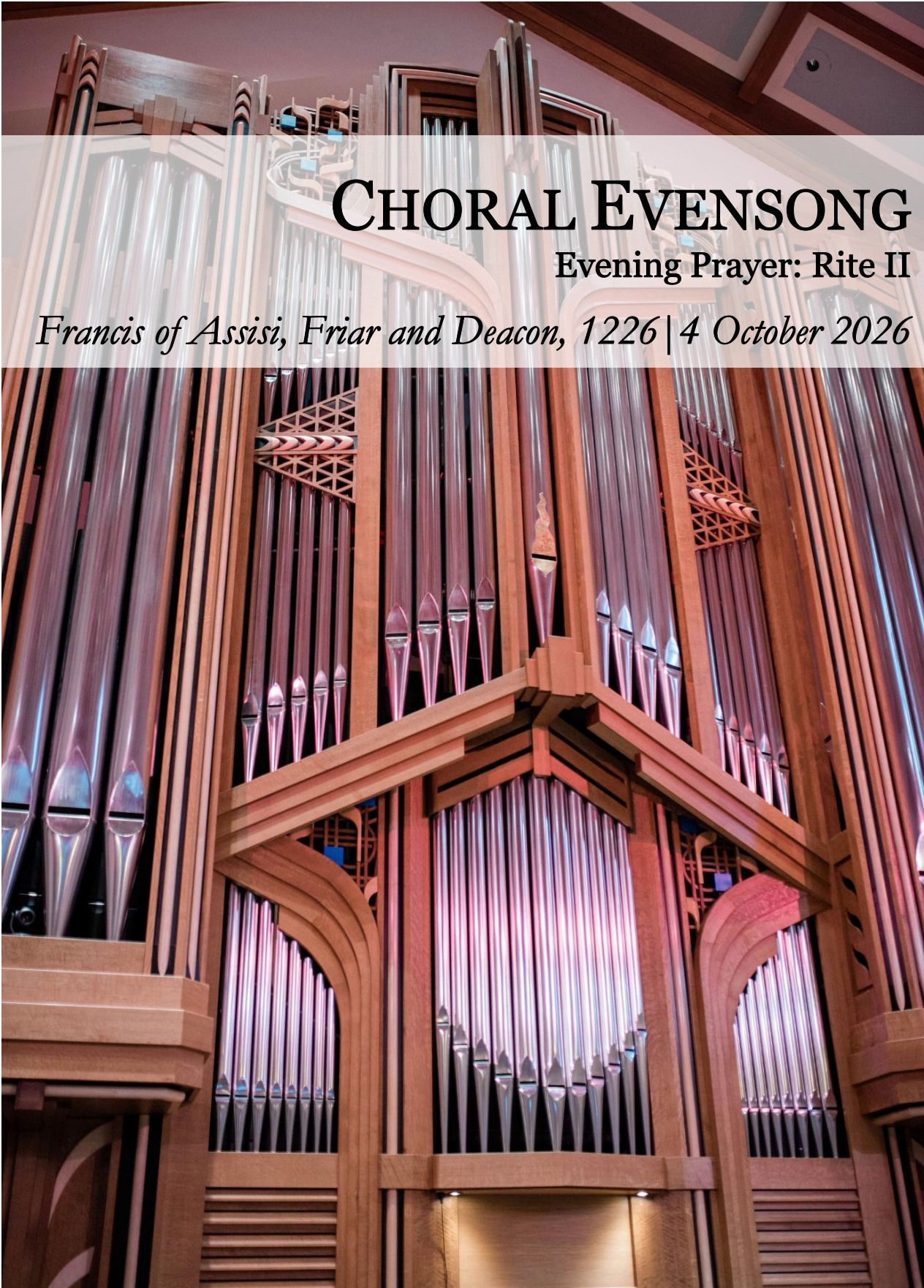




CHORAL EVENSONG

Evening Prayer: Rite II

Francis of Assisi, Friar and Deacon, 1226 | 4 October 2026

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, CINCINNATI, OH

Empowering people of peace to reconcile, liberate, heal, and serve the world

ORGAN RECITAL | 4:30 pm

Lisa Hall, organist

Ciacona in E Minor, BuxWV 160

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

A Ciacona (or Chaconne) is a musical form that has a bass line repeated throughout the piece with variation.

Cloister Garth

A. Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)

A musical depiction of the garth of a cathedral - an open-air garden enclosed by the cloisters of the English Cathedrals.

Twelve Short Pieces, Op. 43

Rachel Laurin (1961-2023)

I. Cantilène

X. Rondo

Canadian Rachel Laurin was known internationally for her compositions as well as being a magnificent concert organist and recording artist. Her Twelve Short Pieces reflect her colorful and varied style.

Psalm-Prelude, Op. 32, No. 2

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

"But the meek shall inherit the earth and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace."

~ Psalm 37:11

Fugue in E-flat Major 'St. Anne', BWV 552

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

"O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home."

~ Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Lisa Hall has served Christ Church Cathedral in Lexington, Kentucky as the Assistant now Associate Cathedral Organist since February 2012. Lisa has had the privilege of being the organist for choral residencies in England with the Christ Church Cathedral Choir to York Minster Cathedral, St. George's Chapel Windsor, Exeter Cathedral, Chester Cathedral, and most recently, Canterbury Cathedral and Great St. Mary's, Cambridge.

Lisa has also accompanied the Asbury University Chorale to England for their choral residencies at Gloucester Cathedral and Bristol Cathedral. Lisa performed an organ concert in Rome, Italy at St. Paul's Within the Walls in 2007 with her friend, Nathan Davy (Park Cities Presbyterian Church, Dallas).

During the Visiting Conductor Series at the Cathedral, Lisa has worked with American conductors - Richard Webster, Robert McCormick, Robert Ludwig, Robert Quade, and Walden Moore - as well as British conductors - Aric Prentice, Malcolm Archer and Sarah Baldock. In 2013, Lisa recorded an album, *Sing We Merrily*, with the Cathedral Choir.

Lisa has served on Lexington's American Guild of Organists' Executive Committee. She enjoys sharing her love of the organ, teaching organ, and singing in choirs. Lisa holds a Master of Music in organ performance from the University of Kentucky and a Bachelor of Arts in organ and church music from Asbury University.

CHORAL EVENSONG | 5:00 pm

Evening Prayer, Rite II

The People stand as the procession enters the cathedral.

HYMN AT THE ENTRANCE

All creatures of our God and King (*stanzas 1, 4, 5, & 7*)

The Hymnal 1982: No. 400

THE OPENING SENTENCES

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Psalms 141:2

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:1

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the People

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

The People kneel. Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The People stand.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Invitatory (*sung by the choir*)

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

Music: Stephan Casurella

Phos hilaron (*sung by the choir*)

O gladsome light, O grace
Of god the Father's face,
Th'Eternal splendour wearing;
Celestial, Holy, Blest,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ,
Joyful in thine appearing.

Now, ere day fadeth away,
We see the Evening light,
Our wonted hymn outpouring;

Father of might unknown,
Thee, His Incarnate Son,
And Holy Spirit adoring.

To Thee of right belongs
All praise of holy songs,
O Son of God, Life-giver;
Thee, therefore, O most high,
The world doth glorify,
And shall exalt for ever.

O Gladsome Light

Music: Harold Darke (1888-1976)

The People sit.

Psalm 121 (*sung by the choir*)

I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.
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.

Chant: James Turle (1802-1882)

THE LESSONS

The First Reading

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.

After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things. *Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11 (NRSV)*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Magnificat *(sung by the choir)*

My soul doth magnify the Lord
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
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.
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.

Text: The Song of Mary (Luke 1:46-55)

Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983) – Gloucester Service

The Second Reading

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

Luke 12:13-21 (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Nunc dimittis (*sung by the choir*)

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.

Text: The Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32)

Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983) – Gloucester Service

The People stand.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 PRAYERS & COLLECTS (*sung by the choir*)

Cantor The Lord be with you.

Choir And also with you.

Cantor Let us pray.

Choir Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Cantor Show us your mercy, O Lord;

Choir And grant us your salvation.

Cantor Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Choir Let your people sing with joy.

Cantor Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

Choir For only in you can we live in safety.

Cantor Lord, keep this nation under your care;

Choir And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Cantor Let your way be known upon earth;
Choir Your saving health among all nations.
Cantor Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Choir Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Cantor Create in us clean hearts, O God;
Choir And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Cantor Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Choir Amen.

Cantor Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior.

Choir Amen.

Cantor O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir Amen.

Music: Stephan Casurella

The People sit.

THE ANTHEM

Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
and to be loved, as to love;

for it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Text: Anonymous
Music: Stephan Casurella

The People stand.

The text of the preceding anthem is often attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, though there is no evidence for that ascription. The earliest known occurrence is in a 1912 French magazine. Nevertheless, it is very much in the spirit of St. Francis's life and teaching and thus appropriate at his saint's day celebration.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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 JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

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. **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS DOMINO *(Sung by the Choir)*

Cantor Let us bless the Lord.

Choir Thanks be to God.

Music: Stephan Casurella

THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

HYMN AT THE CLOSING

Jesus, all my gladness

The Hymnal 1982: No. 701

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

I. Allegro Maestoso (from Sonata in G, Op. 28)

Edward Elgar (1857–1934)



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immediately following the service*

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