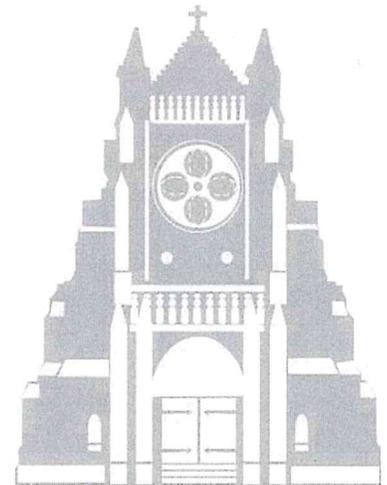


THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL

Detroit, Michigan

The Very Reverend Joseph Caldwell Alsay
Dean-Elect

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



January 18, 2026

The Feast of the Confession of St. Peter the Apostle
Cathedral Evensong, 4:00 p.m.

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.

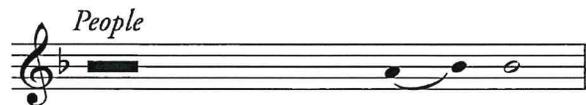
All then say the Apostles' Creed, an expression of faith of those who, generation by generation in the Christian Church, respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, crucified and alive. Prayers are then sung and said, ending with the Collects which collect our thoughts.

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.

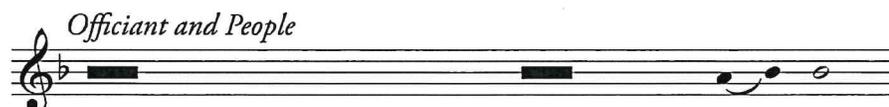
At the bell, please stand as you are. The Procession enters and the Officiant then begins with
The Invitatory



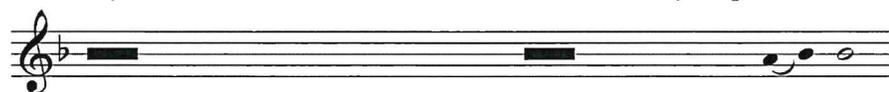
O God, make speed to save us.



O Lord, make haste to help us.



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.



Al - le - lu - ia.

Remaining standing, all sing

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)

All then sing

Psalm 118:14-18, 29 *Confitemini Domino*



- 14 The Lord is my strength and my / song, * and he has become my sal- / vation.
15 There is a sound of exultation and / victory * in the tents of the / righteous:
16 “The right hand of the Lord has / triumphed! * the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has / triumphed!”
17 I shall not die, but / live, * and declare the works of the / Lord.
18 The Lord has punished me / sorely, * but he did not hand me over to / death.
29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is / good; * his mercy endures for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the / Son, * and to the Holy / Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is / now, * and will be for ever. A-/ men.

Please be seated.

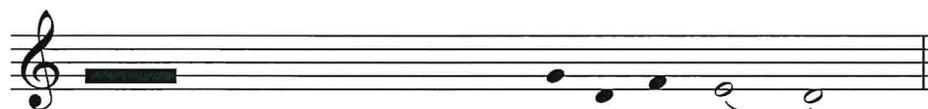
The First Lesson *Ezekiel 34:11-16*

Please stand as you are able and sing

Magnificat



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 fa - thers, 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.

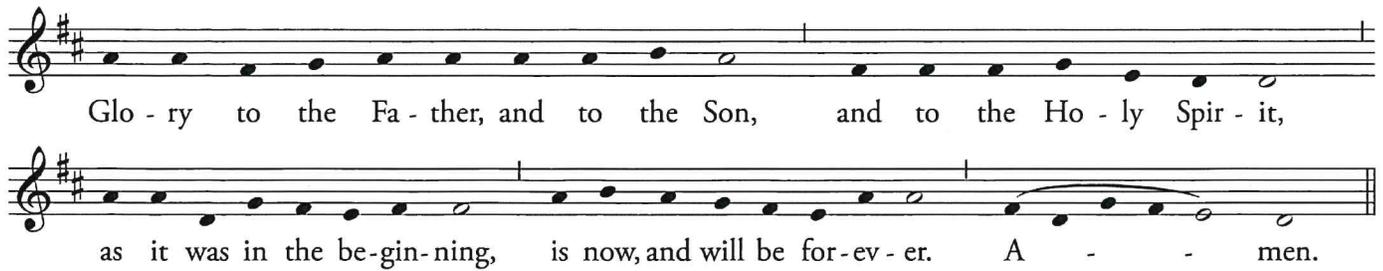
The Second Lesson *John 21:15-22*

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.



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

Carl MaultsBy (b. 1949)

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

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

Cantor Let your way be known up- on earth, *All* Your saving health a- mong all nations.

Cantor Let not the needy, O Lord be for- gotten, *All* Nor the hope of the poor be ta- ken a- way.

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

The Collect of the Day

ALMIGHTY Father, who inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, so that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Collect for the Feast of Martin Luther King, Jr.

ALMIGHTY God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may strive to secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *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 478

Jesus, our mighty Lord

Monk's Gate

The Homily

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Please kneel.

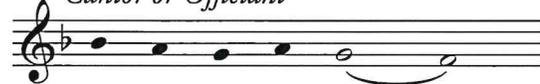
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgivings

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.*

Cantor or Officiant



Let us bless the Lord.____

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G-clef with a key signature of one flat (F major/D minor). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). A fermata is placed over the final C4 note.

People



Thanks be to God.____

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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

or this

May 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 this

Glory 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*

Please remain standing as the procession leaves the Cathedral.

In this afternoon's liturgy

Officiant

The Very Reverend Joseph C. Alsay

Cantors

Chad Johnson and John O'Brien

Organist

Canon Jeremy David Tarrant

Lector and Acolyte

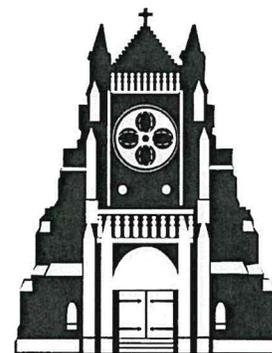
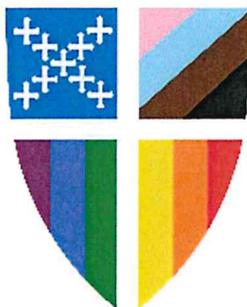
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