

# *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 26, 2025

The Feast of St. Simon and St. Jude *observed*

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 (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 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

Organ

Drop down, ye heavens, from above

Camil Van Hulse (1897-1988)

*At the bell, please stand as you are able. The procession enters the Cathedral. The Choir then sings*

Introit

Arthur Baynon (1899-1954)

WHEN rooks fly homeward and shadows fall,  
When roses fold on the hay-yard wall,  
When blind moths flutter by door and tree,  
Then comes the quiet of Christ to me.

When stars look out on the Children's Path,  
And grey mists gather on carn and rath,  
When night is one with the brooding sea,  
Then comes the quiet of Christ to me.

Joseph Campbell (1879-1944)

*The Officiant continues.*

The Opening Sentences

SEEK 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. *Psalms 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 119:89-96

*In aeternum, Domine*

Anglican chant: William Crotch  
(1775-1847)

O Lord, your word is everlasting; \* it stands firm in the heavens.  
90 Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another; \* you established the earth, and it abides.  
91 By your decree these continue to this day, \* for all things are your servants.  
92 If my delight had not been in your law, \* I should have perished in my affliction.  
93 I will never forget your commandments, \* because by them you give me life.  
94 I am yours; oh, that you would save me! \* for I study your commandments.  
95 Though the wicked lie in wait for me to destroy me, \* I will apply my mind to your decrees.  
96 I see that all things come to an end, \* but your commandment has no bounds.

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**

Ephesians 2:13-22

**N**OW in Christ Jesus you Gentiles, who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

*The Choir then sings*

**Magnificat**

*Thomas Attwood Walmisely (1814-1856) in D minor*

**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 15:17-27

**J**ESUS said to his disciples, "I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world-- therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'Servants are not greater than their master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sinned; but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father also. If I had not

done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. It was to fulfill the word that is written in their law, 'They hated me without a cause.'  
"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning."

*The Choir then sings*  
Nunc dimittis

*Walmisely in D minor*

**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

*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** God, we thank thee for the glorious company of the apostles, and especially on this day for Simon and Jude; and we pray that, as they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; 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.*

*All sing*  
Hymn 545

Lo! what a cloud of witnesses

*St. Fulbert*

The Homily

Pastor Ben Adams  
*All.together Campus Ministry*

*The Choir sings*  
Anthem

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

**T**HOU wilt keep him in perfect peace,  
Whose mind is stayed on thee.  
The darkness is no darkness with Thee,  
But the night is as clear as the day.  
The darkness and the light to Thee, are both alike.  
God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.  
O let my soul live and it shall praise Thee,  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for evermore.

Isaiah 26:3

*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**

Adoration

Florence Price (1887-1953)

## IN THIS EVENING'S LITURGY

*Officiant and Homilist*

Pastor Ben Adams

*Lector*

Elaine Belz

*Acolyte*

Matthew O'Brien

*Technology*

Dr. 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.

## MUSIC GIFT

Scores for the Introit, *When rooks fly homeward*, were given by G. Donald Kaye and Elaine Wolf Kaye.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**The Cathedral Choir School –**

**Do you know a child who likes to sing?**

The Cathedral Choir School invites youth beginning at age 8 to explore becoming a chorister. Providing the finest in music education, the Cathedral Choir School of Metropolitan Detroit is a long-term investment in young people, committed to providing them an opportunity for musical and personal growth. You can learn more about the Choir School program by visiting us at [detroitcathedral.org](http://detroitcathedral.org) and selecting *Choir School* on the home page. Contact us at [music@detroitcathedral.org](mailto:music@detroitcathedral.org) or 313.833.7547.

**Adults wanting to explore participation in the Cathedral Choirs** are encouraged to contact Canon Tarrant for an orientation in preparation for the new season which begins in September. Contact us at [music@detroitcathedral.org](mailto:music@detroitcathedral.org) or 313.833.7547.

## Pledge forms for 2026

Pledge forms for 2026 are available in the Gallery. You may also make your online pledge here:



### A Stewardship Reflection

Our Stewardship theme passage interrupts a romp of a novella with financial counsel from Tobit to his son Tobias. If the advice sounds familiar, it is the source of a medieval Roman Rite offertory sentence that was retained in the 1662 BCP. Our choirs sing the setting by Christopher Tye (c. 1505-1572), “Give Alms of Thy Goods.” Be honest: Have you ever gone to your financial advisor and been quoted an offertory anthem?

In God’s economy, generosity is sound financial advice. Whatever resources a person may have, they are to share them. The person with more resources is no more defined by their wealth than the person with less is defined by their lack. We all have agency, and gifts to share.

But this isn’t about being reckless. Later in the chapter (verse 16), Tobit tells his son to give from his *surplus*. Basically, to put on his own oxygen mask first, and then help others with theirs. Tobias is also encouraged to direct his money strategically: “*To all those who practice righteousness give alms...*” This is not about limiting aid to the “deserving poor.” It is about making an investment in the common good, supporting people and organizations

doing the work to address underlying causes of injustice—while also attending to the needs of individuals around us.

Tobit’s instruction is this-worldly. He does not advise his son to store up treasures “in heaven,” but rather “against the day of necessity.” As Christians, we *are* called to store up treasures in heaven, but we also pray for God’s Kingdom to come “on earth as it is in heaven.” As we pray, let us wisely and freely invest our resources—money, sure; but also our time, attention, skill, love—to work with God toward that Kingdom we pray for.

*Elaine Belz*

