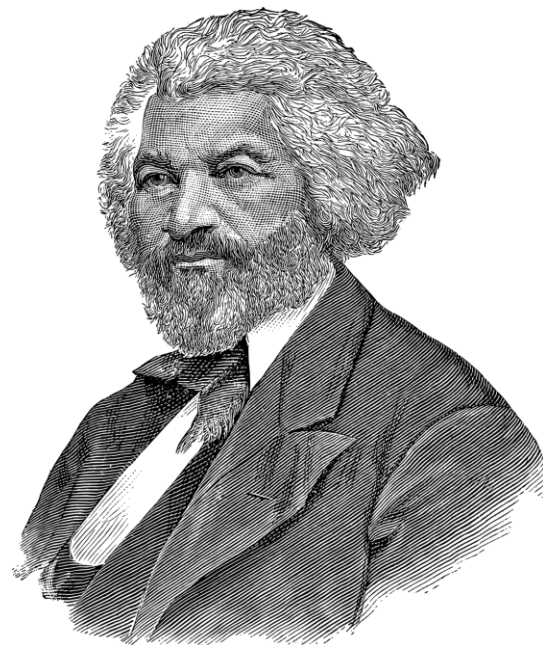


The Cathedral Church of St. Paul

Detroit, Michigan

The Very Reverend Timothy True
Interim Dean

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



February 16, 2025

The Feast of Frederick Douglass (observed)
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 and cantors. On the second and fourth Sundays of the month, Choral Evensong is sung by one of the Cathedral choirs.

Please note that Evensong is not offered next Sunday, February 23. We invite you to attend the Cathedral concert, *God's Trombones* at that time instead.

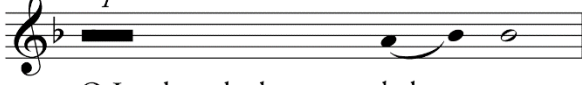
At the bell, please stand as you are able. The procession enters the Cathedral and the Officiant begins with
The Invitatory

Officiant



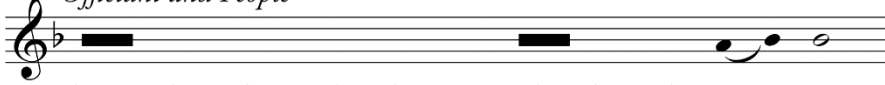
O God, make speed to save us.

People

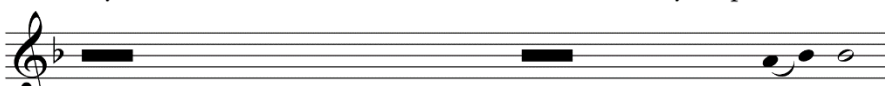


O Lord, make haste to help us.

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 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 35:23-28 *Judica, Domine*



23 Awake, arise, to my / cause! * to my defense, my God and my / Lord!

24 Give me justice, O Lord my God, according to your / righteousness; * do not let them triumph / over me.

25 Do not let them say in their hearts, “Aha! just what we / want!” *

Do not let them say, “We have swallowed him / up.”

26 Let all who rejoice at my ruin be ashamed and dis-/ graced; *

let those who boast against me be clothed with dismay and / shame.

27 Let those who favor my cause sing out with joy and be / glad; *

let them say always, “Great is the Lord, who desires the prosperity of his / servant.”

28 And my tongue shall be talking of your / righteousness * and of your praise all the day / long.

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 *Isaiah 32:11–18*

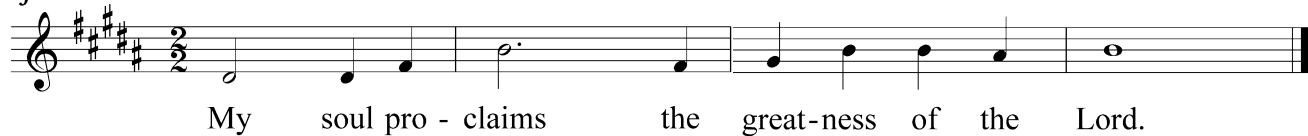
Tremble, you women who are at ease, shudder, you complacent ones; strip, and make yourselves bare, and put sackcloth on your loins. Beat your breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine, for the soil of my people growing up in thorns and briars; yes, for all the joyous houses in the jubilant city. For the palace will be forsaken, the populous city deserted; the hill and the watchtower will become dens forever, the joy of wild asses, a pasture for flocks; until a spirit from on high is poured out on us, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

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. *Refrain*

Please be seated.

The Second Lesson *Luke 4:14-21*

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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.

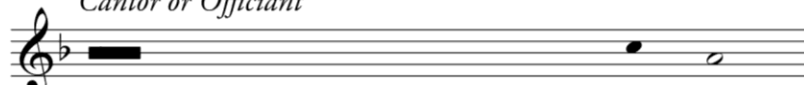
The Prayers

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.

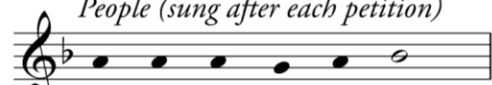
The Suffrages

Cantor or Officiant

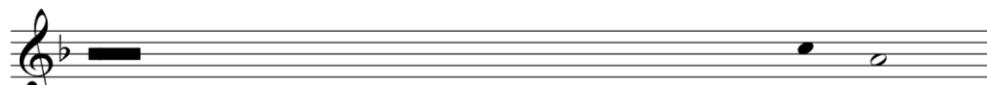


That this evening may be holy, good, and peace - ful,

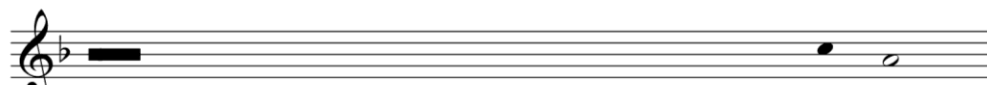
People (sung after each petition)



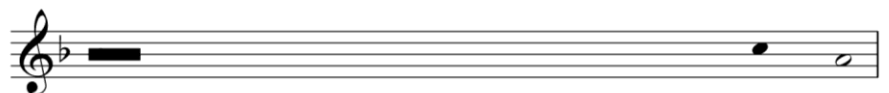
We en-treat you, O Lord.



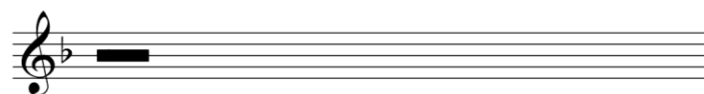
That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and good - will,



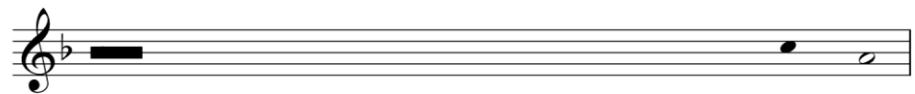
That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and of - fen - ses,



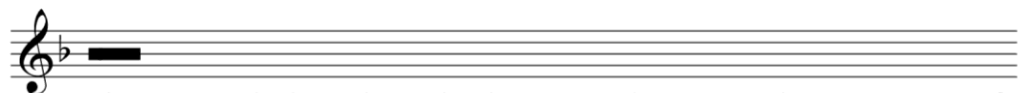
That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,



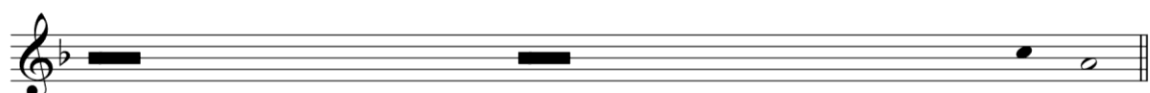
That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,



and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,



That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of



[and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

The Officiant continues
The Collects

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, we bless your Name for the witness of Frederick Douglass, whose impassioned and reasonable speech moved the hearts of people to a deeper obedience to Christ: Strengthen us also to speak on behalf of those in captivity and tribulation, continuing in the way of Jesus Christ our Liberator; who with you and the Holy Spirit dwells in glory everlasting. *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 583

O holy city seen of John

Morning Song

Please be seated

The Homily

The Very Reverend Timothy True
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Solo

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Norah Duncan IV (b. 1952)

TALK about a child that do love Jesus. Here's one!
Ever since I heard the gospel story, I've been walking up the path to glory.

African American spiritual

Meriem Lanseur, mezzo soprano

Please kneel.

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.*

Cantor or Officiant

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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.

Organ

Fantasy (from *Suite No. 1*)

Price

In this afternoon's liturgy

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The Very Reverend Timothy True

Cantors

Meriem Lanseur

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Organist

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