

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

May 5, 2024
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Cathedral Evensong
with Life Profession of a Religious Solitary
4:00 p.m.



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.

Concerning the service

Please silence all electronic devices.

This service is also being streamed on our YouTube channel.

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.

We invite you to join us this Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. for Choral Evensong for Ascension Day, and on Sunday, May 12 for Cathedral Evensong sung by the congregation. Evensong services are then suspended for the summer and will resume on September 15.

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

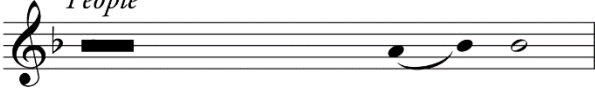
The Invitatory

Officiant



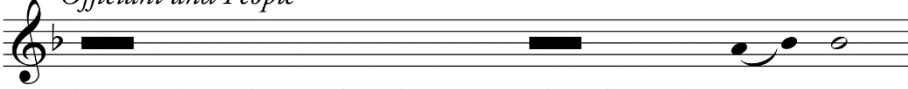
O God, make speed to save us.

People

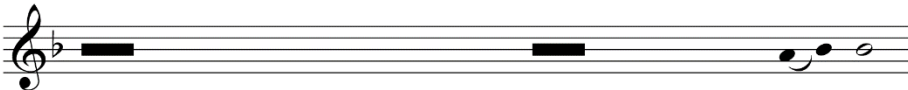


O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

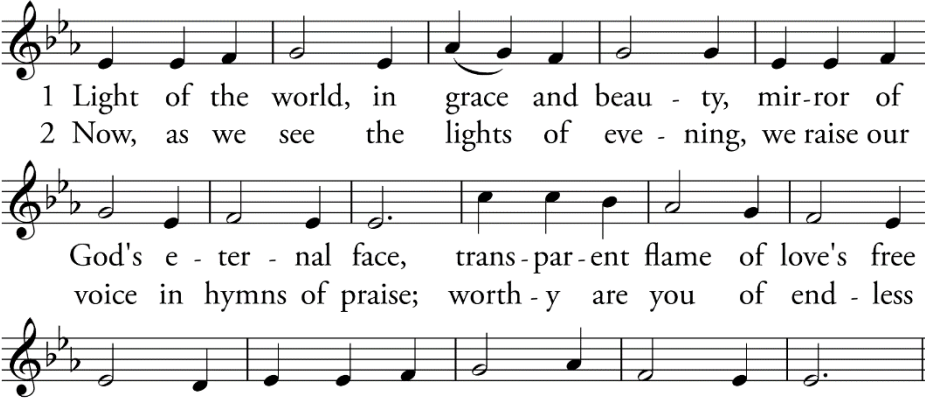
Except in Lent, add:



Al - le - lu - ia.

Remaining standing, all sing
Phos hilon

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 hilon*

Music Morrison, George Emblom (b. 1962)

All then sing

Psalm 34:1-8 *Benedicam Dominum*



- 1 I will bless the LORD at / all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my / mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the / LORD; *
let the humble hear and re-/ joice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the / LORD; *
let us exalt his Name to-/ gether.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he / answered me *
and delivered me out of all my / terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be / radiant, *
and let not your faces be a-/ shamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD / heard me *
and saved me from all my / troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who / fear him, *
and he will de-/ liver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is / good; *
happy are they who / trust in him!

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. A-/ men.

Please be seated.

The First Lesson *Ecclesiasticus 43:1-12, 27-32*

The pride of the higher realms is the clear vault of the sky,
as glorious to behold as the sight of the heavens.
The sun, when it appears, proclaims as it rises
what a marvelous instrument it is, the work of the Most High.
At noon it parches the land,
and who can withstand its burning heat?
A man tending a furnace works in burning heat,
but three times as hot is the sun scorching the mountains;
it breathes out fiery vapors,
and its bright rays blind the eyes.
Great is the Lord who made it;
at his orders it hurries on its course.

It is the moon that marks the changing seasons,
governing the times, their everlasting sign.
From the moon comes the sign for festal days,
a light that wanes when it completes its course.
The new moon, as its name suggests, renews itself;
how marvelous it is in this change,

a beacon to the hosts on high,
shining in the vault of the heavens!

The glory of the stars is the beauty of heaven,
a glittering array in the heights of the Lord.
On the orders of the Holy One they stand in their appointed places;
they never relax in their watches.
Look at the rainbow, and praise him who made it;
it is exceedingly beautiful in its brightness.
It encircles the sky with its glorious arc;
the hands of the Most High have stretched it out.

We could say more but could never say enough;
let the final word be: 'He is the all.'
Where can we find the strength to praise him?
For he is greater than all his works.
Awesome is the Lord and very great,
and marvelous is his power.
Glorify the Lord and exalt him as much as you can,
for he surpasses even that.
When you exalt him, summon all your strength,
and do not grow weary, for you cannot praise him enough.
Who has seen him and can describe him?
Or who can extol him as he is?
Many things greater than these lie hidden,
for I have seen but few of his works.

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

Magnificat

setting: *Robert Hawthorne* (b. 1961)

Refrain

My soul pro - claims the great-ness of the Lord.

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 *James 1:2-8, 16-18*

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing. If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind; for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Do not be deceived, my beloved. Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

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)

The musical notation consists of five staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). Each staff is divided into two parts by a double bar line. The first part of each staff is labeled 'Cantor' and the second part is labeled 'All'. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

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

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

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

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



The Officiant says
The Collects

The Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, 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 416

For the beauty of the earth

Lucerna Laudoniae

Please be seated
Homily

Dean Hunter

The Life Profession of a Religious Solitary

Bishop

Individual Christians, in response to God's call, may wish to commit themselves to the religious life under vows made directly to the bishop of the diocese. Sister Veronica Mary began her monastic life with the order of the Anamchara Fellowship, making her life profession in 2014. She has since discerned a call to practice different charisms than those of Anamchara, and seeks to continue her monastic life as a solitary religious.

Sister Vee, you were called into mystical union with God, a deep and intimate relationship with the Holy, which you express in your vocations as priest and religious. Do you, here in the presence of Christ and the church, renew your commitment to the monastic life?

Sr. Vee I do.

Bishop Will you continue to live under vows of simplicity of life, chastity, and obedience?

Sr. Vee I will.

Bishop Will you continue to anchor your daily life in the praying of the offices?

Sr. Vee I will.

Bishop Will you continue your practice of inward reflection, allowing the indwelling of the Spirit to lead you to outward action, striving for justice and continuing Jesus' ministry of reconciliation?

Sr. Vee I will.

Bishop Will you continue your practice of deep listening, by the grace of God's Holy Spirit, forming disciples through the study of scripture and as a spiritual director?

Sr. Vee I will.

Bishop Will you continue to care for God's creation, beginning with yourself, by keeping your sabbath as holy time with God, and following the Spirit's call to walk gently on the earth?

Sr. Vee I will.

Bishop Will you who witness these vows continue to support her in her ministry?

People **We will.**

Bishop May God, who has given you the will to live the religious life, give you the grace and power to fulfill your vows.

Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Blessing and Presentation of the Cross

V Clothe your ministers with righteousness

R **Let your people sing with joy.**

O God, you revealed your Son clothed in majesty and glory. Accept and bless this cross as a symbol of religious vocation for our sister Veronica, that she, being clothed with humility as she ministers to you, may show forth your eternal splendor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for your great love in sending into the world your only-begotten Son, who for us and for our salvation, emptied himself of his divine estate, and embraced a life apart from the consolations of family, having not even a place to lay his head. We bless your Name, also, that in every age and land you have called your children to imitate their Lord, by setting zeal for your kingdom and its righteousness ahead of all worldly considerations, the love of your little ones above the claims of flesh and blood, and obedience to your will in place of all personal ambitions.

Accept, we pray, the life profession of this your servant Veronica Mary who, following the example of the Lord Jesus, of Anna the prophetess and holy Simeon, of the Lady Julian and Mary Magdalene, and of countless others of your saints, now offers herself for your service in a life of simplicity, chastity, and obedience. Bestow upon her your Holy Spirit to dwell in her richly, to give her steadfastness of purpose, to sanctify her more and more fully, and to

guide her surely into paths of service and of witness, to the honor and glory of your great Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please stand as you are able. The Bishop then gives

The Blessing

The Wisdom of God
the Love of God
and the Grace of God
strengthen you
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity. *Amen.*

Please remain standing as the procession leaves the Cathedral.

Organ

Prelude on *Lucis Creator optime*

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

In this afternoon's liturgy

Officiants

The Very Rev'd Dr. S. Scott Hunter
The Right Reverend Dr. Bonnie A. Perry

Cantor

Rianna Baker

Organist

Canon Jeremy David Tarrant

Lector

Sister Sharon Caedmon

Acolyte

Paula Styer

Technology

Dr. Sarah Simko

Announcements

Choral Evensong for Ascension Day

Choral Evensong is offered on Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. as we observe the Feast of the Ascension.

Music at Mid-day

Our series of free noontime organ recitals continues at 12:30 p.m., on the second and fourth Fridays, September through June (except in Lent): **May 10** Sarah Simko **May 24** Jeremy David Tarrant.

Cathedral Crafters

This group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 12:30–2:30 p.m. The next session is **May 7**. We welcome all new and seasoned knitters/crafters. At present we are knitting prayer shawls, prayer squares, hats and scarves for Cathedral guests in need. If you want to know more, contact us at info@detroitcathedral.org.

Saturday May 18, 5:00 p.m.*

Annual Spring Choral Concert and Ice Cream Social

The Cathedral Choir presents its annual evening of choral music, featuring works of Charles Villiers Stanford in honor of the 100th anniversary of the death of this giant of sacred music. This program also includes music of Edward Bairstow, Margaret Bonds, and Undine Smith Moore, as well as contemporary composers Kenneth Burton and Philip Moore. *Suggested donation at the door: \$10 adults; \$5 students and seniors.*

*Please note the time of this concert (5:00 p.m.), as an erroneous time was previously published.



Do you know a child who likes to sing?

The Cathedral Choir School invites youth beginning at age 8 to explore becoming a chorister. Providing the finest in music education, the Cathedral Choir School of Metropolitan Detroit is a long-term investment in young people, committed to providing them an opportunity for musical and personal growth. You can learn more about the Choir School program by visiting us at detroitcathedral.org and selecting *Choir School* on the home page. Contact us at music@detroitcathedral.org or 313.833.7547.

Adults wanting to explore participation in the Cathedral Choirs are encouraged to contact Canon Tarrant for an orientation in preparation for the new season which begins in September. Contact us at music@detroitcathedral.org or 313.833.7547.

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