

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul

Detroit, Michigan

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

September 21, 2025
The Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle
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.

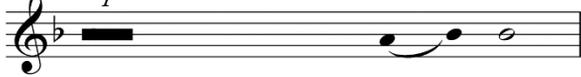
All then say the Apostles' Creed, an expression of faith of those who, generation by generation in the Christian Church, respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, crucified and alive. Prayers are then sung and said, ending with the Collects which collect our thoughts.

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.

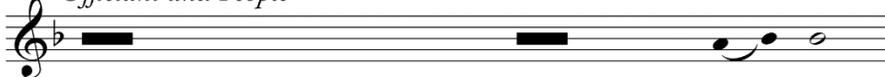
At the bell, please stand as you are able. The procession enters the Cathedral and the Officiant then begins with
The Invitatory

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)



Cantor

33 Teach *mĕ*, O LORD, the *wá*y of your *státutes*, *
and I shall / keep it *tö* the end.

All

34 Give me understanding, and *Í* shall *kéep* your law; *
I shall keep / it with *á*ll my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of *yóur* *commándments*, *
for / that is *mÿ* desire.

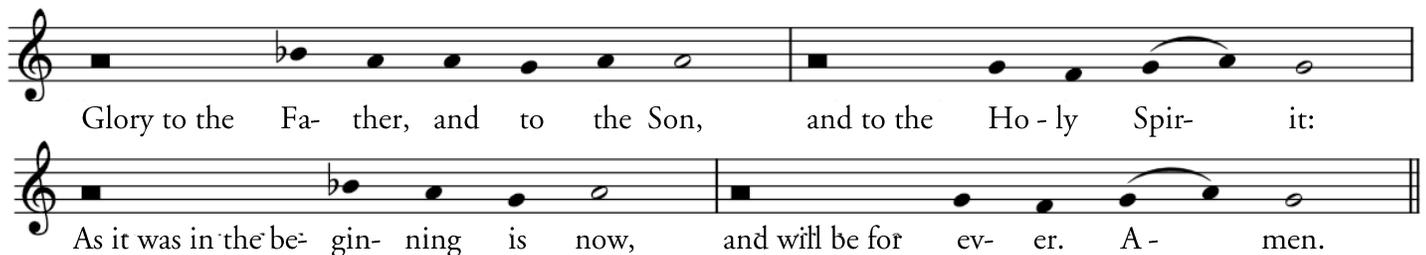
36 Incline my *héart* to *yóur* *decrees* *
and / not to *ú*njust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching *wát* is *wó*rthless; *
give me / life in *yóur* ways.

38 Fulfill your promise *tó* your *sérvant*, *
which you make to / those who *féar* you.

39 Turn away the *repróach* which *Í* *dread*, *
because your / *judgments* *áre* good.

40 Behold, I long for *yóur* *commándments*; *
in your *righteous/ness* *presérve* my life.



Please be seated.

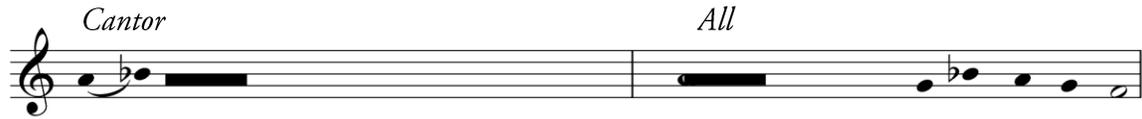
The First Lesson *Proverbs 3:1-6*

My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them round your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and of

people. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Please stand as you are able and sing
Magnificat

Tonus Peregrinus



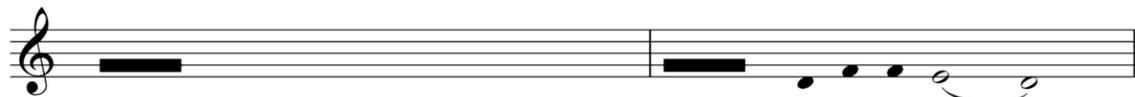
1. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Sav-ior;



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 in every gen - er - a - tion.



4. He has shown the strength of his arm,



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 fathers, 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 *Matthew 9:9-13*

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

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 Show us your mercy, O Lord, *All* And grant us your sal- vation.

Cantor Clothe your ministers with right- eous- ness, *All* Let your people sing with joy.

Cantor *All*
 Give peace, O Lord, in all the world, For only in you can we live in safety.

Cantor *All*
 Lord, keep this nation under your care, And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Cantor *All*
 Let your way be known upon earth, Your saving health among all nations.

Cantor *All*
 Let not the needy, O Lord be forgotten, Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Cantor *All*
 Create in us clean hearts, O God, And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Officiant continues

The Collects

The Collect of the Day

We thank you, O God, for the witness of your apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of your Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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 706

In your mercy, Lord, you called me

Halton Holgate

Please be seated

The Homily

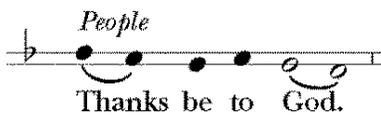
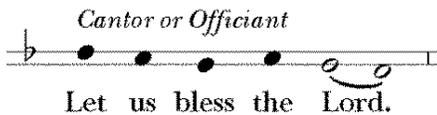
Please kneel as you are able.

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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