

# *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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October 12, 2025

Indigenous Peoples Day Observance

Choral Evensong, 4:00 p.m.

*with the Schola Cantorum*

The Reverend Anthony C. Estes, Officiant

**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 from the 1928 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 cantor 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

Le jardin suspendu

Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

*At the bell, please stand as you are able.*

*The Choir sings*

Introit

Bert Van der Hoek (b. 1936)

**O** Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, Lord, in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.

*The Officiant continues.*

The Opening Sentences

**T**HINE is the day, O God, thine also the night; thou hast established the moon and the sun. Thou hast fixed all the boundaries of the earth; thou hast made summer and winter. *Psalm 74:15,16*

**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 Congregation remains standing and the Choir sings*

The Preces

*William Smith of Durham (ca. 1603-1645)*

*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 19:1-6

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

*Cæli enarrant*

**T**HE heavens declare the glory of God, \* and the firmament shows his handiwork.  
2 One day tells its tale to another, \* and one night imparts knowledge to another.  
3 Although they have no words or language, \* and their voices are not heard,  
4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \* and their message to the ends of the world.  
5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \* it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.  
6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; \* nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

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

1 Peter 2:4-12

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**Y**OU are drawing near to the living Lodgepole, the Chosen One who was rejected by humans being but highly honored in the eyes of the Great Spirit. You are also like living wooden poles whose branches are being woven together into a spiritual and sacred lodge. In this spiritual lodge, as holy men and women, you will send up spiritual offerings that will be like sweet-smelling smoke to the Great Spirit through Creator Sets Free (Jesus) the Chosen One. For as it stands true in our Sacred Teachings, "Behold, in Strong Mountain (Zion) I am setting in place of the Chief Lodgepole that I have chosen, one that is highly honored. The hearts of all who trust in him will never fall to the ground." He is highly honored by all who trust in him. But for those who fail to put their trust in him, "The tree lodge builders threw away has become the Chief Lodgepole. He is a tree pole that many will trip over, a wooden pole that will make them stumble because they do not do what Creator's message requires them to do. This is what was decided ahead of time for all who do not trust his message. But you who trust in Creator Sets Free (Jesus) are a chosen people. You are a family of chiefs who serve as holy men and women. You are a sacred nation, a people who belong to the Great Spirit alone. You are ones who will show forth the beautiful ways of one who called you out of darkness and brought you into his wondrous light. You are now people of the Great Spirit, even though at one time you were not known in this way. In the past you had not known mercy, but now you have found it. So then, my much-loved ones, you who are strangers and outsiders to the ways of this world, I speak to you now with strong words. Stay far away from the weak and broken desires within you that make war against who you are. Walk in a good way among those who are outsiders to our spiritual ways. In this way, even though they falsely accuse you of wrong-doing, when they see the good you have done they will give honor to the Great Spirit in the day he comes to visit us

*The Choir then sings*

## Magnificat

*Amy Beach Canticles*, arr. Olivia Sparkhall (b. 1976)

**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.

*Those who are able, 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 1:1-18

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**L**ONG ago, in the time before all days, before the creation of all things, the one who is known as the Word was there face to face with the Great Spirit. This Word fully represents Creator and shows us who he is and what he is like. He has always been there from the beginning, for the Word and Creator are one and the same. Through the Word all things came into being, and not one thing exists that he did not create. Creator's life shined out from the Word, giving light to all human beings. This is the true Light that comes to all the peoples of the world and shines on everyone. The Light shines into the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it or put it out. Into the wilderness of the Land of Promise (Judea) came a man named Gift of Goodwill (John). He was sent by the Great Spirit to tell what he knew about the Light so everyone could believe. He was not the Light but came to speak the truth about the Light. The true Light that shines on all people was coming into the darkness of this world. He came down into this world, and even though he made all things, the world did not recognize him. Even his own tribe did not welcome or honor him. But all who welcome and trust him receive their birthright as children of the Great Spirit. They are born in a new way, not from human father's plans or desires, but born from above—by the Great Spirit. Creator's Word became a flesh-and-blood human being and pitched his sacred tent among us, living as one of us. We looked upon his great beauty and saw how honorable he was, the kind of honor held only by this one Son who fully represents his Father—full of his great kindness and truth. Gift of Goodwill (John) told what he knew about him and cried out with a loud voice, "The one I have told you about is here! He comes after me, but is much greater—my elder! He has more honor, for even though he is thought to be younger, he existed before I was born." From the fullness of his being we have all had many gifts of kindness poured out on us. Drawn from the Water (Moses) gave us our tribal laws, but the gift of great kindness and truth came from Creator Sets Free (Jesus), the Chose One. No one has ever seen the Great Spirit, but the one Son, who is himself the great Spirit and closest to the Father's heart, has shown us what he is like.

*The Choir then sings*

**Nunc dimittis**

*Amy Beach (1867-1944), arr. Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)*

**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.

*Those who are able, 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

*Smith*

*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

*Smith*

*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

### *Collect of the Day*

**C**REATOR God, from thee every family in heaven and earth takes its name. Thou hast rooted and grounded us in thy covenant love and empowered us by thy Holy Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in thy way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that thy people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. *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 431**

The stars declare his glory

*Aldine*

## The Homily

The Reverend Anthony C. Estes  
*Priest Associate, the Detroit Church Partnership*

*The Choir sings*

**Anthem**

Kola Owolabi (b. 1977)

**W**EAVE for us a garment of brightness;  
That we may walk fittingly where birds sing;  
That we may walk fittingly where grass is green.  
May the warp\* be the white light of morning,  
May the weft be the red light of evening,  
May the fringes be the falling rain,  
May the border be the standing rainbow.  
O our mother earth, O our father sky.

Native American Prayer

*\*In weaving, warp are the threads on a loom over and under which other threads, the weft, are passed to make cloth.*

*Please kneel for*

**The Litany**

**O** Great Creator who places your people in every corner of this rich round earth adorning them with beauty and wisdom help us to celebrate the gifts of this land.

*People* **We are your people, born of your spirit.**

Many have come to conquer and possess yet still we thrive grounded in your love our feet are planted on sacred ground and eyes lift to your voice in the night sky.

*We are your people, born of your spirit.*

There is conflict and violence everywhere yet still you are in the midst of us all you have made us sisters and brothers, relatives of all that you have made.

*We are your people, born of your spirit.*

Strengthen us to love despite misunderstanding. Help us to live gently on the land you give us. Empower us to show your presence everywhere. Make us your hands of love in trying times.

*We are your people, born of your spirit.*

Creator, you bent the earth like a bow until was one, round, shining planet. At your word the land was drawn into mountains and deserts, forests, and plains; the waters were gathered together into rivers, lakes and seas. The circle of your creation has been broken time and again by greed and violence and many lives have been shattered. Renew the circle of the earth and turn the hearts of all your people to one another; that they and all the earth may live, and be drawn toward you and through the power of your son, Jesus Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and always. *Amen.*

*Please stand as you are able. All say together*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

**A**LMIGHTY God,  
who hast given us grace at this time with one accord  
to make our common supplication unto thee;  
and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son  
that when two or three are gathered together in his Name  
thou wilt be in the midst of them:  
Fulfill now, O Lord,  
the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us;  
granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth,  
and in the world to come life everlasting. *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

*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

Allegretto in F

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

## In this evening's liturgy

*Officiant*

The Reverend Anthony C. Estes

*Acolyte*

Paula Styer

*Lector*

Erin McClellan

*Technology*

John LaDuke

The Schola Cantorum under the direction of Canon Jeremy David Tarrant, Organist and Choirmaster, and Edward Poston, Associate Organist and Communications Coordinator.

### Notes on the Music

Amongst the sacred choral music from the pen of American composer Amy Beach is a set of "Choral Responses" – short settings of verses from Scripture for various use in liturgies. Included in this is a setting of the *Nunc dimittis* without the *Gloria patri* that is sung at the conclusion of this canticle at Evensong. Sarah MacDonald, Director of Music at Selwyn College, Cambridge and Director of the Girl Choristers at Ely Cathedral has crafted a Gloria for Beach's setting, thereby adapting it for use in the Evening Office. Olivia Sparkhall, in her *Amy Beach Canticles*, takes the same musical material from Beach's *Nunc dimittis* and fashions a setting of the *Magnificat*, in which plainchant verses alternate with those utilizing Beach's music.



A native of Canada who spent part of his childhood in Nigeria, Kola Owolabi enjoys a multi-faceted career as organist, composer, and pedagogue. He is Professor of Organ at Notre Dame University. His recent compositions include a commission by the Old Salem Museum in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, to compose a piece inspired by the African-American tradition to celebrate the life of Peter Oliver, a freed slave who served as a "bellows treader" for a local Moravian organ at the turn of the 19th century.

### A Stewardship Reflection

Our world is too often caught in a scarcity mindset. We believe we cannot give, because there is so little and we cannot possibly sacrifice anything. God challenges this thinking, showing us that generosity and community are not a zero-sum game, but a miraculous space where we get so much more than we give. Stewardship is our way of showing our faith in this Spiritual Abundance.

*Bren O'Connor*

### The Cathedral Church of St. Paul

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## Stewardship 2026 Rooted in Righteousness: Giving That Endures



"Those who act in almsgiving will be blessed. For almsgiving delivers from death, and it will purge away every sin. Those who practice it will have fullness of life."

**Tobit 4:6-II**