Welcome! Our vision is to be an extraordinary spiritual gathering place where people of all backgrounds and ages are welcome to question and learn, pray, worship and serve; being loved by God in ways that change and improve their lives and the lives of others.

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CONCERNING THIS MORNING’S LITURGY
While Deacon Spannaus’ ministry at the Cathedral began last year, we formally celebrate his presence and work in the Cathedral community today. Therefore, this morning’s liturgy is also a Celebration of New Ministry, and elements of this will take place throughout the service.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Organ

There is a spirit that delights to do no evil
from A Quaker Reader

Ned Rorem (1923-2022)

Please stand as you are able. From the Great West End the Choir sings

The Responsory

plainchant, adapt. from Giovanni da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)

V I look from afar:
R And lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.
V Go ye out to meet him and say:
R Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?
V High and low, rich and poor, one with another.
R Go ye out to meet him and say:
V Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.
R Tell us, art thou he that should come?
V Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come.
R To reign over thy people Israel.
V Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
R I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming and a cloud covering the whole earth.
V Go ye out to meet him and say:
R Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

Isaiah and the Psalms
At the Procession

Come, thou Redeemer

Puer nobis

1. Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
   And manifest thy virgin birth:
   Let every age adore in fall;
   Such birth befits the God of all.

2. Beotten of no human will,
   But of the Spirit, thou art still
   The Word of God in flesh arrayed,
   The promised fruit to man displayed.

3. From God the Father he proceeds,
   To the Father back he speeds;
   His course he runs to death and hell,
   The turn of God’s throne to dwell.

4. Of the Father, thou! Gird thy fleshly man, now;
   The glory, as is ever meet,
   With our mortal state meet,
   Death less might in-vig or ate.

5. All laud to God the Father be,
   All praise, eternal Son, to thee:
   To the Father be, Gird thy laud,
   The Holy Par-a-clete.

Words St. Ambrose (340-397), tr.
Music Puer nobis, 15th century, adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Words of Welcome

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Choir sings
Magnificat

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924) in C

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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

PURIFY our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Presentation

The Wardens, standing before the Bishop, Canon for Transitions, and Dean, with the new deacon, say
Bonnie, Ellen, and Scott, we have come together today to welcome Deacon Tim who has been chosen to serve as Deacon in the Church.

Canon Do you accept this deacon to serve among you?
People We accept and welcome him.
Canon Will you work with him in the mission which Christ has given you?
People We will
Canon Tim, do you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?
Deacon I do.

The deacon is seated in the Deacon’s stall.
The Word of God

The congregation is seated.
The Lesson

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

The Choir sings
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Qui regis Israel
plainchant IV.4

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered

despite the prayers of your people?
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Bishop, Dean, and Deacon stand at the Altar

Dean Tim, accept this Gospel Book and empower our congregation to live the Good News.

Please stand as you are able and sing
Sequence Hymn 53

Once he came in blessing

O Gott, du Frommer Gott
Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

After the Gospel the people respond
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Bishop Perry

Please stand as you are able as we say together

The Nicene Creed

Prayerbook, Page 358

The Litany

Litanist

Let us pray for our ministry in Christ’s name and for our new deacon saying, Lord of love, renew us in your service.

Silence

Litanist

We praise you, O God, for the creation of all things through your Word, Jesus Christ. You entrusted your world and all its creatures to us that we might be faithful stewards. Lord of love, renew us in your service.

All

Renew us in your service.

To save us from ourselves, and the chaos and sin we brought about, you came among us in your Son Jesus. You called us to love and serve one another as he loved and served us. Lord of love, renew us in your service.

We thank you for this community in which we minister. Despite the sickness and brokenness around us, give us the courage to see and work toward your new creation in everything we encounter. Lord of love, renew us in your service.

We pray for those who have completed their ministry on earth [especially...] that they may rejoice with you in eternity. Lord of love, renew us in your service.

We pray for those who still minister in this life, that we may be sustained in our work. Lord of love, renew us in your service.
We bless you for raising up in many places ministers of word and sacrament. We welcome Tim to this parish community, to be a deacon among us. May he be a faithful herald of the Gospel and help us to see and minister to the needs of the world. Lord of love, renew us in your service.

Give us the hearts and minds and hands to be faithful stewards of this household of faith and your creation. Bless our work together in this Cathedral Church of St. Paul, that our fruitfulness will signify not our accomplishments, but your glory. Lord of love, renew us in your service.

May the servant Christ be our guide and companion in the days to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

Representatives then present the deacon with symbols of the deacon’s ministry.

**Don Wiggins**  
Tim, accept this Bible as representative of this church’s support as you lead us in Education for Ministry.

**Dean Hunter**  
Tim, accept these newspapers, books, copies of legislation, and this tablet as we communicate to our church the needs, concerns and hopes of the world.

**Altar Guild**  
Tim, accept this corporal and chalice, as you assist the Bishop and priest in the administration of the Sacraments.

Please stand as you are able.

**The Peace**  
**Celebrant**  The peace of the Lord be always with you.
**People**  And also with you.

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*The Congregation is seated and the Choir sings*

**At the Offertory, Anthem**  
Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

O of one that is so fair and bright  
*Velut maris stella,*  
As the star of the sea

Brighter than the day is light,  
*Parens et puella.*  
Mother and maiden

I cry to thee, thou see to me, Lady, pray thy Son for me,  
*Tam pia*  
So holy

That I may come to thee,  
*Maria!*  

All this world was forlorn  
*Eva peccatrice,*  
Through Eve’s sin

Till our Lord was y-born  
*De te genetrice.*  
of you, his mother

With ave it went away: Darkest night, and comes the day  
*Salutis,*  
of salvation

The well springeth out of thee  
*Virtutis.*  
of virtue
Lady, flow’r of everything,
*Rosa sine spina*,
Thou bare Jesu, Heaven’s King,
*Gratia divina*.
Of all thou bear’st the prize, Lady, Queen of paradise
*Electa:*
Maid mild, mother
*Es Effecta.*

rose without a thorn
by divine grace
chosen
you are made

13th century English; *The Oxford Book of English Verse* (1900)

*Please stand as you are able and sing*

**Presentation Hymn**

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
Redeem thy captive Israel,
That into exile drear has gone,
Far from the face of God’s dear Son.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, Adonai,
Who in thy glorious majesty,
From that high mountain clothed with awe
Gavest the folk the elder law.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*The service continues below, or may be followed in the Prayerbook on page 361.*

**The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)**

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*The Celebrant continues and ends with*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:
All sing
Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel, and the Celebrant continues and ends with
Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues and ends with
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, 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.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread and a period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
All sing
Agnus Dei

Music at the Communion,
Organ

The Choir sings
Carol

The blessed son of God only
In a crib full poor did lie;
With our poor flesh and our poor blood
Was clothed that everlasting good.

Kyrie eleison.

The Lord Christ Jesu, God’s son dear,
Was a guest and a stranger here;
Us for to bring from misery,
That we might live eternally.

Kyrie eleison.

All this did he for us freely,
For to declare his great mercy;
All Christendom be merry therefore,
And give him thanks for evermore,

Kyrie eleison.

Miles Coverdale (1488-1569) after Martin Luther

Hurd

Music at the Communion, Dance on Gabriel’s Message
Michael Bedford (b. 1949)

from Hodie, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
After the Communion, all say together
The Post-Communion Prayer

ETERNAL God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.
The Announcements

The Promotion of Choristers
Helena Barnett
Anna Ekevag
Mollie Kornmiller
Eden Smith

Please stand or kneel, as is your custom. The Bishop then continues with
The Blessing

All sing
At the Procession, Hymn 438

The Dismissal is given and the people respond
Thanks be to God.

Organ
Magnificat

Woodlands
Rorem
ABOUT DEACON TIM

The Venerable Tim Spannaus is Archdeacon of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan and deacon of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul. Tim has been a deacon since 1996, having been raised up and serving in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and then being received into the Episcopal Church in 2006. He previously served at St. John’s Church, Royal Oak, where he initiated the Stephen Ministry and Education for Ministry programs.

He is retired from Wayne State University, where he was Senior Lecturer and Program Coordinator of Learning Design and Technology until 2020. He earned his PhD from Wayne State. He is former president and a Fellow of the International Board of Standards for Training, Performance and Instruction (ibstpi).

Deacon Spannaus also serves the diocese and the Episcopal Church in a variety of roles relating to formation and Safe Church, Safe Communities, including the Task Force to Develop Safe Church Policies and Training. He serves on and was formerly chair of The Commission on Ministry and participated in the revision of the process for ordination, including developing competencies and formation plans for those seeking ordination.

Tim is married to Collette Pariseau and has two sons and two grandsons. He enjoys baking, woodworking, and road trips.

NOTES ON THE MUSIC

The renowned American composer and diarist, Ned Rorem died earlier this month, aged ninety-nine. Best known for his song settings, Rorem composed much religious music, several pieces of which are found in the repertoire of the Cathedral Choir. The organ music at each end of the service comes from two of Rorem’s cycles for organ. The beautifully simple, There is a spirit that delights to do no evil comes from A Quaker Reader, and at the conclusion of the service we hear an excerpt from Rorem’s Organbook III, a dance-like musical commentary on the Magnificat.

Scored for double chorus, Benjamin Britten’s A hymn to the Virgin (sung at the Offertory), is one of his earliest works; the first version was composed when he was seventeen. Britten made revisions in 1934 and published the version heard today.

Vaughan Williams’ Christmas Cantata, Hodie is his last major choral work and was premiered at the Three Choirs Festival in 1954. At this morning’s Communion, the choir sings an excerpt, The blessed Son of God, the text of which is Miles Coverdale’s translation of a hymn by Martin Luther.
CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE CATHEDRAL

Saturday, December 24
Christmas Eve
4:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
10:30 p.m. Festal Candlelight Eucharist

Sunday, December 25
Christmas Day
10:00 a.m. Christmas Morning with Bishop Perry
11:00 a.m. Sung Holy Eucharist

Sunday, January 1
The Feast of the Holy Name
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:00 a.m. Sung Holy Eucharist

Please note that Evensong is not offered on December 25 or January 1.

Thursday, January 5
The Eve of the Epiphany
7:00 p.m. Choral Evensong
with the Cathedral Choir

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

If you are in the Cathedral for worship today and you do not yet feel comfortable coming forward for Communion, or you are worshipping with us from home, we invite you pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion at the time of the distribution of the bread.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

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