

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul

in the City of Detroit...for the Diocese of Michigan

The Very Reverend Dr. S. Scott Hunter
Dean of the Cathedral

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Eleventh Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan



April 14, 2024

The Third Sunday of Easter

Choral Evensong with Prayers of Thanksgiving
for the life of Kenneth Homburg, 4:00 p.m.

with the Schola Cantorum

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.

Please silence all electronic devices.

This service is also livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

CONCERNING THE SERVICE

Choral Evensong is an offering in song to God, the giver of all beauty and goodness. Based on services held daily in the medieval Church, Evensong as arranged in the Book of Common Prayer of the Anglican Church has been sung regularly since the sixteenth century. This atmospheric and deeply personal form of worship appeals to persons of many faiths and has been adopted as an American tradition in many parishes and cathedrals of the Episcopal Church. In this service most of the music is sung by the Choir, and the Congregation participates by listening to and meditating on the praises, prayers and petitions offered. All join the Choir in singing the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the hymns.

After the introduction to the service (the Hymn or Introit, and the Preces), the Choir sings the appointed psalm(s). A lesson usually from the Old Testament (except of Saints days and in Easter season) follows. The Choir then sings the first of the traditional Evening Canticles, *Magnificat*, the song of the Blessed Virgin Mary when the promises of the Old Testament came true (Luke 1). A lesson from the New Testament proclaims the good news of Jesus Christ, and this is followed by the *Nunc Dimittis*, the song of the aged Simeon when he had seen our Lord in the Temple at Jerusalem (Luke 2). *Nunc Dimittis* is a particularly appropriate text at the end of one's day.

All then sing the Apostles' Creed, an expression of faith of those who, generation by generation in the Christian Church, respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, crucified and alive. Prayers are sung by the Choir, ending with the Collects which collect our thoughts.

The timeless and simple liturgy of Evensong readily embraces musical expressions from many centuries. In Choral Evensong, the Choir's responses are drawn from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, which remains the standard form of text for almost all musical settings of this liturgy owing to the unique beauty of its cadences and imagery.

Evensong is offered each Sunday at 4:00 p.m., September through May. Cathedral Evensong with hymns and canticles sung by the congregation is offered on the first and third Sundays of the month, and Choral Evensong, sung by the Choir is offered on the Second and fourth Sundays of the month. There are occasional exceptions to this pattern.

CHORAL EVENSONG

Organ

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Her, BWV 663
All glory be to God on high

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please stand as the procession enters the Cathedral. All sing

Hymn

Christ is the world's true light

St. Joan

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,
2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an - cient feuds for - get - ting,
3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;
the whole round world com - plete, from sun - rise to its set - ting;
cast out our pride and shame that hin - der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,
the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.
to plough - share beat the sword, to prun - ing hook the spear.
to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

Words George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959), alt.

Music St. Joan, Percy E.B. Collier (1895-1955)

The Officiant continues.
The Opening Sentences

The Congregation remains standing and the Choir sings
The Preces

The St. James Service, Robert Powell (b. 1932)

V O Lord, open thou our lips:
R And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
V O God, make speed to save us:
R 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.

V Praise ye the Lord.
R The Lord's Name be praised.

The Choir continues with
Psalm 114

In exitu Israel

Anglican chant: Edward Bairstow
(1874-1946)

WHEN Israel came out of Egypt * and the house of Jacob from among the strange people,
2 Judah was his sanctuary * and Israel his dominion.
3 The sea saw that, and fled * Jordan was driven back.
4 The mountains skipped like rams * and the little hills like young sheep.
5 What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest * and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?
6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams * and ye little hills, like young sheep?
7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord * at the presence of the God of Jacob;
8 Who turned the hard rock into a standing water * and the flint-stone into a springing well.

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.

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

Daniel 4:1-18

KING Nebuchadnezzar to all peoples, nations, and languages that live throughout the earth: May you have abundant prosperity! The signs and wonders that the Most High God has worked for me I am pleased to recount. How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his sovereignty is from generation to generation. I, Nebuchadnezzar, was living at ease in my home and prospering in my palace. I saw a dream that frightened me; my fantasies in bed and the visions of my head terrified me. So I made a decree that all the wise men of Babylon should be brought before me, in order that they might tell me the interpretation of the dream. Then the magicians, the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the diviners came in, and I told them the dream, but they could not tell me its interpretation. At last Daniel came in before me—he who was named Belteshazzar after the name of my god, and who is endowed with a spirit of the holy gods—and I told him the dream: ‘O Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, I know that you are endowed with a spirit of the holy gods and that no mystery is too difficult for you. Hear the dream that I saw; tell me its interpretation. Upon my bed this is what I saw; there was a tree at the center of the earth, and its height was great. The tree grew great and strong, its top reached to heaven, and it was visible to the ends of the whole earth. Its foliage was beautiful, its fruit abundant, and it provided food for all. The animals of the field found shade under it, the birds of the air nested in its branches, and from it all living beings were fed. I continued looking, in the visions of my head as I lay in bed, and there was a holy watcher, coming down from heaven. He cried aloud and said: “Cut down the tree and chop off its branches, strip off its foliage and scatter its fruit. Let the animals flee from beneath it and the birds from its branches. But leave its stump and roots in the ground, with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field. Let him be bathed with the dew of heaven, and let his lot be with the animals of the field in the grass of the earth. Let his mind be changed from that of a human, and let the mind of an animal be given to him. And let seven times pass over him. The sentence is rendered by decree of the watchers, the decision is given by order of the holy ones, in order that all who live may know that the Most High is sovereign over the kingdom of mortals; he gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of human beings.” This is the dream that I, King Nebuchadnezzar, saw. Now you, Belteshazzar,

declare the interpretation, since all the wise men of my kingdom are unable to tell me the interpretation. You are able, however, for you are endowed with a spirit of the holy gods.

The Choir then sings
Magnificat

Peter Aston (1938-2013) in F

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.

Those who are able, please stand.

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.

Please be seated.

The Second Lesson

1 John 2:7-17

BELOVED, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word that you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new commandment that is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. Whoever says, "I am in the light," while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness. Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates another believer is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness. I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven on account of his name. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young people, because you have conquered the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young people, because you are strong and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live for ever.

The Choir then sings
Nunc dimittis

Aston in F

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.

Those who are able, please stand.

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.

All sing together on one note

The Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God, 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 Choir sings

The Lesser Litany

Powell

V The Lord be with you.
R And with thy spirit.
V Let us pray.
R Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

All sing on one note

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. Amen.

The Choir sings

The Responses

Powell

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

The Collects

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Acolytes

O gracious God: Bless the acolytes of thy Church that they may so serve before thy earthly altar in reverence and holiness, that they may attain, with all thy saints and angels, the joy of serving thee and worshipping thee before thy Heavenly Altar; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A 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.*

Please be seated.

The Greetings

Please stand as you are able and sing

Hymn 473

Lift high the cross

Crucifer

The Homily

Dean Hunter

The Choir sings

Anthem

William H. Harris (1883-1973)

MOST glorious Lord of life, that on this day
 Didst make Triumph over death and sin,
 And having harrowed hell, didst bring away
 Captivity then captive, us to win.

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,
 And grant that we for whom Thou didst die,
 Being with Thy dear blood clean washed from sin,
 May live for ever in felicity:

And that Thy love we weighing worthily,
 May likewise love Thee for the same again;
 And for Thy sake, that all like dear didst buy,
 With love may one another entertain.
 So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought;
 Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

Edmund Spenser (1522-1599)

Please stand as you are able.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

FOR our brother Kenneth let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Kenneth, and dry the tears of those who weep.

People Hear us, Lord.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow. *Hear us, Lord.*

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life. *Hear us, Lord.*

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven. *Hear us, Lord.*

Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints. *Hear us, Lord.*

He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom. *Hear us, Lord.*

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Silence is kept. The Dean then continues.

LORD Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother Kenneth who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

The Dean and other clergy gather at the Paschal Candle.

The Commendation

Dean

GIVE rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

People

where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Dean

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Dean

INTO your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Kenneth. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. *Amen.*

Officiant

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please remain standing as the Procession leaves the Cathedral.

Organ

Paraphrase sur un chœur de Handel

Alexandre Guilmant
(1837-1911)

Kenneth Homburg

August 13, 1936 – March 31, 2020

For over fifty years, Kenneth Homburg was a member of the Cathedral, and was particularly devoted to the work of the acolyte guild, serving as head acolyte, and training, supporting, and encouraging others involved in this ministry.

Born in Detroit to Leonard and Hannah Homburg, Kenneth spent his whole life in the city, except during his military service in Germany in the 1960's. He was active in various railroad and transit organizations and was a co-founder of Supporters of Regional Transit (SORT) He was also a member of Transit Riders United (TRU). After his retirement from Chrysler, where he had worked for decades as a draftsman, Kenneth regularly attended SMART and DDOT Board meetings and actively supported the expansion of Detroit's transit services. In 1997 he provided enormous assistance with the 75th Anniversary celebration and displays held at the Detroit Public Library commemorating the founding of Detroit's Department of Street Railways (DSR) in 1922. A lifetime member of the Michigan Transit Museum, Kenneth's hobbies included taking streetcar and bus rides and collecting and preserving Detroit's transit History.

In this evening's liturgy

Officiant

The Rev'd Anthony C. Estes

Preacher

The Very Rev'd Dr. S. Scott Hunter

Verger and Lector

Emery Dumas

Acolyte

Matthew O'Brien

Technology

Florence Williams and John LaDuke

The Schola Cantorum under the direction of Canon Jeremy David Tarrant, Organist and Choirmaster, and Dr. Sarah Simko, Associate Organist and Communications Coordinator.



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