



*Soaring Sounds*  
in a Sacred Space

**2023 — 2024 Music Season**

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# WELCOME!

Welcome to the 2023—2024 Musical Season at Christ Church Grosse Pointe!

It is with great excitement that I present the 2023-2024 season of *Soaring Sounds in a Sacred Space* at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. I am so pleased to share our brochure which lists the concerts and special musical services featuring all of the Christ Church Choirs.

Music remains at the heart of our Christ Church community and is one of the primary ways that we worship, love, and serve our Lord Jesus Christ. Additionally, each concert and service provide the listener an opportunity to experience a vitally important part of the musical history of the Church. The richness of the Anglican choral tradition is reflected in the variety of music presented in this series. Glorious music has continued to be an integral part of Christ Church's evangelism to the greater community. Our program this year resumes with an imaginative series of events – including Beethoven's *Mass in C*, a Christmas Concert featuring movements from Handel's *Messiah* and the ever-popular Christmas Carol Sing-a-long, our Palm Sunday concert featuring the Requiems of Gabriel Fauré and Herbert Howells, and a performance of Mendelssohn's monumental oratorio *Elijah*. We will continue our special service schedule with our annual All Souls' Requiem featuring the music of Maurice Duruflé, our Advent and Epiphany Processions, and our iconic Christmas Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. This year promises to be another hallmark season in our nearly century-old musical history. The Christ Church music program, with its roster of talented choirs and extensive musical offerings, is a treasured ministry of our community. We can continue providing first-rate music only through the assistance of our supporters. To bring world-class music to Christ Church and the community at-large, we rely on your generosity. Please consider supporting our offerings with your presence and, if possible, by contributing in the attached envelope.

Thank you!!



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# MASS IN C

Ludwig van Beethoven

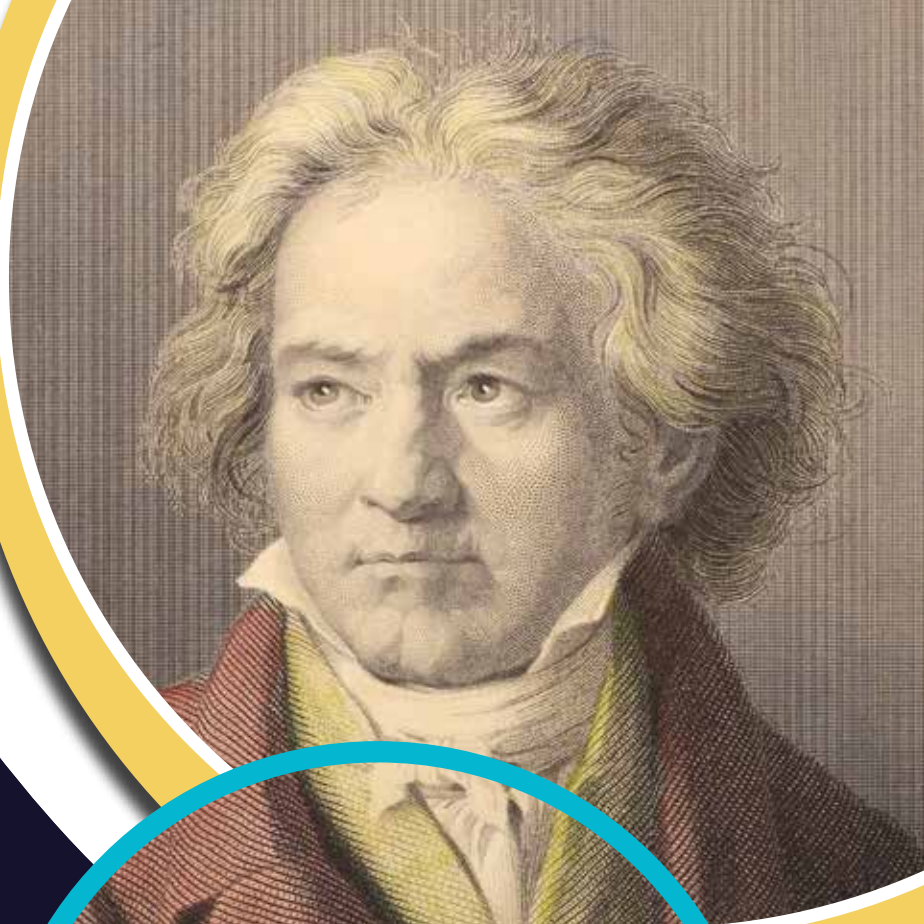
Sunday, November 19, 2023, 4 pm

Christ Church Chorale and Orchestra

Join the Christ Church Chorale, Orchestra, and soloists in a performance of music by Beethoven and Schubert. The concert will feature Beethoven's triumphant *Mass in C* written in the tradition established by Haydn in years prior as well as Franz Schubert's energetic setting of the *Magnificat* (also in the key of C major).

Tickets: \$25

*Pre-concert lecture at 3 pm*



# CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 10, 2023, 4 pm

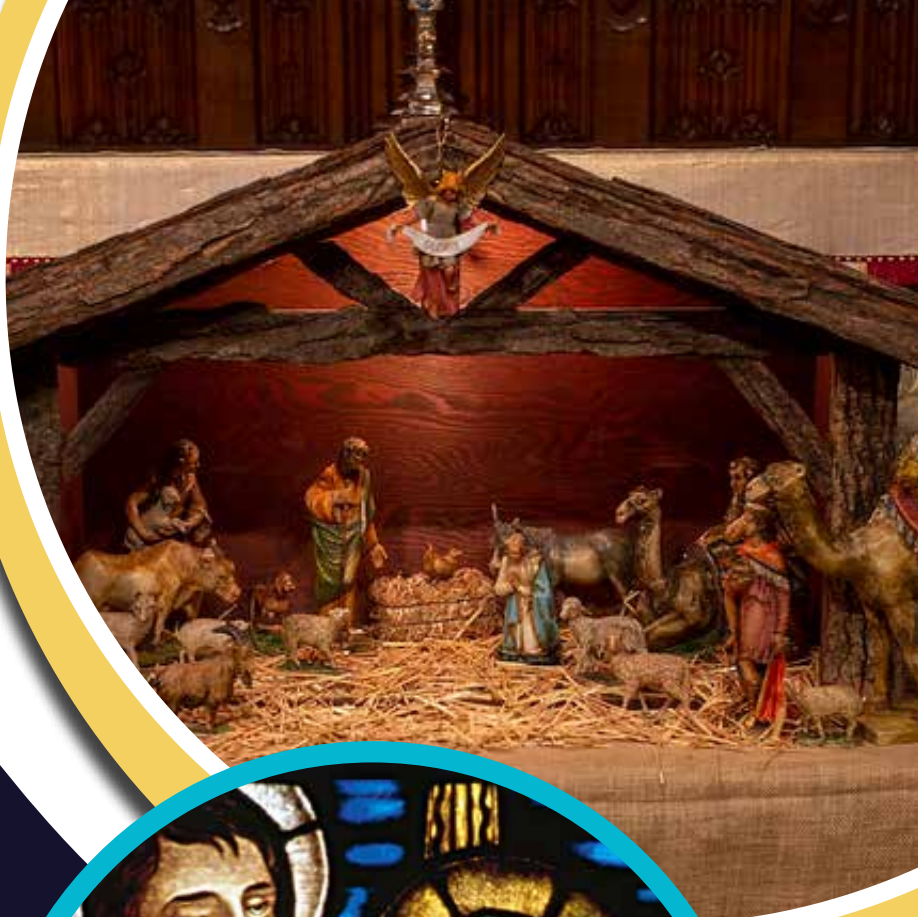
Christ Church Chorale and Orchestra

Celebrate the joy of the Christmas season in this festive afternoon of traditional favorites and choral masterpieces. This year's concert features selections from Handel's *Messiah* and Vaughan Williams' *Fantasia on Christmas Carols*. Then, the audience is invited to join in to sing some of our favorite Christmas carols and the *Hallelujah Chorus*.

Tickets: \$25

*Pre-concert lecture at 3 pm*





# REQUIEM

Gabriel Fauré and Herbert Howells

Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024, 4 pm

Christ Church Schola with Orchestra

Begin the journey of Holy Week as the Christ Church Schola performs two settings of the Requiem. In a departure from traditional structures of the Requiem, Fauré described his setting as “a happy deliverance, an aspiration towards happiness above, rather than as a painful experience.” Similarly, Howells creates a sense of hope and comfort through colorful dissonances, warm textures, and the incorporation of verses from the Psalms.

Freewill Offering

*Pre-concert lecture at 3 pm*



# ELIJAH

Felix Mendelssohn

Sunday, May 5, 2024, 4 pm

Christ Church Chorale and Orchestra

Jake Surzyn, baritone

Join the Christ Church Chorale, Orchestra, and soloists in the final concert of the season as we perform Felix Mendelssohn's monumental oratorio, *Elijah*. From Elijah's conflict with the prophets of Baal to his ascension on a fiery chariot to heaven, this dramatic work has become one of the most beloved oratorios of all time.

Tickets: \$25

*Pre-concert lecture at 3 pm*





# BON VOYAGE CONCERT

Friday, July 12, 2024, 7 pm

Christ Church Choirs

Spend a summer evening with the Christ Church Choirs as they sing music from their upcoming pilgrimage to England. As they prepare to offer services in Wells and Salisbury Cathedrals, hear the choir sing some of their favorite music spanning several centuries.

Freewill offering



# SPECIAL SERVICES

Free and open to the public.

## ALL SOULS' REQUIEM

**Sunday, November 5, 2023, 4 pm**

The Requiem liturgy is filled with the promise of new life for all, the hope of resurrection for those who have gone before us. For many people, the death of a loved one can bring with it a heavy burden of grief. Our faith assures us of a life to come—a life whose form and ways we may not comprehend or understand, but a continuation of our being in the presence of the One God who created us in love. This worship experience, featuring Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem*, is meant to help us all to release the old or fresh grief we each may hold.

## ADVENT PROCESSION

**Sunday, December 3, 2023, 4 pm**

In the quiet anticipation of the this Advent season, we retell the story of Christ's coming. As you enter the church, you will see the Advent Wreath, whose candles the wreath symbolize the four weeks of Advent, and the candle in the middle symbolizes the nativity of Christ. We are told by John that Christ is the light who comes into the world to lighten our darkness. Through the poetry of the ancient prophets, you will experience the joyous expectancy and longing given voice by the Church from its earliest days.

# **CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS**

## **Sunday, December 17, 2023, 4:30 pm**

(please note time)

Doors open at 3:45 pm  
Pre-service organ recital at 4 pm

First held on Christmas Eve in 1918 in King's College, Cambridge, this service of lessons and prayers has remained relatively unchanged today. While the music varies from year to year, the service always begins with "Once in Royal David's City" whose first verse is sung by a single voice. Join us as we retell the story of Christ's birth with candlelight, prayer, and song.

# **EPIPHANY PROCESSION**

## **Sunday, January 7, 2024, 4 pm**

The title "Epiphany" is from the Greek word for "showing forth" or "manifestation." Beginning January 6, and the season which follows, we celebrate the events by which Jesus was shown forth as the Son of God. These showings of his divinity included his birth, the coming of the Magi, his baptism, and the Wedding at Cana where he miraculously changed water into wine. Through our service of procession, we travel, as the Magi did, from darkness into light. Join us as we lighten your darkness and draw you in to the love of the Christ.

# **CANDLEMAS**

## **Sunday, February 4, 2024, 4 pm**

The church celebrates our Lord's presentation to God on the fortieth day after his birth in obedience to the Jewish Law. This is a moment of manifestation of Jesus as the Messiah when Old and New Testament come together in the testimony of the aged priest Simeon and the prophet Anna. During this candlelight service, we return to the joy of Christmas, and in our liturgy we witness to the presence of God in the world coming to us in Bread and Wine and coming to the world through us, the Body of Christ.

# EASTER LESSONS AND CAROLS

**Sunday, April 14, 2024, 4 pm**

Modeled after our Christmas Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, we celebrate the Easter season through readings, carols and congregational hymns. We recall the prophecies and the events leading up to and following the resurrection of Jesus, and conclude by looking forward to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Join us and make this festive service a meaningful part of your observance of the 50 days of Easter.

# FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

**Thursday, May 9, 2024, 7 pm**

The church celebrates Jesus' ascension to the right hand of God on the fortieth day of Easter. This is the second of the three great events of the victory of Easter (resurrection, ascension, gift of the Spirit). We are reminded that in this and every Eucharist, the Church ascends into the presence of God to stand with Jesus at God's right hand, sharing in the joys of the Kingdom and offering through Christ the whole creation that it may be filled with grace and redemption. Join us in our final celebration of the program year.





# OTHER CHORAL SERVICES

Free and open to the public

## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 5, 2023, 9 am

## CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2023,  
4 pm, 8 pm, and 11 pm  
10:30 pm Choral Prelude  
(featuring *A Ceremony of Carols* by  
Benjamin Britten)

## CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2023, 10 am

## ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2024, 7 pm

## PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 2024, 9 am

## HOLY MONDAY

March 25, 2024, 7 pm

## HOLY TUESDAY

March 26, 2024, 7 pm

## TENEBRAE

March 27, 2024, 7 pm

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28, 2024, 7 pm

## GOOD FRIDAY

March 29, 2024, 12 pm & 7 pm

## THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

March 30, 2024, 7 pm

## EASTER DAY

March 31, 2024, 9 am & 11:15 am

## PENTECOST

May 19, 2024, 9 am

## EVENSONG

The service of Evensong (or sung Evening Prayer) is drawn almost entirely from the Bible: Psalms, lessons from the Old and New Testaments, and Canticles (songs of praise from the Scriptures). Music is an integral part of this service, and the choirs offer sung prayers to God on behalf of the people of God

*A casual reception follows each service.*

September 17, 2023

October 8, 2023

March 10, 2024

May 19, 2024

*All services at 4 pm*



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