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The Forty-fifth Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee

Christ the King
(observed with permission)
November 20, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Choral Evensong



sung by the St. Luke's Evensong Choir, the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee Festival Chorus, the St. Luke's RSCM Choristers, and the St. Luke's Saint Nicholas Choir

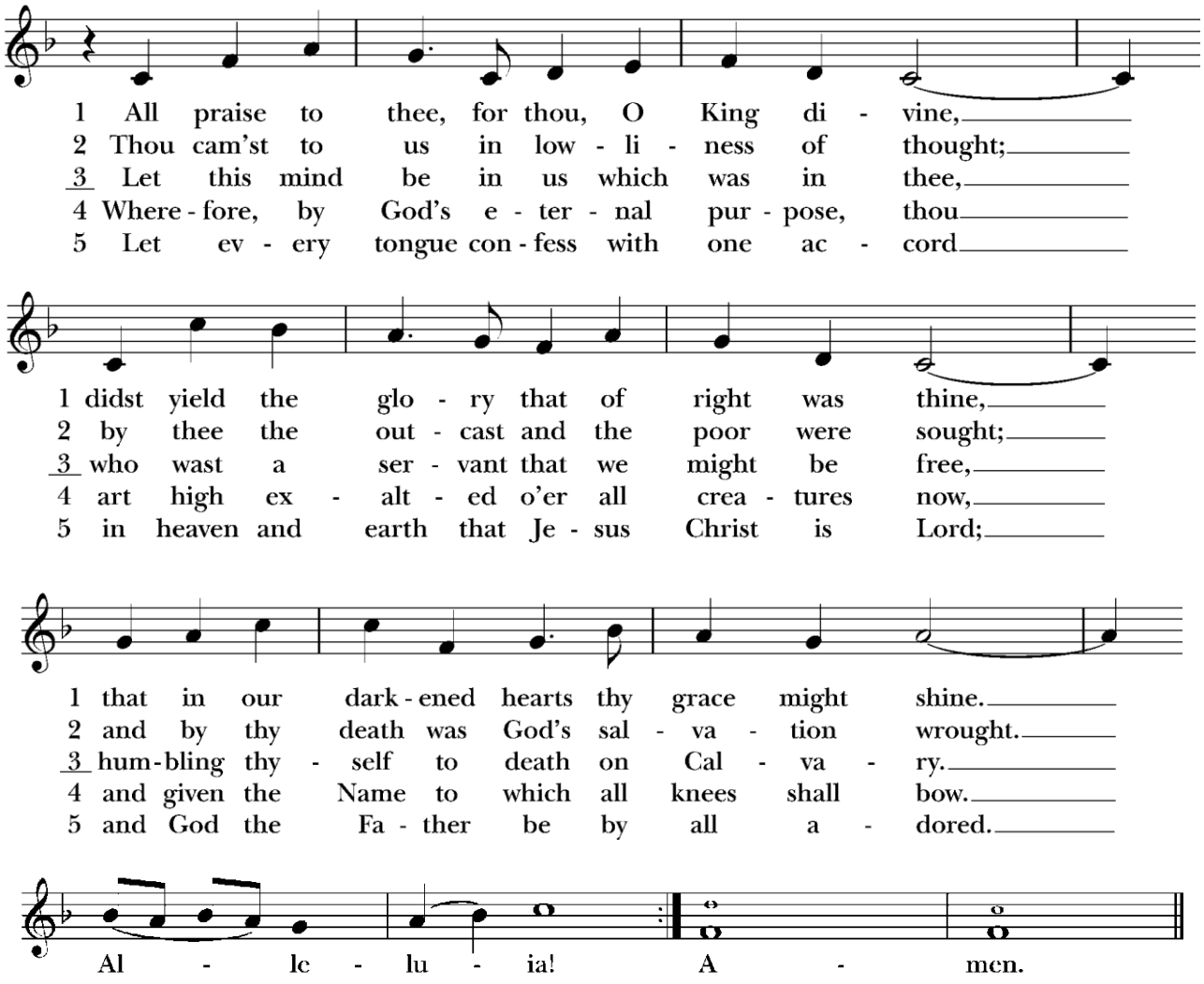
featuring the St. Luke's Handbell Ringers

Organ Prelude *Psalm-Prelude,* Op. 32, No. 1 Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him: yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.
— Psalm 34: 6, *BCP (1662)*

Please stand as able.

Hymn in Procession All praise to thee, for thou, O King Divine *Engelberg*



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Music: *Engelberg*, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924); desc. Jeffrey Hoffman (*b.* 1970)
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The Opening Sentence

Officiant Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Please stand as able.

The Preces for treble voices and organ Malcolm Archer (*b.* 1952)

sung by the RSCM Choristers of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Carrie Pennel Prewitt, director; Jeffrey Hoffman, organist

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips:
Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us:
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord:
Choir The Lord's name be praised.

Lucernarium *The song of the light* from *Phos Hilaron* Owain Park (*b.* 1993)

sung by the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee Festival Chorus; Adrienne Wagster, solo
Jeffrey Hoffman, conductor

Hail, gladdening Light, of His pure glory poured
Who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest;
Holiest of holies, Jesus Christ, our Lord!

Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest;
The lights of evening round us shine,
We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine!

Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung with undefilèd tongue,
Son of our God, giver of life, alone!
Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.

— *Phos Hilaron,* 2nd or 3rd century Greek hymn, translated by John Keble (1792-1866)

The Psalm 100, *Jubilate Deo* Anglican chant, Thomas Attwood (1765–1838)

chanted by the West Tennessee Festival Chorus; Jeffrey Hoffman, conductor;
Dr. Richard Townley, organist

1 Be joyful in the LORD, all ye lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

2 Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; *
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving;
and into his courts with praise; *
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

4 For the Lord is gracious;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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 First Lesson *Ephesians 1:15-23*

Lector A Reading from the Book of Ephesians

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

Please stand as able.

The Magnificat from the *Evening Service "Collegium Regale"* Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

sung by the St. Luke's Evensong Choir; Matthew Eller, tenor soloist
Jeffrey Hoffman, conductor and organist

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, forever.

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 Lesson *Matthew 25:31-46*

Lector A Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw

you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Lector The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

Please stand as able.

Nunc dimittis from the *Evening Service "Collegium Regale"* Herbert Howells (1892-1983)
sung by the St. Luke's Evensong Choir, Jeffrey Hoffman, conductor and organist

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 BCP 120

Officiant and People together, all standing (chanting in monotone).

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer Malcolm Archer
sung by the St. Luke's RSCM Choir

Please kneel or stand as able.

The Responses — Malcolm Archer

Officiant O Lord, show us your mercy, O Lord
Choir And grant us your salvation.

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
Choir Let your people sing with joy.

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
Choir For only in you can we live in safety.

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;
Choir And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;
Choir Your saving health among all nations.

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Choir Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
Choir And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collects

The Collect of the Day

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Choir Amen.

A Collect for Fridays

Officiant Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake.
Choir Amen.

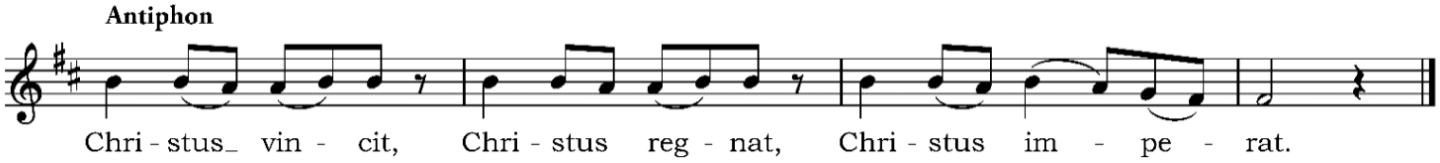
A Collect for Mission

Officiant Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.
Choir Amen.

Please stand as able.

Office Hymn *Christus vincit* *Sarum chant,* arr. Martin Baker (*b.* 1967)

The children of the Saint Nicholas Choir of St. Luke's Church will lead the antiphon.
The congregation is invited to join in singing the antiphon whenever the words appear below in bold type.
The pronunciation is KREE-stoos VEEN-cheet KREE-stoos RAY-nyaht KREE-stoos EEM-peh-raht.



Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat.	*Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands.*
Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat.	
Exaudi, Christe.	*Graciously hear us, Christ.*
Ecclesiae Sancte Dei	*To your holy Church*
Salus perpetua et vita.	*Grant enduring prosperity and life.*
Salvator mundi,	*Savior of the world,*
Tu illum adiuva.	*Come to her aid.*
Sancta Maria,	*Holy Mary,*
Tu illum adiuva.	*Come to her aid.*
Sancte Petre,	*Saint Peter,*
Tu illum adiuva.	*Come to her aid.*
Sancte Paule,	*Saint Paul,*
Tu illum adiuva.	*Come to her aid.*
Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat.	
Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat.	
Rex regum.	*King of Kings.*
Christus vincit.	*Our King.*
Rex noster.	*Our Glory.*
Christus regnat.	
Gloria nostra.	
Christus imperat.	
Ipsi soli imperium,	*To him alone be majesty,*
Gloria et potestas,	*Glory, and power,*
Per immortalia saecula saeculorum. Amen.	*To everlasting ages of ages.* *Amen.*
Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat.	
Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat.	

Words: Responsory for the Feast of Christ the King and the Service for the Coronation of a Pope
Music: Sarum chant melody, from the *Worcester Antiphoner* (12th cent.); arr. Martin Baker (*b.* 1967)
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Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem *And he shall reign as King* Larry King (1932-1990)

sung by the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee Festival Chorus, Jeffrey Hoffman, conductor;
Dr. Richard Townley, assisting organist

I am the Alpha and the Omega: the first, the last, who is, and who was, and who is to come.

I will raise up a righteous branch and he shall reign as king.

For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world to bear witness to the truth.

In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things whether on earth or in heaven.

King of Kings! Lord of Lords!

— Revelation 1: 8, Jeremiah 23:5, John 18: 37, and Colossians 1: 19-20, *RSV*

Please stand or kneel as able.

The General Thanksgiving BCP 125

Officiant I invite your intercessions and thanksgivings at this time.

Prayers may be offered silently or aloud.

Officiant Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

All **Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom BCP 126

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

People **Amen.**

The Dismissal

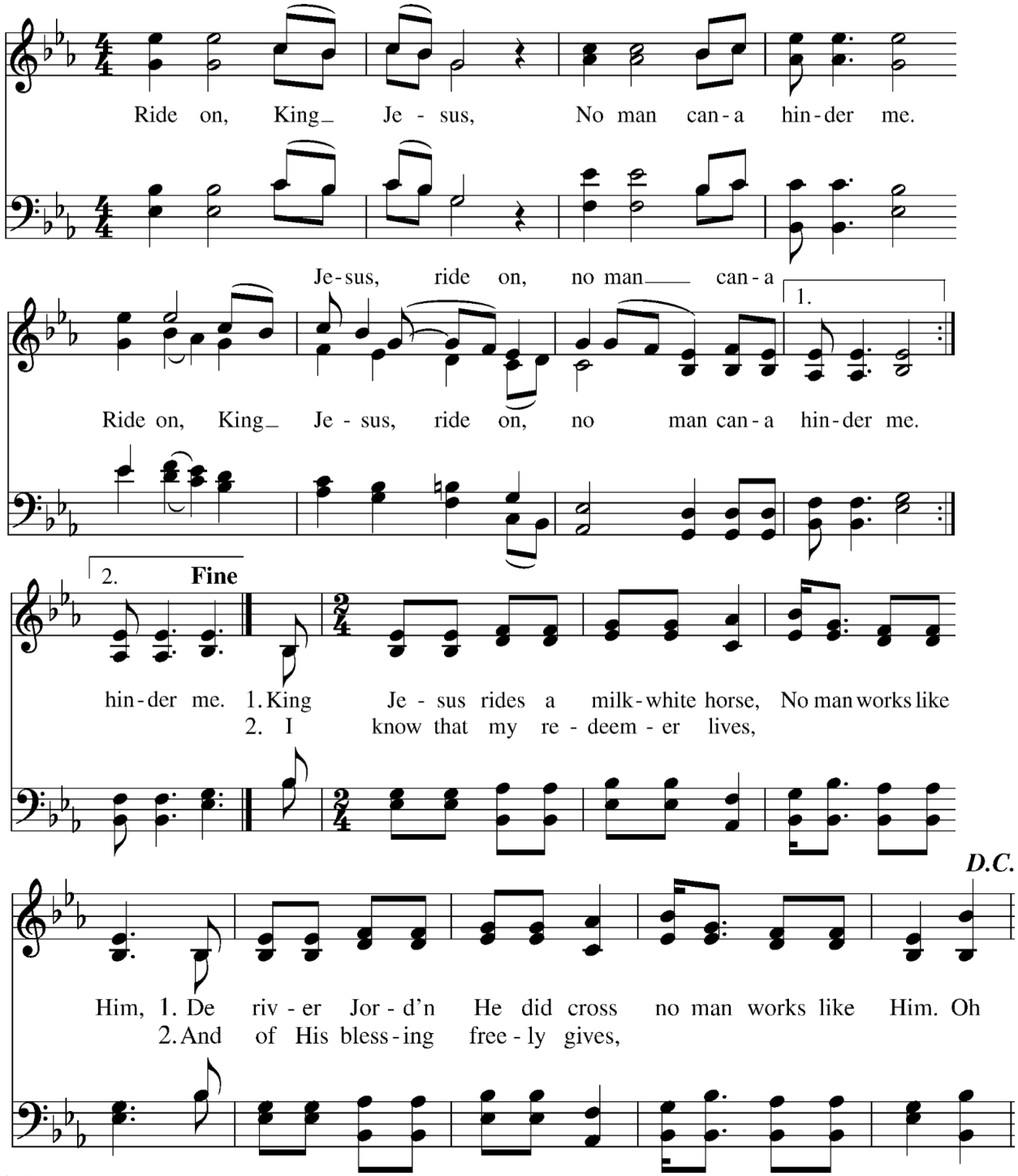
Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Hymn in Procession — Ride on, King Jesus — *Ride on, King Jesus*



Words: Traditional spiritual
Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Hezekiah Brinson, Jr. (*b.* 1958), desc. by Jeffrey Hoffman (*b.* 1970)
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Handbell Voluntary — *Nocturne in C minor: "Moonlight"* — Nancy Hascall (1941-2014)

The St Luke's Handbell Ringers

The Musicians

St. Luke's Evensong Choir

Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass
Esther Gray	Erin Eller	Matthew Eller	Eric Bundy
Lisa Hay	Brooke Kinzer	Berta Garrity	David McCall
Carrie Prewitt	Anne Long	Jared Heldenbrand	Andrew Proctor
Rebecca Simpson	Maddie Ratchford	Jeffrey Hoffman	Daniel Varughese
Brooke Wagster	Adrienne Wagster	Kathleen Huneycutt	

Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee Festival Chorus

Soprano

Patricia Easley, Grace Church, Paris
Nedra Bolton Bailey, St. Constance, Memphis
Meg Synk, St. Constance, Memphis
Jeane Chapman, St. Constance, Memphis

Bass

John Palmer
Richard Townley, St. Mary's Cathedral

as well as all of those in the St. Luke's Evensong Choir

St. Luke's Handbell Ringers

Matthew Eller
Berta Garrity
Dylan Griffith
Lisa Hay
Jeffrey Hoffman
Kathleen Huneycutt
Anne Long
David McCall
Gaius Perkins
Katy Perkins

RSCM Choristers

Presley Buxton
Georgia Hutchinson
Gaius Perkins
Anderson Sharp
McKenzie Sharp
Gentry Turner
Greysen Turner

Saint Nicholas Choir

Ellie Buxton
Jamison Buxton
Reed Hutchinson
Atticus Perkins
Sage Ratchford
Jubilee Shull
Amelia Walker

Richard S. Townley, assisting organist, is the Organist – Choirmaster of St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in Memphis, Tennessee. A retired attorney, Richard is privileged to now devote his time and energy to making great sacred music. Richard attended the University of Missouri where he earned the Bachelor of Music degree in 1991 and the Master of Music degree in 1994. He completed graduate study at Duke University where he was awarded the Ph.D. in music in 2000. Richard is also an alum of the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis, where he received his J.D. *magna cum laude* in 2009. Dr. Townley has served as a professional musician in Roman Catholic and Episcopal Churches in Missouri, North Carolina, and Tennessee for approximately 31 years, including here at St. Luke's Church. He is a past Dean of the Durham / Chapel Hill Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, holds the Fellowship (F.A.G.O.) and ChoirMaster (Ch.M.) certifications from the Guild, and is a two-time winner of the S. Lewis Elmer Award.

Jeffrey Hoffman, Organist & Director of Music at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, came to Jackson in 2025 after many years in New York City, having served as organist and choirmaster seventeen years at Christ Episcopal Church, Pelham, New York and previously at St. Alban's Episcopal Church on Staten Island, where he formed the internationally known Music at St. Alban's classical concert series in response to the terror attacks of September 11, 2001, and the chamber orchestra Sinfonia Celestis, with which he presented many choral and chamber symphonic masterworks over the years. He had previously served as organist and choirmaster for several Roman Catholic parishes in New York City and for the Presbyterian Church of New Rochelle, and served as organist for the Rossmoor Jewish Congregation in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Known for his adventurous and wide-ranging programming of choral masterworks within the context of liturgy as well as in concert settings, Hoffman brings a broad knowledge of the choral, orchestral, and musical theater repertoire and a wealth of experience in churches, concert halls, and theaters to his work here in Jackson. Early in his career, he was assistant organist to two of the nation's prominent liturgical organist-composers, Robert J. Powell and Charles Callahan, both now of blessed memory. He is an alumnus of Manhattan School of Music, where he studied classical composition with Giampaolo Bracali, organ with Alec Wyton, and choral and orchestral conducting with Amy Kaiser and David Gilbert.

The St. Luke's Evensong Choir is a ministry of this parish, dedicated to glorifying God through song in choral liturgy, comprised primarily of singers from our St. Luke's Parish Choir, together with our friends and colleagues from the larger Jackson choral community. This choir sings monthly for Evensongs, our All Souls Day Requiem, Lessons and Carols, and other special choral services such as this one, exploring the Anglican choral repertoire and choral masterworks together. In coming years, we hope to add concert performances of choral masterworks to our calendar, as well. In July 2028, the choir will join with the choir of St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in Memphis for a week-long residence in St. Mary's Cathedral, Edingburgh, Scotland, singing Evensong daily and for a Sunday service of the Holy Eucharist. We welcome interested singers to join us by speaking to our director of music, and we especially welcome those from our community who have other Sunday morning commitments but would like to join our choir for Choral Evensong. Please let us know of your interest by emailing jeffrey@estlukes.org.

The Saint Nicholas Choir at St. Luke's Church is an introductory choral opportunity for children in Kindergarten through the Second Grade. Under the direction of Carrie Pennell Prewitt, the children learn about participation in the liturgy, develop important choral singing skills, and participate as worship leaders regularly in our services at St. Luke's Church.

The RSCM Chorister program is for older children from the Third through the Eighth grades (with some older teens participating, as well). Affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music and directed by Carrie Pennell Prewitt,this ensemble offers a solid musical education within our liturgical context. The Choristers participate regularly in our services of worship, and are routinely featured as the principal choir in our liturgies.

The Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee Festival Chorus was convened for this convention by special invitation to participants in the Small Church Conference hosted at St. Luke's Church and to choir directors throughout the diocese. We are delighted to welcome those who chose to join our parish choral ministry to participate in this service.

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The Episcopal Church in West Tennessee is a welcoming community of believers with many voices, yet one faith in Jesus Christ, united in the Book of Common Prayer, nurtured by the sacraments and empowered by the Word of God for our ministry in the world.



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