



**The Episcopal Diocese of Texas
Music Commission
Presents
The 66th Annual Diocesan Choral Festival
“From All Saints to Advent–A Service of Readings & Music”
Sunday afternoon, November 15, 2026
Christ Church Cathedral, Houston**



Conducted by

**Dr. Joseph Causby, Director of Music and Organist
Christ Church Cathedral, Houston**

SCHEDULE

- 3:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. - Arrival and greetings; rehearsal for participants
- 6:00 p.m. - Festival Service, open to all, with a Reception following

ABOUT THE CONDUCTOR: Joseph Causby serves as Director of Music and Organist at Christ Church Cathedral, where he leads the Cathedral's vibrant music ministry and oversees its rich Anglican choral tradition. An accomplished organist, choirmaster, and scholar, Joe is passionate about music as a pastoral ministry that proclaims the Gospel, nurtures spiritual growth, and enriches congregational life.

Before joining Christ Church Cathedral in 2026, Joe served for eight years as Director of Music at the Chapel of the Cross Episcopal Church in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Earlier in his career, he held the same position at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in San Antonio and began his ministry in the Episcopal Church at Trinity Episcopal Church in Houston, making his return to the city a meaningful homecoming.

A native of North Carolina, Joe earned graduate degrees from Rice University's Shepherd School of Music before completing a doctorate in Musicology at the University of Durham in England. During his time there, he became the first American to serve as Organ Scholar at Durham Cathedral.

Joe has been a leader in the wider Anglican music community throughout his career. He is a past President of the Royal School of Church Music in America, an organization dedicated to training church musicians and strengthening sacred music in the Anglican tradition. In recognition of his distinguished service, he was named a Fellow of the Royal School of Church Music by the Archbishop of Canterbury in 2023.

Known for his excellence as both a musician and teacher, Joe is committed to fostering inspiring worship, developing singers and instrumentalists of all ages, and building a music ministry that welcomes the broader community into the beauty of sacred music.

Joe and his husband, Bob Brewer, are delighted to call Houston home once again.

REPERTOIRE FOR THE FESTIVAL:

All singers are welcome to join us, but music preparation is key to a successful Festival. We will not be holding sectional rehearsals this year, so singers are urged to work with their director to prepare for the Festival.

Anthems:

1. All Saints: "Jerusalem is fair" (from Hymns IV) by Betty Pulkingham. Scan will be provided to registered singers. [Jerusalem is Fair.pdf](#)
2. Remembrance: William Boyce "All the ends of the world"
[All_the_ends_Boyce.pdf](#)
3. Christ the King: Samuel Coleridge Taylor "Lift up your heads"
https://ks15.imslp.org/files/imglnks/usimg/9/93/IMSLP689750-PMLP1104826-Coleridge-Taylor_Lift_Up_Your_Heads.pdf
4. Advent: "People, look east" by Christopher Steel (Published by Banks) Music is on order; Scan will be provided to registered singers when it arrives.

Hymns:

1. O That I had a thousand voices (from *Hymnal* 1940)
2. By gracious powers (695, *Hymnal* 1982)
3. I want to walk as a child of the light (490, *Hymnal* 1982)

To register, visit www.epicenter.org/for-leaders/Music-Commission There is no fee to register, and all Diocese of Texas choirs are invited to participate.

Registration deadline is November 6, 2026.

Additional information and scans of the music not linked above will be sent by email to registered singers.

For more information, email Dr. Linda Patterson music@standrewsbcs.org or call 979-822-5176, ext. 105