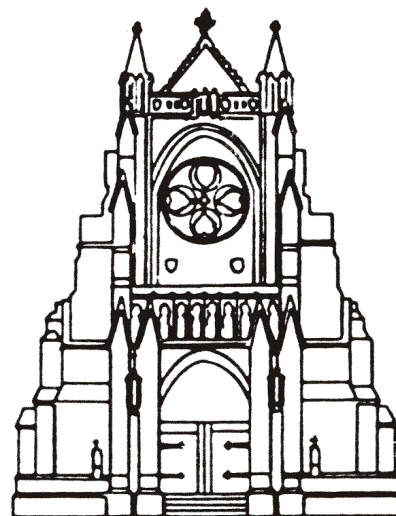


The Cathedral Church of St. Paul

Detroit, Michigan

The Very Reverend Timothy True
Interim Dean

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



February 9, 2025
The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
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.

*Please silence all electronic devices.
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.

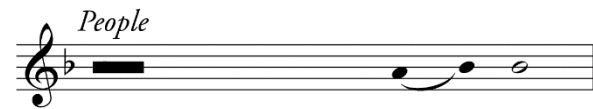
The timeless and simple liturgy of Evensong readily embraces musical expressions from many centuries. Here in the Cathedral, Evensong is offered weekly at 4:00 p.m., September through May. On the first and third Sundays of the month, Cathedral Evensong (the service offered this afternoon) is sung by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

At the bell, please stand as you are able. The procession enters the Cathedral and the Officiant then begins with

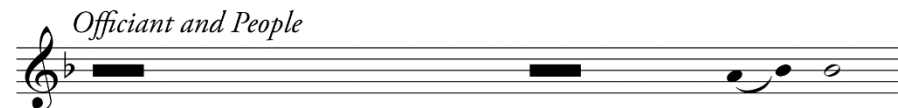
The Invitatory



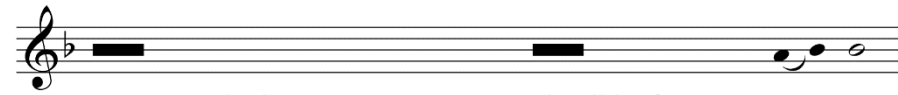
O God, make speed to save us.



O Lord, make haste to help us.



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.



Al - le - lu - ia.

Remaining standing, all sing the refrain below in alternation with the Cantor, as indicated.

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 34:108 *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 *Genesis 24:50-67*

Then Laban and Bethuel answered, “The thing comes from the Lord; we cannot speak to you anything bad or good. Look, Rebekah is before you; take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master’s son, as the Lord has spoken.” When Abraham’s servant heard their words, he bowed himself to the ground before the Lord. And the servant brought out jewelry of silver and of gold, and garments, and gave them to Rebekah; he also gave to her brother and to her mother costly ornaments. Then he and the men who were with him ate and drank, and they spent the night there. When they rose in the morning, he said, “Send me back to my master.” Her brother and her mother said, “Let the girl remain with us a while, at least ten days; after that she may go.” But he said to them, “Do not delay me, since the Lord has made my journey successful; let me go, that I may go to my master.” They said, “We will call the girl, and ask her.” And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

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 John 7:37-46

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some in the crowd said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Messiah." But some asked, "Surely the Messiah does not come from Galilee, does he? Has not the scripture said that the Messiah is descended from David and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?" So there was a division in the crowd because of him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. Then the temple police went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, "Why did you not arrest him?" The police answered, "Never has anyone spoken like this!"

Please stand as you are able and sing

Nunc dimittis

plainchant



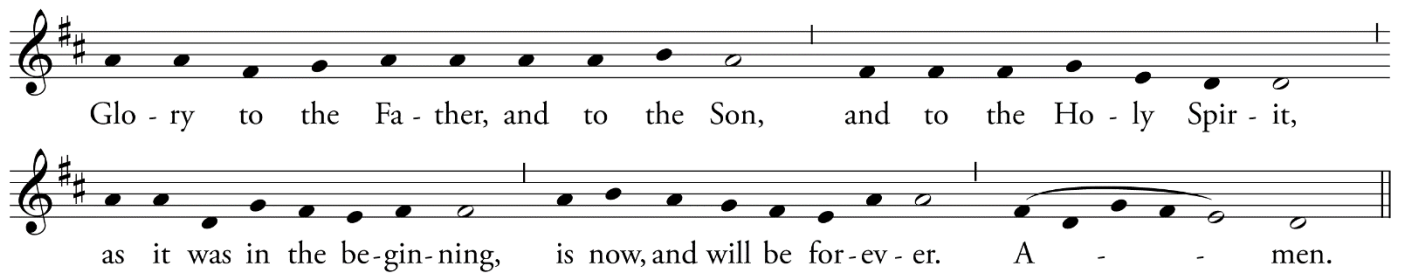
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has been ful-filled.



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.



Remaining standing, all say together
The Apostles' Creed


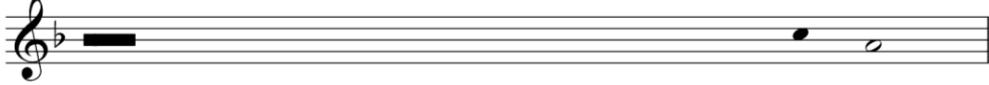
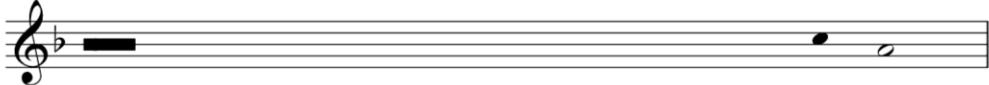
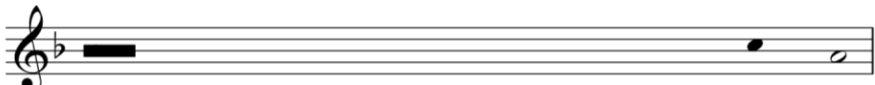
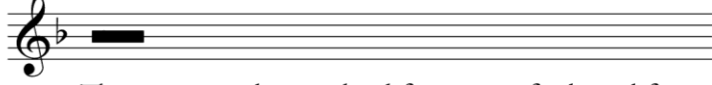
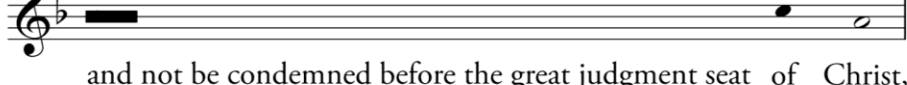
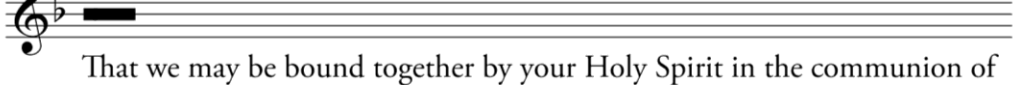
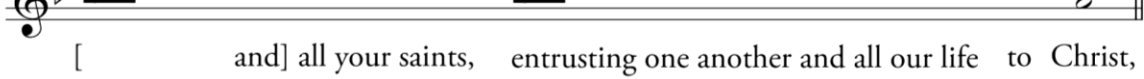
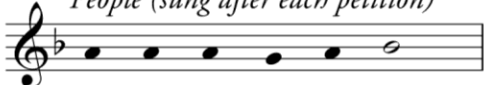
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the 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

<p><i>Cantor or Officiant</i></p>  <p>That this evening may be holy, good, and peace - ful,</p>  <p>That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and good - will,</p>  <p>That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and of - fen - ses,</p>  <p>That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,</p>  <p>That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,</p>  <p>and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,</p>  <p>That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of</p>  <p>[_____ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,</p>	<p><i>People (sung after each petition)</i></p>  <p>We en - treat you, O Lord.</p>
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The Officiant continues

The Collects

The Collect of the Day

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.*

All sing

Hymn 649

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts

Dickinson College

Please be seated

The Homily

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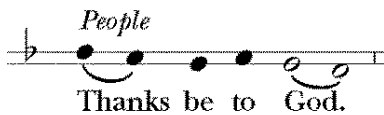
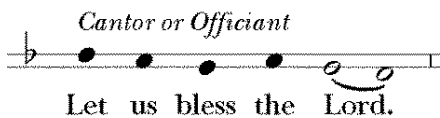
Please kneel as you are able.

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgivings

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

Please remain standing as the procession leaves the Cathedral.

In this afternoon's liturgy

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