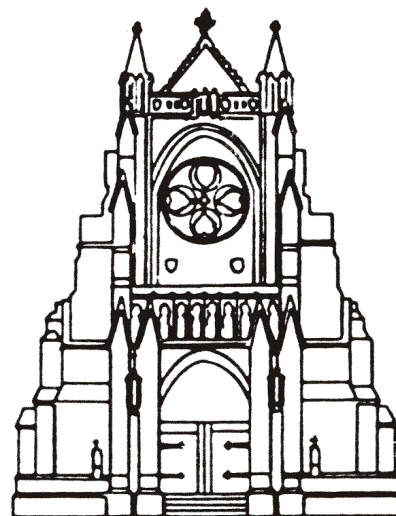


The Cathedral Church of St. Paul

Detroit, Michigan

The Very Reverend Timothy True
Interim Dean

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



March 16, 2025

The Second Sunday in Lent

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.

Sunday, March 23, 4:00 p.m.

Choral Evensong for the Feast of the Annunciation
with the Cathedral Choir

Sunday, Marh 30, 4:00 p.m.

Cathedral Evensong for Transgender Day of Visibility
The Rev'd Toby Darrah, guest preacher

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

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.
Psalm 141:2

I will bless the Lord, who giveth me counsel; my heart teacheth me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16:7,8*

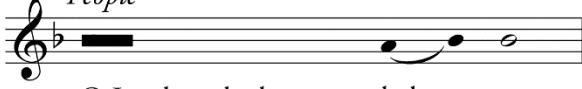
The Invitatory

Officiant



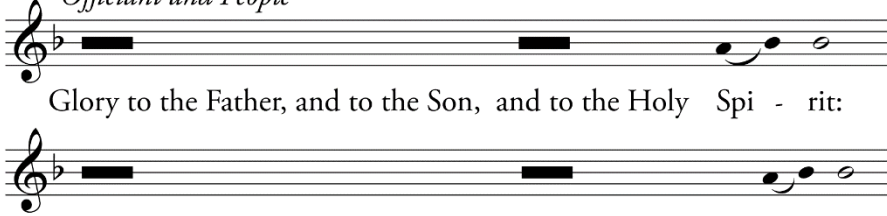
O God, make speed to save us.

People



O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

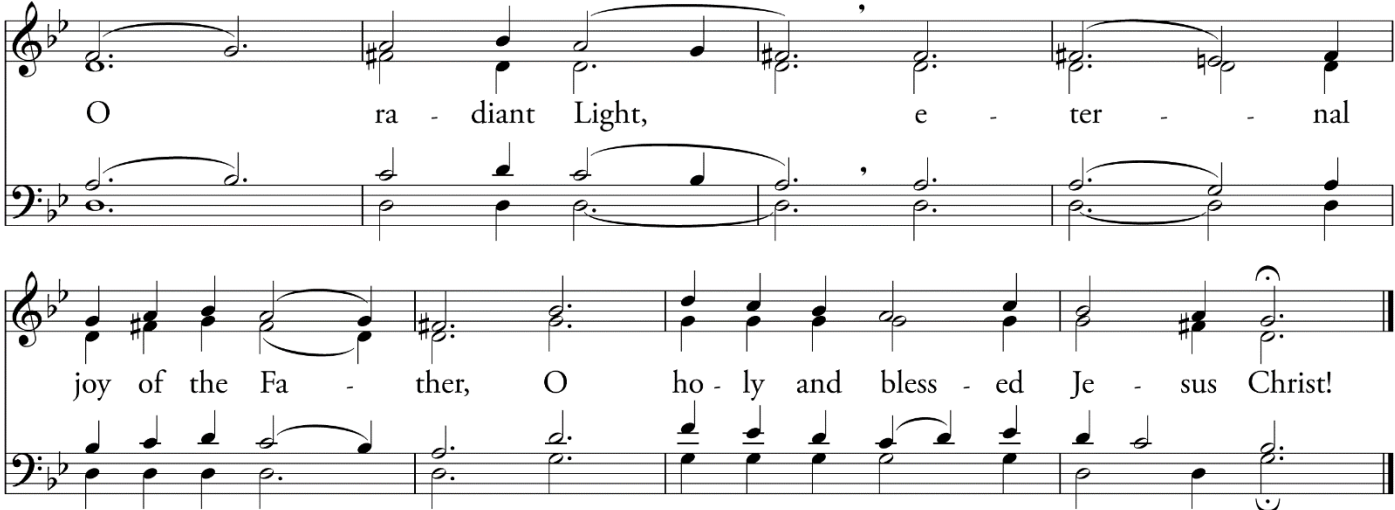


Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

All sing the following refrain as indicated.

Phos hilaron

André Gouzes (1943-2024)



O ra - diant Light, e - ter - - nal
joy of the Fa - ther, O ho - ly and bless - ed Je - sus Christ!

Now at the setting of the sun, our eyes behold the fading light,
We praise the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit of God. *Refrain*

Worthy are you at all time to be praised by the song of all the saints,
Son of God who gave us Life, let the world sing forth your praise. *Refrain*

All then sing

Psalm 84:1-2, 9-12 *Quam dilecta!*



- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of / hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living / God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her / young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my / God.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own / room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the / wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and / shield; *
he will give grace and / glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD with-/ hold *
from those who walk with in-/ tegrity.
- 12 O LORD of / hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in / you!

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 41:14-45*

Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was hurriedly brought out of the dungeon. When he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it." Joseph answered Pharaoh, "It is not I; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer." Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "In my dream I was standing on the banks of the Nile; and seven cows, fat and sleek, came up out of the Nile and fed in the reed grass. Then seven other cows came up after them, poor, very ugly, and thin. Never had I seen such ugly ones in all the land of Egypt. The thin and ugly cows ate up the first seven fat cows, but when they had eaten them no one would have known that they had done so, for they were still as ugly as before. Then I awoke. I fell asleep a second time and I saw in my dream seven ears of grain, full and good, growing on one stalk, and seven ears, withered, thin, and blighted by the east wind, sprouting after them; and the thin ears swallowed up the seven good ears. But when I told it to the magicians, there was no one who could explain it to me." Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "Pharaoh's dreams are one and the same; God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears are seven years; the dreams are one. The seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, as are the seven empty ears blighted by the east wind. They are seven years of famine. It is as I told Pharaoh; God has shown to Pharaoh what he is about to do. There will come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt. After them there will arise seven years of famine, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; the famine will consume the land. The plenty will no longer be known in the land because of the famine that will follow, for it will be very grievous. And the doubling of Pharaoh's dream means that the thing is fixed by God, and God will shortly bring it about. Now therefore let Pharaoh select a man who is discerning and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. Let Pharaoh proceed to appoint overseers over the land, and take one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt during the seven plenteous years. Let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming, and lay up grain under the authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it. That food shall be a reserve for the land against the seven years of famine that are to befall the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish through the famine." The proposal pleased Pharaoh and all his servants. Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find anyone else like this—one in whom is the spirit of God?" So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has shown you all this, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command; only with regard to the throne will I be greater than you." And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." Removing his signet

ring from his hand, Pharaoh put it on Joseph's hand; he arrayed him in garments of fine linen, and put a gold chain around his neck. He had him ride in the chariot of his second-in-command; and they cried out in front of him, "Bow the knee!" Thus he set him over all the land of Egypt. Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no one shall lift up hand or foot in all the land of Egypt." Pharaoh gave Joseph the name Zaphenath-paneah; and he gave him Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, as his wife. Thus Joseph gained authority over the land of Egypt.

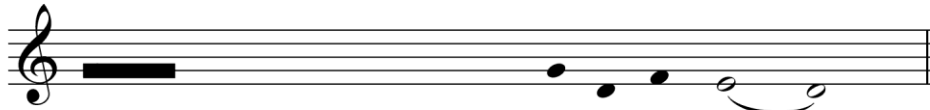
Please stand as you are able and sing

Magnificat

Tonus Peregrinus



1. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Sav - ior;



for he has looked with favor on his low - ly ser - vant.



2. From this day all generations will call me bless - ed; the Almighty has done great things for me,



and ho - ly is his Name. 3. He has mercy on those who fear him



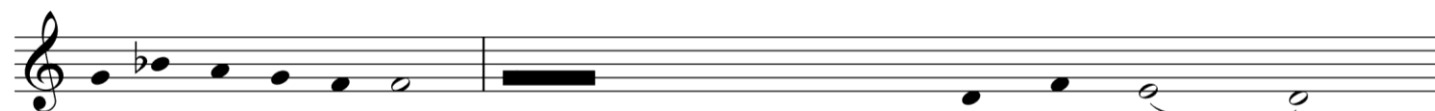
he has scattered the proud in their con - ceit. 5. He has cast down the might - y



from their thrones, and has lifted up the low - ly. 6. He has filled the hun - gry



with good things, and the rich he has sent a - way emp - ty. 7. He has come to the help of



his ser - vant Is - ra - el, for he has remembered his promise of mer - cy.



8. The promise he made to our fa - thers, to Abraham and his children for ev - er.

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit;
 As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.

Please be seated.

The Second Lesson *Mark 3:31—4:9*

Then Jesus' mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." Again he began to teach beside the lake. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the lake and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the lake on the land. He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." And he said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

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.

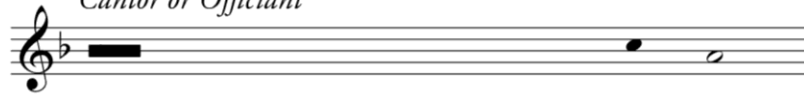
The Prayers

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.

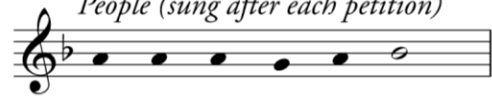
The Suffrages

Cantor or Officiant

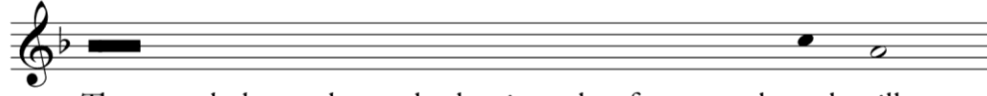


That this evening may be holy, good, and peace - ful,

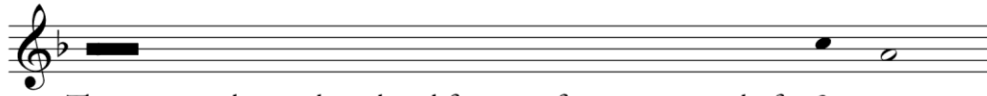
People (sung after each petition)



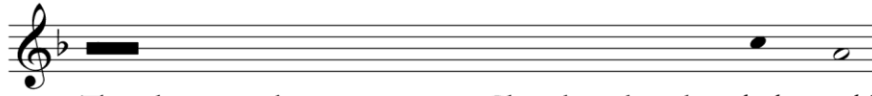
We en - treat you, O Lord.



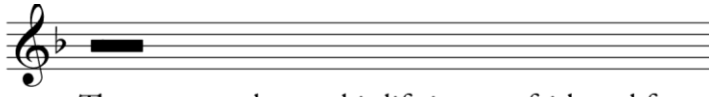
That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and good - will,



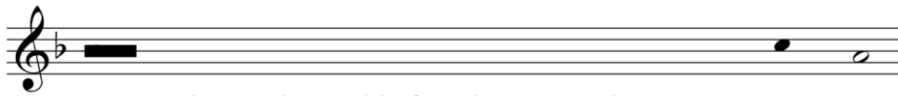
That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and of - fen - ses,



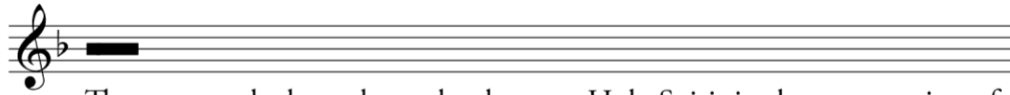
That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,



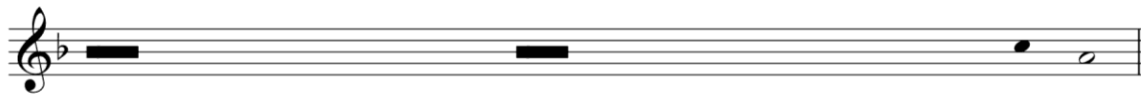
That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,



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 sings or says

The Collects

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; 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.**

All sing

Hymn 603

When Christ was lifted from the earth

St. Boltoph

Please be seated.

The Homily

The Very Reverend Timothy True

Please kneel as you are able.

Prayers of Intercession

Please stand as you are able. All say together

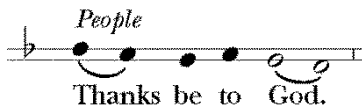
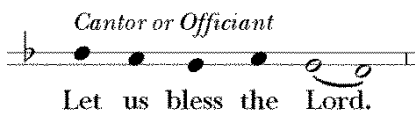
A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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

Please remain standing as the procession leaves the Cathedral.

Organ

Fugue in E-flat, BWV 552ii

Bach

In this afternoon's liturgy

Officiant
Emery Dumas

Homilist
The Very Reverend Timothy True

Cantors
Aaron Denk and Meriem Lanseur

Organist
Canon Jeremy David Tarrant

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