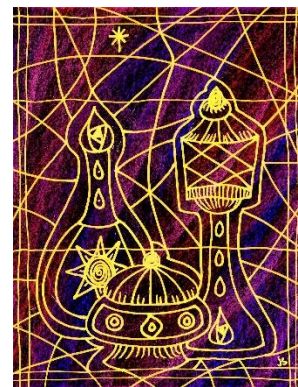


The Cathedral Church of St. Paul

Detroit, Michigan

The Very Reverend Timothy True
Interim Dean of the Cathedral

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



January 5, 2025

The Eve of the Epiphany
Choral Evensong, 4:00 p.m.
with the Cathedral Choir

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 traditional language, 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

St. Bride assisted by angels

Judith Bingham (b. 1952)

At the bell, please stand as you are able. From the West End, the Choir sings

The Responsory

J.D. Tarrant (b. 1974)

- V* Nations shall stream to your light;
R And kings to the brightness of your dawning.
V Let us go forth in peace.
R In the Name of Christ. Amen.

All sing

Processional Hymn

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Was lebet



1 Wor - ship the Lord in the beau - ty of ho - li - ness;
2 Low at his feet lay thy bur - den of care - ful - ness;
3 Fear not to en - ter his courts in the slen - der - ness
4 These though we bring them in trem - bling and fear - ful - ness,
5 Wor - ship the Lord in the beau - ty of ho - li - ness;

1 bow down be - fore him, his glo - ry pro - claim;
2 high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
3 of the poor wealth thou canst reck - on as thine;
4 he will ac - cept for the name that is dear,
5 bow down be - fore him, his glo - ry pro - claim;

1 gold of o - be - dience and in - cense of low - li - ness
2 com - fort thy sor - rows, and ans - wer thy prayer - ful - ness,
3 truth in its beau - ty and love in its ten - der - ness,
4 morn - ings of joy give for eve - nings of tear - ful - ness,
5 gold of o - be - dience and in - cense of low - li - ness

1 bring, and a - dore him: the Lord is his name!
2 guid - ing thy steps as may best for thee be.
3 these are the of - ferings to lay on his shrine.
4 trust for our trem - bling, and hope for our fear.
5 bring, and a - dore him: the Lord is his name!

Words John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875)

Music *Was Lebet*, Üttingen, 1754

The Officiant continues.

The Opening Sentences

SEEK him that made the Pleiades and Orion, that turneth deep darkness into the morning, and darkeneth the day into night; that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his Name. *Amos 5:8*

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to thee, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to thee are both alike. *Psalm 139:10, 11*

The Congregation remains standing and the Choir sings

The Preces

Philip Radcliffe (1905-1987)

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 Congregation remains standing and the Choir sings the psalm.

Psalm 72:1-2; 10-14

Deus, iudicium

Anglican chant: John Jones (1757-1833)

GIVE the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's Son;
G2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice;
10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, * and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
11 All kings shall bow down before him, * and all the nations do him service.
12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, * and the oppressed who has no helper.
13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; * he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, * and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

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

Isaiah 60:1-6

ARISE, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

The Choir then sings

Magnificat

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924) in B-flat

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

Saint Matthew 2:1-12

IN the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him,

bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Choir then sings
Nunc dimittis

Stanford in B-flat

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

IBELIEVE 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

Radcliffe

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

Radcliffe

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, by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. *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.*

The congregation sings the refrain and verse 5 of
Hymn 128

We three kings

Three Kings of Orient

The Homily

The Choir sings
Anthem

The Very Reverend Timothy True
Interim Dean of the Cathedral

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

BETHLEHEM of noblest cities none can once with thee compare;
Thou alone the Lord from heaven didst for us incarnate bear.

Fairer than the sun at morning was the star that told his birth;
To the lands their God announcing, seen in fleshly form on earth.

By its lambent beauty guided see the eastern kings appear;
See them bend their gifts to offer, gifts of incense, gold, and myrrh.

Solemn things of mystic meaning: incense doth the God disclose,
Gold a royal child proclaimeth, myrrh a future tomb foreshows.

Holy Jesu, in thy brightness to the Gentle world displayed,
With the Father and the Spirit endless praise to thee be paid.

Prudentius (348-410); translated by Edward Caswell (1814-1878)

Please stand as you are able and say together
The General Thanksgiving

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of all mercies,
We thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving kindness
to us and to all whom thou hast made.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Officiant says
The Grace

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*

The Choir sings
Vesper Responsory

after Palestrina (1525-1594)

Cantor Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed.

Choir Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

Cantor Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of our God. *Tomorrow go ye...*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. *Tomorrow go ye...*

Please remain standing as the Procession leaves the Cathedral.

Organ

Fantaisie-Paraphrase
from *L'Orgue Mystique: Epiphania Domini*

Charles Tournemire (1870-1939)

IN THIS EVENING'S LITURGY

Officiant and Homilist

The Very Reverend Timothy True

Lector

Mary Grahame Huner

Acolyte

Ruth Richards

Technology

Dr. Alan Cooper

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



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