

# *The Cathedral Church of St. Paul*

*Detroit, Michigan*

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

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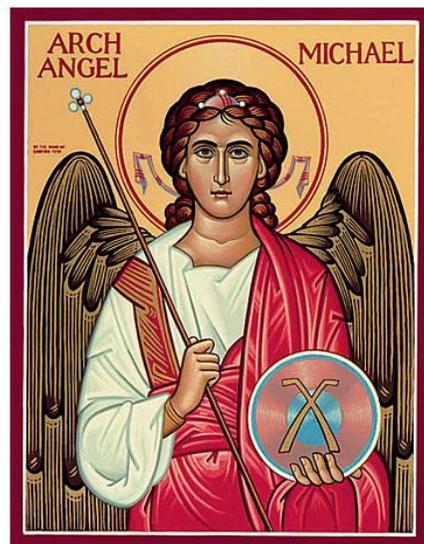
September 28, 2025

The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels

Choral Evensong, 4:00 p.m.

*with the Cathedral Choir*

**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 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 from traditional language, 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**  
The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels

Organ

Chant du soir

Marco Enrico Bossi (1861-1925)

*At the bell, please stand as you are able. From the West End the Choir sings*

**The Responsory**

*J.D. Tarrant (b. 1974)*

*V* The Lord is in this holy temple.

*R* Let all the earth keep silence.

*V* Let us go forth in peace:

*R* In the name of Christ. Amen.

*All sing*

**Hymn 618**

Ye watchers and ye holy ones

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

*The Officiant continues.*

**The Opening Sentences**

**S**E EK him that made the Pleiades and Orion, that turneth deep darkness into the morning, and darkeneth the day into night; that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his Name. *Amos 5:8*

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to thee, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to thee are both alike. *Psalm 139:10, 11*

*The Congregation remains standing and the Choir sings*

**The Preces**

*Barrie Cabena (1933-2025)*

*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 Congregation remains standing and the Choir sings the psalm.*

**Psalm 103:1-5, 19-22**

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.

- 19 The Lord has set his throne in heaven, \*  
and his kingship has dominion over all.
- 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**

Genesis 28:10-17

**J**ACOB left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

*The Choir then sings*

**Magnificat**

*Peter Aston (1938-2013) in F*

**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.*

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 John 1:47-51

WHEN Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

*The Choir then sings*  
Nunc dimittis

*Aston in F*

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.*

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

*Cabena*

*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

**O**UR 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

*Cabena*

*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*

**O**verlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that, as thy holy angels always serve and worship thee in heaven, so by thy appointment they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Social Justice*

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast created us in thine own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *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.*

*Please stand as you are able and sing*

**Hymn**

Sing alleluia forth in duteous praise

*Piepkorn*



1 Sing al - le - lu - ia forth in du - teous praise,  
2 Ye pow'rs who stand be - fore the e - ter - nal Light,  
3 Then let the ho - ly ci - ty raise the strain,  
4 Ye who have fought and joined the star - ry throng,  
5 Your songs of tri - umph shall for ev - er ring



1 ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n, O sweet-ly raise an end - less  
2 let all your choirs re - ech - o to the height an end - less  
3 and with glad songs re - sound - ing wake a - gain an end - less  
4 ye vic - tors, now take up the e - ter - nal song, an end - less  
5 the hymns which tell the hon - or of your King, an end - less



al - le - lu - ia.

6 Such song is rest and food and deep delight  
to saints forgiven; let them all unite  
in endless alleluia.

7 Almighty Christ, to thee our voices sing  
all laud forevermore; to thee we bring  
an endless alleluia.

*Words* Latin 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940

*Music* Piepkorn, Robert Bucklee Farlee (b. 1950)

**The Homily**

The Reverend Canon Sister Veronica Dunbar  
*Canon for Spirituality and Race, the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan*

*The Choir sings*

**Anthem**

Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

**O** be joyful in the Lord all ye lands;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;  
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving

and into his courts with praise;  
    be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.  
For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting;  
    and his truth endureth from generation to generation.  
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.

Psalm 100

*Please kneel.*

### Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgivings

*Please stand as you are able and say together*

#### The General Thanksgiving

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, Father of all mercies,  
We thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving kindness  
to us and to all whom thou hast made.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

*The Officiant says*

#### The Grace

**T**HE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all  
evermore. *Amen.* 2 Corinthians 13:14

*or*

**M**AY the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*  
*Romans 15:13*

*or*

**G**LORY to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him  
from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.* Ephesians 3:20,21

*The Choir sings*  
The Final Responses

*Edward Naylor* (1867-1934)

*V* The Lord be with you.  
*R* And with thy spirit.  
*V* The Lord give us his peace.  
*R* And life eternal. Amen.

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

Organ Toccata in D minor, BWV 538 (“Dorian”) J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

## IN THIS EVENING’S LITURGY

*Officiant and Homilist*  
The Reverend Canon Sister Veronica Mary

*Lector and Thurifer*  
Mary Grahame Hunter

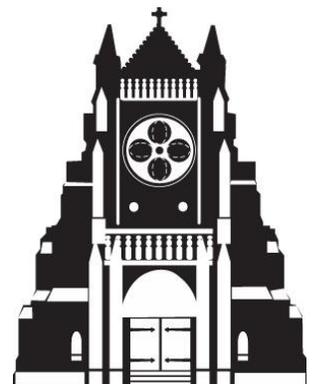
*Acolyte*  
Emery Dumas

*Technology*  
Alan Cooper

The Cathedral Choir is under the direction of Canon Jeremy David Tarrant, Organist and Choirmaster, and Edward Poston, Associate Organist and Communications Coordinator.

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