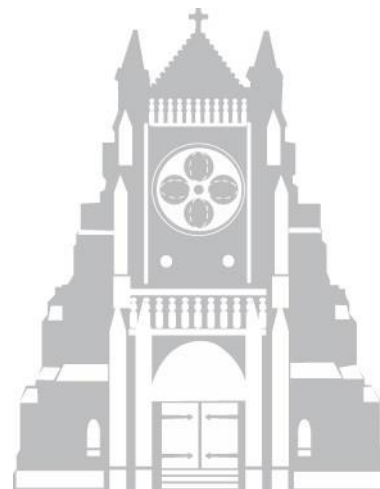


# *The Cathedral Church of St. Paul*

*in the City of Detroit*

The Very Reverend Timothy True  
*Interim Dean of the Cathedral*

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



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April 13, 2025

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Choral Evensong, 4:00 p.m.

*with the Schola Cantorum*

**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 earlier versions of the Book of Common Prayer, 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

Adagio, from *Symphonie III*

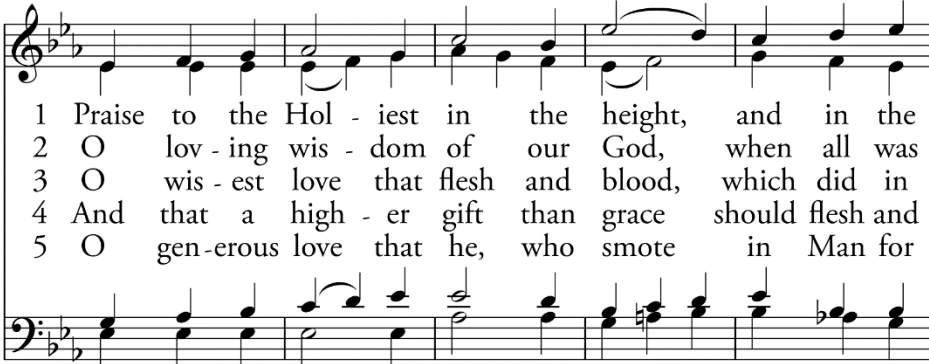
Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

*At the bell, please stand as the procession enters the Cathedral. All sing*

Processional Hymn

Praise to the Holiest

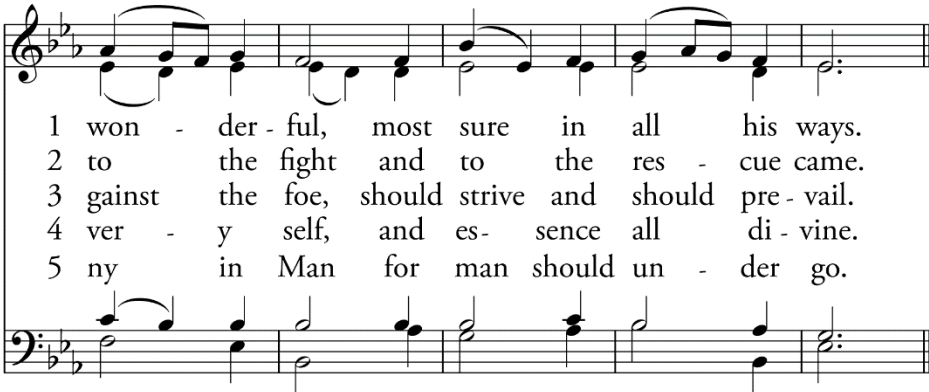
*Chorus angelorum*



1 Praise to the Hol - iest in the height, and in the  
2 O lov - ing wis - dom of our God, when all was  
3 O wis - est love that flesh and blood, which did in  
4 And that a high - er gift than grace should flesh and  
5 O gen - erous love that he, who smote in Man for



1 depth be praise:\_\_\_\_\_ in all his words most  
2 sin and shame,\_\_\_\_\_ a sec - ond Ad - am  
3 Ad - am fail,\_\_\_\_\_ should strive a - fresh a -  
4 blood re - fine,\_\_\_\_\_ God's pres - ence and his  
5 man the foe,\_\_\_\_\_ the dou - ble ag - o -



1 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways.  
2 to the fight and to the res - cue came.  
3 gainst the foe, should strive and should pre - vail.  
4 ver - y self, and es - sence all di - vine.  
5 ny in Man for man should un - der go.

6 And in the garden secretly, and on the Cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire to suffer and to die.

7 Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise;  
in all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways.

**Words** John Henry Newman (1801-1890), alt.

**Music** *Chorus angelorum*, Arthur Somervell (1863-1937), descant David Bartlett (1947-2023)

*The Officiant continues.*  
**The Opening Sentences**

**A**LL we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. *Isaiah 53:6*

**I**S it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow which is done unto me, wherewith the Lord hath afflicted me. *Lamentations 1:12*

*The Congregation remains standing and the Choir sings*  
**The Preces**

*Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)*

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 Choir continues with*  
**Psalm 103:1-10, 20-22**

*Benedic anima mea*

Anglican chant: S.S. Wesley (1810-1876)

**B**LESS the LORD, O my soul, \* and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.  
2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, \* and forget not all his benefits.  
3 He forgives all your sins \* and heals all your infirmities;  
4 He redeems your life from the grave \* and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;  
5 He satisfies you with good things, \* and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.  
6 The LORD executes righteousness \* and judgment for all who are oppressed.  
7 He made his ways known to Moses \* and his works to the children of Israel.  
8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \* slow to anger and of great kindness.  
9 He will not always accuse us, \* nor will he keep his anger for ever.  
10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \* nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.  
20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, \* and hearken to the voice of his word.  
21 Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, \* you ministers of his who do his will.  
22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; \* bless the LORD, O my soul.

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**

*Zechariah 12:9-11, 13:1, 7-9*

**O**N that day I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour out a spirit of compassion and supplication on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that, when they look on the one whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. On that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity. "Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is my associate," says the Lord of hosts. Strike the shepherd, that the sheep may be scattered; I will turn my hand against the little ones. In the whole land, says the Lord, two-thirds shall be cut off and perish, and one third shall be left alive. And I will put this third into the fire, refine them as one refines silver, and test them as gold

is tested. They will call on my name, and I will answer them. I will say, "They are my people;" and they will say, "The Lord is our God."

*The Choir then sings*  
**Magnificat**

*Third Service, Philip Moore (b. 1943)*

**M**Y 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.

*Please stand as you are able.*

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 21:12-17

**J**ESUS entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer;' but you are making it a den of robbers." The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became angry and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself?'" He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

*The Choir then sings*  
**Nunc dimittis**

*Third Service, Moore*

**L**ORD, 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.

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

I BELIEVE 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

*Tallis*

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

*Tallis*

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*

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; 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*

**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*

**K**EEP 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.*

### *All sing*

Hymn 164

Alone thou goest forth

*Bangor*

### The Homily

The Very Reverend Timothy True

### *The Choir sings*

Anthem

Thomas Morley (1557-1602)

**A**GNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.  
 Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.  
 Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

### *Please kneel.*

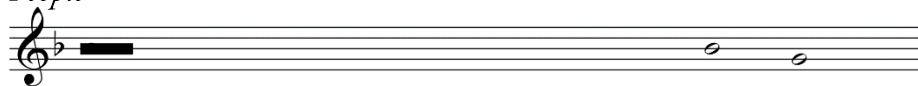
### The Supplication

<i>Officiant</i> 	<i>People</i> 
O Lord, arise, help us; And deliver us for thy Name's sake.	

### *Officiant*

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

*People*

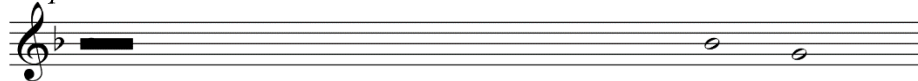


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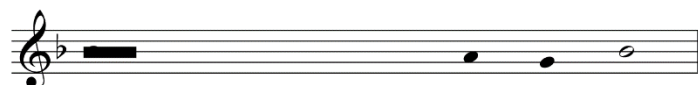
*Officiant*

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.

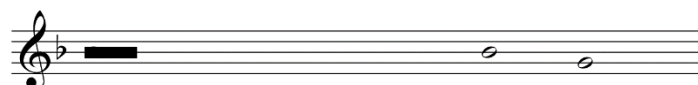
*People*



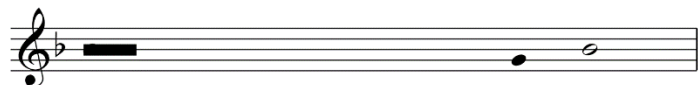
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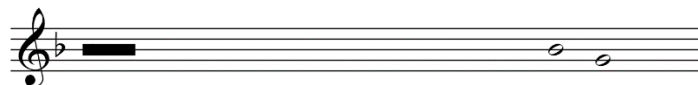
V. From our enemies defend us, O Christ;



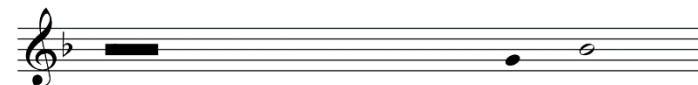
R. Graciously behold our afflictions.



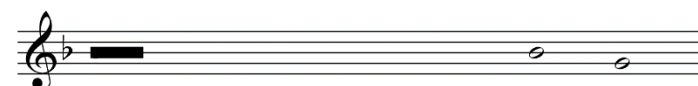
V. With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;



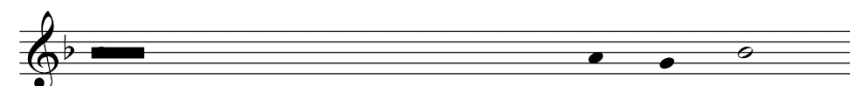
R. Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.



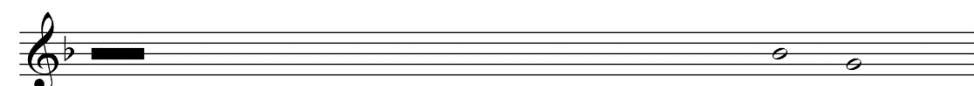
V. Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;



R. O Son of David, have mercy upon us.



V. Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;

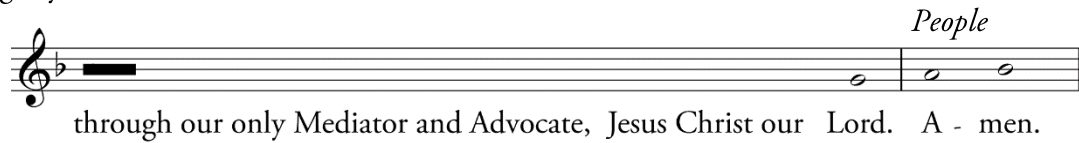


R. Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

*The Officiant concludes*

Let us pray.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory;



*Please remain standing as the Procession leaves the Cathedral.*

**Organ**

Herzlich tut mich verlangen, BWV 727

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

## IN THIS EVENING'S LITURGY

*Officiant and Homilist*

The Very Reverend Timothy True

*Lector*

Erin McClellan

*Acolyte*

Ruth Podgorny-Richards

The Schola Cantorum 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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