

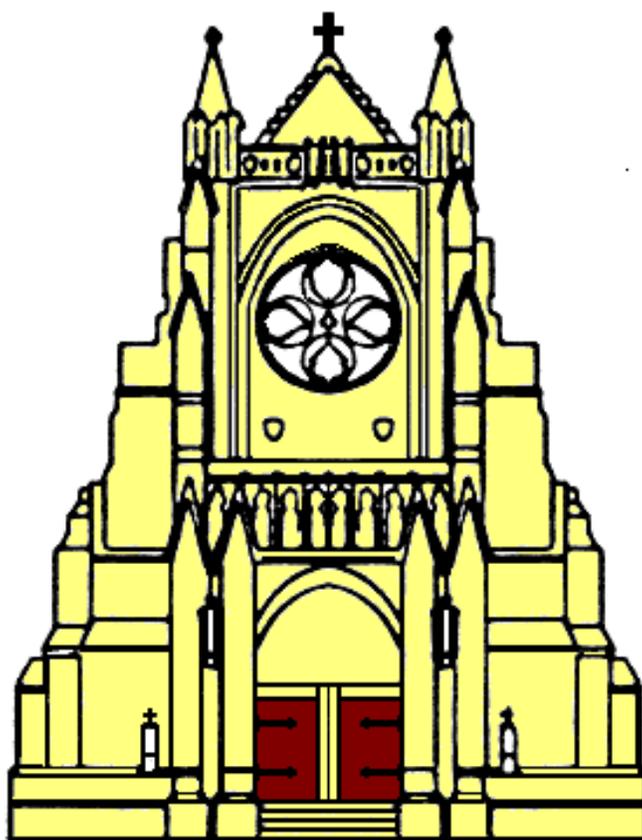
THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL

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
Sung Holy Eucharist, 11:00 a.m.
with the Schola Cantorum



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WELCOME TO THE CATHEDRAL!

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.

VISITORS are encouraged to fill out a blue pew card and place it in the offering box in the Crossing. Please ask a clergy person or usher if you have questions. All are welcome—if you are looking for a church home, you have one here.

ABOUT RECEIVING COMMUNION – Please know that this is God’s table and any person seeking to be fed from it will not be turned away. To receive the consecrated bread, extend your hands and it will be placed in your palm. Should you choose to receive the consecrated wine, you may guide the chalice gently to your mouth taking a small sip. Those desiring gluten-free Communion should ask the clergy when coming forward for Communion. Anyone may come forward at the time of Communion and receive the blessing instead, by crossing your arms across your chest.

ABOUT CHILDREN AND WORSHIP – Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, for to them belongs the Kingdom of God.” We believe that the place of a child is in worship in the Cathedral. We hope you will help them follow the service, sing the hymns, and use the bulletin and Prayerbook. At the back of Grace Chapel, the chapel to the left as one faces the High Altar, there is a soft space available. If you feel the need to step out, we have space in the Parlor which has the livestream of the service, so you can follow along that way.

CATHEDRAL SERVICES

Sundays

Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m.

*Holy Eucharist, 8:15 a.m.

Sung Holy Eucharist with Choir, 11:00 a.m.

*Evensong, 4:00 p.m.

The 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. services are also livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

The Office of Compline is offered each evening at 8:00 p.m. on our Facebook page.

Choral Evensong is generally offered on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, and Cathedral Evensong (sung by cantors and congregation) on the first and third Sundays of the month, September through May.

Please silence all electronic devices.

This service is also livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

Hymns are found in the blue hymnal in the pew racks.

Hymn numbers preceded by LEVAS are found in Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing in the pews.

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THE ENTRANCE RITE

Organ

Cantilena

John Longhurst (b. 1940)

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

The Responsoy

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 366, vss. 1-4

Holy God, we praise thy Name

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The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

ALMIGHTY God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All sing

Gloria in excelsis

David Bartlett (1947-2023)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, Al-
might-y God and Fath - er, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the
Fath - er, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

Worship is at the heart of Christian life and community. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed. Liturgy, the work of the people, encompasses the movements, prayers, music, and forms that make up a service. Liturgies for the Episcopal Church are generally found in the Book of Common Prayer.

The Collect for Purity is an English rendering of a Latin prayer that began the liturgy in the medieval church.

The Gloria in excelsis, or some other song of praise, centers the service on the God we gather to worship.

right hand of the Fath - er: re - ceive our prayer.
 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir-it in the glo - ry of God the Fath - er. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collects are prayers that "collect" all of the themes of the day into one place. There are collects of each Sunday of the church year, as well as for other occasions.

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.**

Then follows 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.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The congregation is seated.

The Lesson

Acts 4: 8-13

The Lesson is usually from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures), with which Jesus would have been familiar, and to which he often referred or quoted.

PETER, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved." Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Choir sings

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me Anglican chant: C. Hylton Stewart
(1884-1932)

THE Lord is my shepherd * therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture * and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul * and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death , I will fear no evil * for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me * thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life * and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Epistle

1 Peter 5:1-4

AS an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it-- not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able. All sing

Sequence Hymn LEVAS 99

My hope is built

Solid Rock

The Gospel

Saint Matthew 16:13-19

Gospeler

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People

Glory to you Lord, Christ.

WHEN Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Very Reverend Joseph C. Alsay

Please stand as you are able. All say together

The Nicene Creed

Prayerbook, Page 358

Sung by Jesus and Jewish worshipers, the Psalms highlight many facets of our relationship with God and each other. The entire psalter can be found in the Book of Common Prayer beginning at page 585.

The Epistle, a reading from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

The Sequence Hymn is often chosen to comment on the Epistle reading immediately prior, or the Gospel lesson that follows.

Gospel means "good news." This reading comes from one of the four Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John – recounting the life, work, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon often presents a central theme from the readings as it relates to our daily living.

The word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" for "I believe." The Nicene Creed reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship of the Holy Trinity.

The Prayers of the People can take many different forms, but they address several areas of our lives as outlined in the Book of Common Prayer: we pray for ourselves and on behalf of others. We pray for the Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church—the Body of Christ.

The Confession of Sin is an acknowledgment, as in Psalm 51: "Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight," and is followed by the Absolution, a statement of forgiveness, pronounced by the Celebrant.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant

O God, you have created the world and all that is in it, giving life and breath to all living things, and sending your Son to establish a kingdom where all are equally beloved. Lift us up that, we may live passionately for the causes of justice and peace.

Intercessor

We pray for the church throughout the world; give us grace to be one body in Christ, that we may continue the ministry of reconciliation begun by your Son. God of unity,

People **Make us whole.**

We pray for all in authority, that with their power may come humility. We pray for those who press on for justice; may their efforts be crowned with dignity and discipline, and may their only weapon be love. God of struggle, ***Give us strength.***

We pray for this nation and the world. Keep us mindful that we are citizens of both heaven and earth. We pray for those who seek the heavenly graces of wisdom, freedom, and equality here in this life. May we speak the truth, relieve the poor, welcome the stranger, and love our enemy. God of righteousness, ***Give us hope.***

We pray for those who are in difficulty or pain, especially victims of violence to the body, mind, or spirit. In our seasons of suffering, give us healers who will lead us to kindness, gentleness and compassion for all. God of wounds, ***Give us peace.***

Celebrant

We pray for all who have died and rest from their labors. May we carry on the good works they have begun and bring us, with them, into your land of promise. God of glory, ***We give you praise.***

We pray for our community. Help us to see our neighbors as brothers and sisters, and to care for one another as we would want to be cared for ourselves. ***Gather us to you.***

And now to him who is able to keep us from falling, and lift us up from the fatigue of despair to the buoyancy of hope, from the midnight of desperation to the daybreak of joy, to him be power and authority forever and ever. ***Amen.***

Please kneel as you are able. Silence may be kept.

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All say together

MOST merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

ALmighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Please stand as you are able.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The congregation is seated and the Choir sings

Offertory Anthem

Rosephayne Powell (b. 1962)

ALL along this tedious journey, walk with me, Lord.
When I'm burdened, walk with me, Lord.
When my head is bowed down in sorrow, walk with me, Lord.
You are my shield; you are my sword.
Until I make my journey home, Lord walk with me.
I am weary, walk with me.

Traditional Spiritual

Please stand as you are able and sing

Presentation Hymn 599

Lift ev'ry voice and sing

Lift Ev'ry Voice

The Celebrant then begins the Great Thanksgiving.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

- Staff 1:** *Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.
- Staff 2:** *Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.
- Staff 3:** *Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Staff 4:** *People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O God, Creator of heaven and earth, through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

An ancient Christian practice, sharing The Peace is a sign of reconciliation, love, and renewed relationships in the community. Any appropriate words of greeting may be used in the exchange of peace that follows between individuals.

We are now prepared for the miracle of the Holy Communion. The Offertory gives us a chance to offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, in the money we give, and spiritually in the offering of ourselves.

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a large prayer in four parts. Each of these corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

All sing
Sanctus

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,—
hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3 and Revelation 4:8.

We recall God's acts of salvation history.

The Celebrant says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper.

At the Memorial Acclamation we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age.

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

WE give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Lord:

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, the God bearer, Paul, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

Motet

Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)

SOFTLY, tenderly Jesus is calling to you.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and me.
*Come home, you who are weary.
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling sinners to come home.*

Time is now fleeting, moments are passing,
Passing from you and me;
Shadows are gathering, nighttime is coming,
Coming for you and me.

Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,
Promised for you and me.
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and me.

Will Thompson (1847-1909)

After Communion the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

ALMIGHTY and everliving God,
We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

Announcements and Moments for Mission

Please stand as you are able for

The Blessing

MAY Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the
world; and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be upon
you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Please stand and sing

Processional Hymn 379

God is love

Abbot's Leigh

The Dismissal is given and the people respond

Thanks be to God.

Organ

Lift ev'ry voice and sing

Wayne Wold (b. 1954)

*A Postcommunion
Prayer of thanksgiving
after communion seeks
God's help for Christian
service. The eucharistic
community is sent "into
the world in peace" to
love and serve God as
witnesses of Christ. This
prayer expresses the
transition of the
Christian's attention
from the mystery of
sacramental
participation to the
engagement of Christian
ministry.*

*A Blessing is a
pronouncement of God's
love and favor, addressed
to one or more persons.*

*The Deacon, or the
Celebrant ends by
dismissing the people.
The term comes from the
Latin Ite, missa est, "Go,
it is the sending."*

The Prayers of the People

Today's Prayers of the People were written by The Reverend Canon Sister Veronica Dunbar, Canon for Spirituality and Race in our diocese, and were inspired by Dr. King's address on February 16, 1960, to students leading lunch counter sit-ins in North Carolina; and his sermon "Paul's Letter to American Christians" given at the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church on November 4, 1956. The closing petition, a paraphrase of Jude 24-25, is taken from that sermon.

Notes on the Music

Rosephayne Powell is one of the premier American composers of solo voice and choral music today, and her compositions have been performed in distinguished venues internationally. An accomplished singer and voice teacher, Dr. Powell's research focuses on the art of the African-American spiritual and voice care concerns for music educators, choral directors, and choral singers.

Dr. Powell's arrangement of the African-American Spiritual, *Walk with me, Lord* (sung this morning at the Offertory) was commissioned by the American Guild of Organists and premiered at the guild's 2018 national convention.

Aaron David Miller's *Jesus is calling*, sets two of the original three verses of Will Thompson's poem in a short work for choir. A prolific composer and organist, Miller is Director of Music at House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Faith-filled Foodies!

It has been said that the best way to experience the richness of a culture, is through its food. Every Sunday, we have an opportunity to gather around the Lord's table and partake in the sumptuous feast that he has prepared. We do so in the context of an ever growing multi-cultural and ethnically diverse congregation. Epiphanytide is a time when we bask in the light and lift up the message of Christ being revealed and shared among all nations. During this season at the 11:00 service, we will have an opportunity to partake in bread and wine from the seven continents. Today we celebrate Africa and will have Moroccan bread and a South African cabernet wine. Come enjoy and experience the diversity of cultures, which is a gift from God. *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

The Annual Meeting of the Cathedral Congregation

Please join us for the **2026 Annual Meeting of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul on Sunday, January 25**, immediately following the **11:00 a.m. service**. All members are warmly invited to gather for an engaging conversation about all that is happening and continuing to unfold at the Cathedral, as we reflect on the past year and look ahead together. **A pasta and salad lunch will be provided**, so come, be nourished in body and spirit, and take part in the life and future of our Cathedral community. *Please note there is only one service that day, at 11:00 a.m.*

Childcare available at the Annual Meeting

We're happy to offer childcare during the 2026 Annual Meeting! Care will be lovingly provided by one of our own teachers from the Spanish for Toddlers program, so you can participate in the meeting knowing your children are in good hands. Childcare will be available for the full duration of the meeting, from 12:30 p.m. to approximately 3:00 p.m., and will take place on the lower level in a Spanish for Toddlers classroom. If you'd like to take advantage of this opportunity, please email Erin McClellan at emcclellan@detroitcathedral.org by January 22, 2026, so we can ensure proper care and coverage for all our little ones.

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