

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul

Detroit, Michigan

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

The Right Reverend Dr. Bonnie A. Perry
Eleventh Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan

April 21, 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Cathedral Evensong, Four O'Clock

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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This service is also being streamed on our YouTube channel.*

Concerning the service

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, with only a few breaks (during the Commonwealth in the seventeenth 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

Following the Invitatory, we sing (at times) a setting of the ancient *Phos hilaron*, a hymn originally sung in Greek at the lighting of the lamps at the time of Evening Prayer. This is followed by the singing of the appointed psalm. A lesson, usually from the Old Testament (except of Saints days and in Easter season) is read and we then sing 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 say 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 then sung and said, ending with the Collects which collect our thoughts.

The timeless and simple liturgy of Evensong readily embraces musical expressions from many centuries. Here in the Cathedral, Evensong is offered weekly at 4:00 p.m., September through May. On the first and third Sundays of the month, Cathedral Evensong (the service offered this afternoon) is sung by the congregation. On the second and fourth Sundays of the month, Choral Evensong is sung by one of the Cathedral choirs.

Please stand as you are able. The Officiant then begins with
The Opening Sentences

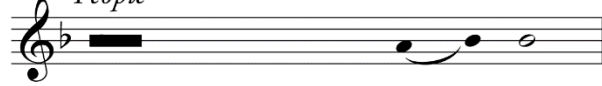
The Invitatory

Officiant



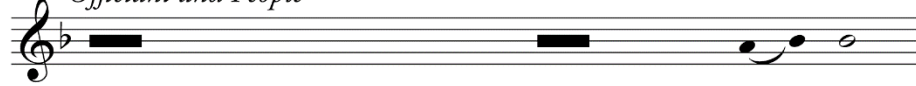
O God, make speed to save us.

People

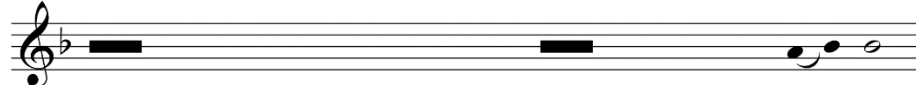


O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

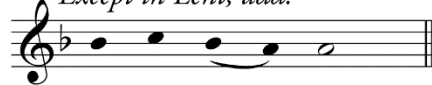


Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:



as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

Except in Lent, add:

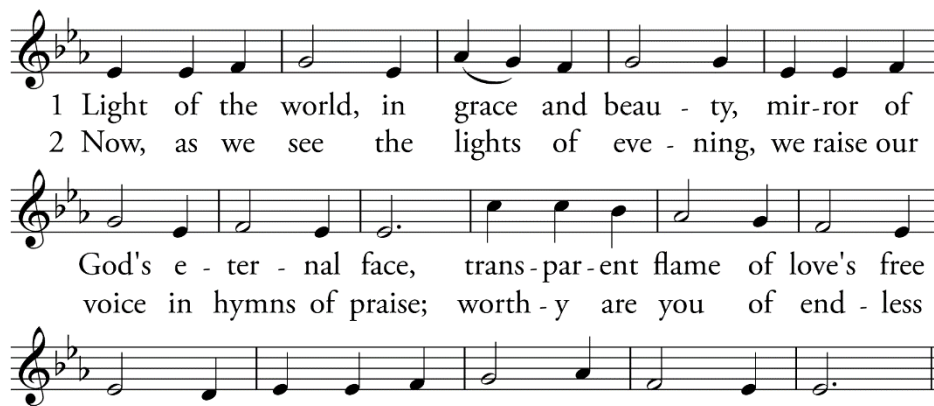


Al - le - lu - ia.

Remaining standing, all sing

Phos hilaron

Morrison



1 Light of the world, in grace and beau - ty, mir - ror of
2 Now, as we see the lights of eve - ning, we raise our
God's e - ter - nal face, trans - par - ent flame of love's free
voice in hymns of praise; worth - y are you of end - less
du - ty, you bring sal - va - tion to our race.
bless - ing, sun of our night, lamp of our days.

Words paraphrase of *Phos hilaron*

Music Morrison, George Emblom (b. 1962)

All then sing

Psalm 103:1-6 *Benedic, anima mea*



- 1 Bless the LORD, O my / soul, * and all that is within me, bless his holy / Name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my / soul, * and forget not all his / benefits.

- 3 He forgives all your / sins * and heals all your in-/ firmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the / grave * and crowns you with mercy and loving-/ kindness;

- 5 He satisfies you with / good things, * and your youth is renewed like an / eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes / righteousness * and judgment for all who are op-/ pressed.

Please be seated.

The First Lesson *Wisdom 1:1-15*

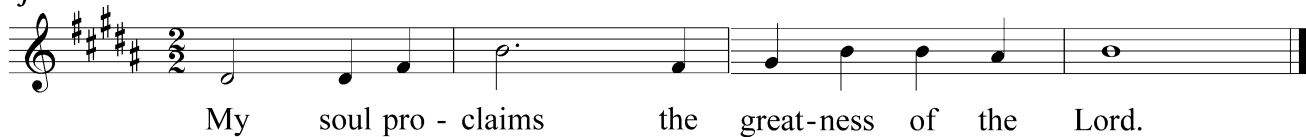
Love righteousness, you rulers of the earth, think of the Lord in goodness and seek him with sincerity of heart; because he is found by those who do not put him to the test, and manifests himself to those who do not distrust him. For perverse thoughts separate people from God, and when his power is tested, it exposes the foolish; because wisdom will not enter a deceitful soul, or dwell in a body enslaved to sin. For a holy and disciplined spirit will flee from deceit, and will leave foolish thoughts behind, and will be ashamed at the approach of unrighteousness. For wisdom is a kindly spirit, but will not free blasphemers from the guilt of their words; because God is witness of their inmost feelings, and a true observer of their hearts, and a hearer of their tongues. Because the spirit of the Lord has filled the world, and that which holds all things together knows what is said, therefore those who utter unrighteous things will not escape notice, and justice, when it punishes, will not pass them by. For inquiry will be made into the counsels of the ungodly, and a report of their words will come to the Lord, to convict them of their lawless deeds; because a jealous ear hears all things, and the sound of grumbling does not go unheard. Beware then of useless grumbling, and keep your tongue from slander; because no secret word is without result, and a lying mouth destroys the soul. Do not invite death by the error of your life, or bring on destruction by the works of your hands; because God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living. For he created all things so that they might exist; the generative forces of the world are wholesome, and there is no destructive poison in them, and the dominion of Hades is not on earth. For righteousness is immortal.

Please stand as you are able and sing the refrain, as indicated.

Magnificat

setting: *Robert Hawthorne* (b. 1961)

Refrain



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: * the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name. **Refrain**

He has mercy on those who fear him * in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered the proud in their conceit. **Refrain**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, * and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he has sent away empty. *Refrain*

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, * for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, * to Abraham and his children for ever. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

Please be seated.

The Second Lesson 1 John 2:18-29

Children, it is the last hour! As you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. From this we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they did not belong to us; for if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us. But by going out they made it plain that none of them belongs to us. But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and all of you have knowledge. I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and you know that no lie comes from the truth. Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father; everyone who confesses the Son has the Father also. Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is what he has promised us, eternal life. I write these things to you concerning those who would deceive you. As for you, the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and so you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, abide in him. And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he is revealed we may have confidence and not be put to shame before him at his coming. If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who does right has been born of him.

Please stand as you are able and sing

Nunc dimittis

plainchant

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has been ful-filled.
My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo-ple:
a light to re-veal you to the na-tions and the glo-ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev - er. A - - men.

Remaining standing, all say together

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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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 Suffrages

setting: Carl MaultsBy (b. 1949)

Cantor *All*
Show us your mercy, O Lord, And grant us your sal- vation.

Cantor *All*
Clothe your ministers with right- eous- ness, Let your people sing with joy.

Cantor *All*
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world, For only in you can we live in safety.

Cantor *All*
Lord, keep this nation under your care, And guide us in the way of jus - tice and truth.

Cantor *All*
Let your way be known up - on earth, Your saving health a - mong all nations.

Cantor *All*
Let not the needy, O Lord be for - gotten, Nor the hope of the poor be ta - ken a - way.

Cantor *All*
Create in us clean hearts, O God, And sustain us with your Ho - ly Spirit.

The Officiant sings or says

The Collects

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

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. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your 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 your love's sake. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Greetings and Announcements

Please stand as you are able and sing
Hymn 24

The day thou gavest

St. Clement

A homily may be preached at this time.

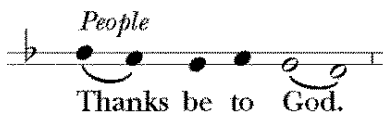
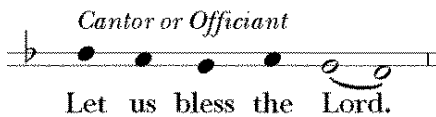
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Prayers of Intercession

Please stand as you are able. All say together

A Prayer of St. 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.*



The Officiant then concludes with
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

or this

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*
Romans 15:13

or this

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.* *Ephesians 3:20,21*

Please remain standing as the procession leaves the Cathedral.

In this afternoon's liturgy

Officiant

The Very Rev'd Dr. S. Scott Hunter

Cantors

Aaron Denk
Joseph Edmonds

Organist

Canon Jeremy David Tarrant

Acolyte and Lector

Paula Styer

Technology

Dr. Sarah Simko

Evensong in Eastertide

Sundays at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 28

Choral Evensong

with the Cathedral Choir

This service includes prayers of thanksgiving for the life of former Organist and Choirmaster, David Bartlett.

Sunday, May 5

Cathedral Evensong

sung by the congregation

Thursday, May 9

Choral Evensong for Ascension Day

with the Cathedral Choir

Sunday, May 12

Cathedral Evensong

sung by the congregation

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