons  
(1583-1625)*

Drop, drop slow tears,  
And bathe those beauteous feet,  
Which brought from Heaven  
The news and Prince of Peace.

Cease not, wet eyes,  
His mercies to entreat;  
To cry for vengeance  
Sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods  
Drown all my faults and fears;  
Nor let His eye see sin,  
But through my tears.

*Phineas Fletcher*

*The people stand for the procession.*

OPENING SENTENCE

*Officiant* If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Officiant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*The people kneel. A brief period of silence is observed.*

*Officiant* Almighty and most merciful Father,  
*All* **we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*The Officiant offers the absolution, and the people respond Amen.*

## ❧ The Invitatory and Psalter ❧

*The people stand.*

### PRECES & RESPONSES

*O. Gibbons*

*Cantor* O Lord open thou our lips

*Choir* And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

*Choir* 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. Praise ye the Lord.

*The people are seated and stand during the Psalm where indicated.*

### PHOS HILARON

*Mode 2*

O gracious light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in Heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

### PSALM 61

chant: *C. Hylton Stewart*

*The text for the Psalm is printed in Currents.*

*The people stand for the Gloria Patri.*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## ❧ The Lessons ❧

*The people are seated for the first reading.  
The texts for the Scriptures are printed in Currents.*

### FIRST READING

Genesis 48:8-22

*The people stand for the hymn.*

### HYMN 649

O JESUS, JOY OF LOVING HEARTS

*Dickinson College*

*The people are seated, but stand where indicated.*

### MAGNIFICAT

FROM *SECOND SERVICE*

*O. Gibbons*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit rejoiceth 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 shewed 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.

*The people stand for the Gloria Patri.*

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 people are seated.*

### SECOND READING

John 6:27-40

### NUNC DIMITTIS

FROM *SECOND SERVICE*

*O. Gibbons*

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.

*The people stand for the Gloria Patri.*

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 people remain standing.*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Officiant* I believe in God,  
*All* **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.**

## ~ The Prayers ~

### THE LESSER LITANY

*John Barnard  
(1604-1674)*

*Cantor* The Lord be with you.  
*Choir* And with thy spirit.  
*Cantor* Let us pray.  
*The people kneel.*  
*Choir* Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Robert Stone  
(1516-1613)*

*Choir* 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.

**SUFFRAGES***J. Barnard*

*Cantor* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
*Choir* And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the state.  
*Choir* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.  
*Choir* And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.  
*Choir* And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
*Choir* Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
 but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
*Choir* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

**THE COLLECTS**

*Officiant* Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Choir* Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who 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, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*Choir* Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior.

*Choir* Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

*Choir* Amen.

**THE WELCOME & REFLECTION**

The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

**THE OFFERTORY***The people remain seated while the offering is collected.*

**ANTHEM**

O LORD, IN THE WRATH, REBUKE ME NOT

*O. Gibbons*

O Lord, in thy wrath, rebuke me not:  
 Neither chasten me in thy displeasure.  
 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak:  
 O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.  
 My soul is also sore troubled:  
 But, Lord, how long wilt thou punish me?  
 O save me for thy mercy's sake.

**INTERCESSIONS***The people kneel.**The Intercessor offers petitions and thanksgivings on behalf of the congregation.**The people respond **Amen.*****THE GRACE***All*

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 and the love of God,  
 and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,  
 be with us all evermore. Amen.**

**HYMN 39**

JESUS, REDEEMER OF THE WORLD

*Wilderness***THE BLESSING***Officiant* The Lord be with you.*People* **And with thy spirit.***The Officiant blesses the people.**People* **Amen.****THE DISMISSAL**

*Officiant*