

Concert & Evensong



The Feast of Saint Matthew
observed
September 20 , 2026
5 pm

- *Nave services may be livestreamed for our online congregation. Cameras focus primarily on vested ministers, but others in the cathedral may also be visible in live or archived video.*

Concert

Lisa Lewis, harpsichord



Toccata Nona

Giralamo Frescobaldi
(1583 –1643)

Frescobaldi was organist at St. Peter's in Rome by the time he was 25, and was the most accomplished and well-known organist of his era. It's said that as many as 30,000 people came to hear him play services at St Peter's. The *Toccata Nona* represents a remarkable culmination of his work. It has 18 different sections, some only 2 or 3 measures, none longer than 6. Its inexhaustible wealth of ideas is admirable – its stopping and starting which is accomplished in the smallest space that never lets the listener rest -or the performer, for that matter. Frescobaldi wrote at the end of the piece "Non senza fatica si giunge al fine", that is "Not without toil does one achieve one's end". Great demands are made upon the player and the intellectual power of the listener!

Selections from the Sixieme Ordre

Francois Couperin
(1668-1733)

Les Moissonneurs (The Harvesters)
Les Langueurs -Tendres (Tender Languidness)
Le Gazouillement (Chirping, bubbling)
Les Baricades Misterieuses (The mysterious barricade)
Les Bergeries (The sheep pen)
Le Moucheron (The Gnat)

These pieces are from the Second Volume of Couperin's works for keyboard, published in 1716-1717. The pieces are tender and delicate in mood, The trills and ornaments put one in mind of the lovely baroque ceilings at Versailles. These pieces seem perfect for the autumn season; the set opens with "The Harvesters" whom I envision chatting with each other while working. The second piece. "Tender Languidness" has been called one of Couperin's most beautiful works from the melodic point of view. It has a highly ornamented line (think Versailles) but that line smooths off all angles of the line, giving it a caressing flexibility, and yet remains a part of the melody. Le Gazouillement (Chirping, bubbling) reminds me of people gossiping!

The Mysterious Barricade is probably the best known of Couperin's piece and remains "mysterious" as to what it refers. Like the other pieces it has a rondo form with several iterations of the cheerful beginning. Les Bergeries (sheep pen) has a pastoral character, I imagine shepherds

nearby tending and caring for the sheep. The sound of a bagpipe emerges. A Watteau painting comes to mind.

The suite ends with “Le Moucheron” (the gnat) – other than the pervasive flies everywhere nothing is more widespread than gnats and mosquitos at this time of year. You’ll hear the buzzing in the trills in the left hand – 18th century gnats come to life!

***French Suite VI in E Major* BWV 817**

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Allemande	Polannaise
Courante	Menuet
Sarabande	Gigue
Gavotte	

Bach uses the French dance titles, the stylized dances that would have been so familiar to those at court or large manor houses.

***Sonata XXI. Allegro* K. 175**

Domenico Scarlatti
(1685 – 1757)

Domenico Scarlatti wrote 555 sonatas for keyboard in various styles. This sonata imitates the sound of a Spanish guitar, with dissonant chords you wouldn’t expect to hear from a Baroque composer. The middle section has a festival feeling, with left hand jumps from the highest notes to the lowest.



Lisa Lewis has served as Organist/Choirmaster at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church since 1985 and is Artistic Director of St. Luke’s Music Series as well as the Music Academy at St. Lukes. She trains and directs a children’s choir which is an outreach to the Anchorage/Middletown community.

The harpsichord was commissioned by Lisa in 1976 and was built by David Sutherland, Ann Arbor, Michigan. The instrument was purchased by the Cathedral with a special memorial gift around 2012. It’s a lovely reunion to play it again

Evensong



PROCESSIONAL *Improvisation*

Robert Lee

OPENING SENTENCE

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to thee, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to thee are both alike.

Psalm 139:10, 11

Invitatory and Psalter

PRECES

Richard Ayleward

O Lord, open thou our lips:
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us:
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 Lord's Name be praised.

PHOS HILARON: *O Gracious Light*

Austin Echols

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,
our eyes behold the vespér light,
we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are 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.

The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.
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 Readings

- *silence is kept after each reading for reflection*

FIRST READING Job 28:12-28

"But where shall wisdom be found?
And where is the place of understanding?
Mortals do not know the way to it,
and it is not found in the land of the living.
The deep says, 'It is not in me,'
and the sea says, 'It is not with me.'
It cannot be gotten for gold,
and silver cannot be weighed out as its price.
It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir,
in precious onyx or sapphire.
Gold and glass cannot equal it,
nor can it be exchanged for jewels of fine gold.
No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal;
the price of wisdom is above pearls.
The chrysolite of Cush cannot compare with it,
nor can it be valued in pure gold.
"Where then does wisdom come from?
And where is the place of understanding?
It is hidden from the eyes of all living
and concealed from the birds of the air.
Abaddon and Death say,
'We have heard a rumor of it with our ears.'
"God understands the way to it,
and he knows its place.
For he looks to the ends of the earth
and sees everything under the heavens.
When he gave to the wind its weight
and apportioned out the waters by measure,
when he made a decree for the rain,
and a way for the thunderbolt,
then he saw it and declared it;
he established it and searched it out.
And he said to humankind,
'Truly, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom;
and to depart from evil is understanding.' "

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MAGNIFICAT

Peter Aston

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 for ever.
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.

SECOND READING Matthew 13:44-52

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets

but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
Treasures New and Old

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Peter Aston

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.

Glorify 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.

- *all stand*

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 RESPONSES

Richard Ayleward

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

- *the people stand or kneel*

Lord have mercy upon us,

Christ have mercy upon us,

Lord have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER • *sung by all*

officiant Our Father,

choir who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

SUFFRAGES

Richard Ayleward

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us:
and grant us thy salvation.
O Lord, save the State:
and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Endue thy ministers with righteousness:
and make thy chosen people joyful.
O Lord, save thy people:
and bless thine inheritance.
Give peace in our time, O Lord:
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
O God make clean our hearts within us:
and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECT FOR ST. MATTHEW

We thank thee, heavenly Father, for the witness of thine apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of thy Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, who art the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank thee for the timely blessings of the day, and humbly beseech thy merciful protection all the night. Bring us, we pray thee, in safety to the morning hours; through him who died for us and rose again, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

COLLECT FOR MISSION

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine 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 thy love's sake.

Amen.

- *all be seated*

DEAN'S WELCOME

- *an offering will be received during the singing of the anthem which will go to the support of the Cathedral Arts Program*

ANTHEM *The Call of Wisdom*

Will Todd

Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth,
Lord of justice, Lord of mercy;
Walk beside us down the years
Till we see you in your glory.

Striving to attain the heights,
Turning in a new direction,
Entering a lonely place,
Welcoming a friend or stranger.

I am here, I am with you.
I have called: do you hear me?
I am here, I am here
I am with you.

Silver is of passing worth,
Gold is not of constant value,
Jewels sparkle for a while;
What you long for is not lasting.

Rulers govern under me
With my insight and my wisdom.
Those who know me know my love,
Those who seek me find their answer.

God the Father and the Son,
Holy Spirit coeternal.
Glory be ascribed to you,
Now and to the end of ages.

— Michael Hampel (Based on Proverbs 8)



- *all stand*

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING • *said by all*

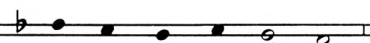
Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
 we thine unworthy servants
 do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
 for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men.
 We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
 and all the blessings of this life;
 but above all for thine inestimable love
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
 And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
 that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
 and that we show forth thy praise,
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,
 by giving up our selves to thy service,
 and by walking before thee
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
 be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

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

Amen.

DISMISSAL

officiant 
 Let us bless the Lord.
all 
 Thanks be to God.

THE GRACE

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

Romans 15:13

HYMN 24 *The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended*

1 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended, the dark - ness
 2 We thank thee that thy Church, un - sleep - ing while earth rolls
 3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land the dawn leads
 4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall nev - er, like earth's proud
 falls at thy be - hest; to thee our morn - ing hymns a -
 on - ward in - to light, through all the world her watch is
 on an - oth - er day, the voice of prayer is nev - er
 em - pires, pass a - way; thy king - dom stands, and grows for
 scend - ed, thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.
 keep - ing and rests not now by day or night.
 si - lent, nor dies the strain of praise a - way.
 ev - er, till all thy crea - tures own thy sway.

This hymn may be used in the morning by omitting stanza 1.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893)

Music: *St. Clement*, Clement Cottevill Scholefield (1839-1904)

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PROCESSIONAL *Improvisation*

Robert Lee

serving today . . .

The Very Rev. Matthew Bradley, *officiant*

Austin Echols, *organist & choir director*

Robert Lee, *organist*

The Cathedral Choir & The Choir of St. Luke's Anchorage

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Blossom Marshall, *acolyte*

Carol Brown, Bobbie Fritton, Kirt Jacobs, *greeters/ushers*

Bing Jacobs, *bell ringer*

Tim Tice, *live stream*



*... as for
me and my
household,
we will
serve the
Lord*

Joshua 24:15

Welcome

Established in 1822, Christ Church Cathedral is the oldest house of worship in Louisville. The Cathedral strives to uphold the highest standards for music and worship.

The Cathedral Choir is a mixed choir of adults, who sing music from all eras and composers. The choir has been featured on both local and national public radio programs. Visit the Cathedral's website for information on recordings available by the Cathedral Choir.

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Today we acknowledge the role our Church has played in colonialism's devastating legacy of death, stolen lands, dehumanizing removals, and forced assimilation of native people.

We repent of our complicity in perpetuating the dominance of white European culture, even to the present day.

We seek forgiveness.

We honor the original peoples of this land and the presence of native people still living in Kentucky.

We honor with respect their Elders, past, present, and future, their traditions, and the land itself.

We commit to listen, learn, and walk in love.



Christ Church Cathedral

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