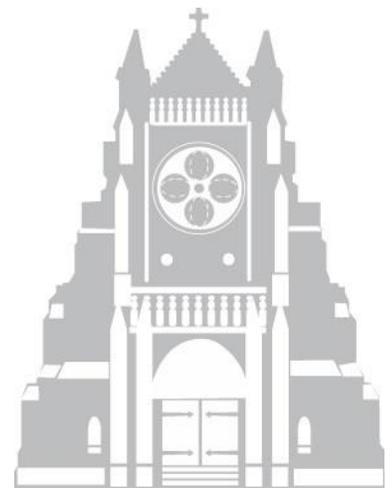


# THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL

Detroit, Michigan

The Very Reverend Joseph Caldwell Alsay  
*Dean*

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



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February 8, 2026

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
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.

**Next Sunday at 4:00**

*The Feast of Absalom Jones – a Diocesan celebration*

Sung Holy Eucharist

Bishop Perry, presiding

The Right Reverend Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows,  
Bishop of Indianapolis, guest preacher

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

*Officiant*



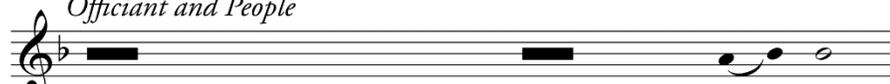
O God, make speed to save us.

*People*



O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*



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 34:1-2, 15-22 *Benedicam Dominum*



- 1 I will bless the LORD at / all times; \* his praise shall ever be in my / mouth.  
2 I will glory in the / LORD; \* let the humble hear and re-/ joice.
- 15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the / righteous, \* and his ears are open to their / cry.  
16 The face of the LORD is against those who do / evil, \* to root out the remembrance of them from the / earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the LORD / hears them \* and delivers them from all their / troubles.  
18 The LORD is near to the broken-/ hearted \* and will save those whose spirits are / crushed.
- 19 Many are the troubles of the / righteous, \* but the LORD will deliver him out of them / all.  
20 He will keep safe all his / bones; \* not one of them shall be / broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the / wicked, \* and those who hate the righteous will be / punished.  
22 The LORD ransoms the life of his / servants, \* and none will be punished who / trust in him.

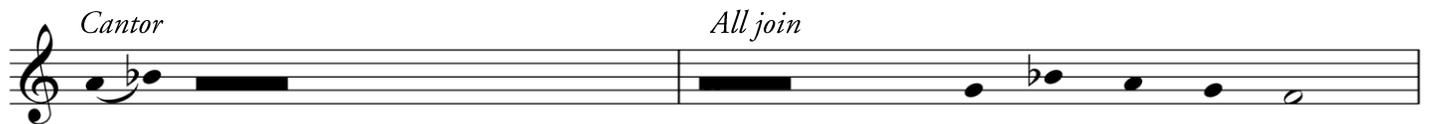
Glory to the Father, and to the / Son, \* and to the Holy / Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is / now, \* and will be for ever. A-/ men.

*Please be seated.*

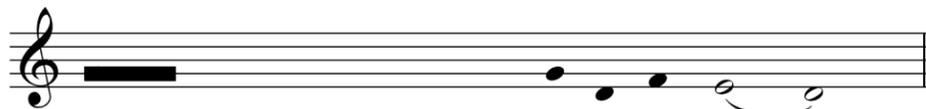
The First Lesson *Isaiah 57:14-21*

*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 2 Timothy 2:14-21**

*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.  
 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev - er. A - - men.

*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 MautsBy (b. 1949)

Show us your mercy, O Lord, And grant us your sal- vation.

Clothe your ministers with right- eous- ness, Let your people sing with joy.

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

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

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

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

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

### The Collect of the Day

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### A Collect for Social Justice

Almighty God, who created us in your 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 your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.*

*Please be seated.*

### A Presentation of Gifts

*Please stand and sing*  
Hymn 707

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee

*Hollingside*

The Homily

The Very Reverend Katherine Carlsen Churchwell  
*Dean, St. Paul's Cathedral, Oklahoma City*

*Please kneel.*

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgivings

*Please stand. All say together*

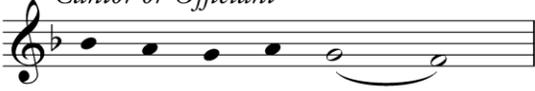
A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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.\_\_\_\_

*People*



Thanks be to God.\_\_\_\_

*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.*

## Our Guest Preacher

The Very Reverend Katherine (Katie) Carlsen Churchwell has served as Dean of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Oklahoma City since August 2020. As the 15th—and first female—Dean, she leads a historic, vibrant, and civic-rooted cathedral that stands as a spiritual cornerstone for the diocese.

Dean Churchwell holds a B.A. in Religious Studies from Lewis & Clark College and an M.Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary. Her ministry stretches across multiple dioceses—including Arizona, Oregon, Virginia, Texas, and Florida—marked by her commitment to liturgical excellence, collaborative leadership, and institutional vision.

As Head of Staff and Vestry Chair, Dean Churchwell nurtures both the spiritual depth and operational integrity of cathedral life. She believes profoundly that “God’s presence is with us always—especially when we take big risks for God and our neighbor,” embodying a theology of bold service and sacred imagination.

Over her priesthood, she has supported more than a dozen individuals in discerning a call to ordained ministry—bringing clarity, theological depth, and pastoral insight to the discernment process. She is currently serving her second term on the Commission on Ministry in the Diocese of Oklahoma.

Her innovative digital evangelism includes Pop-up Prayer (2017–2021), a widely recognized online devotional series. Core priorities of her leadership include inclusive ministry, lay leadership development, trauma-informed pastoral care, and intergenerational formation.

She resides in Oklahoma City with her husband, Logan, their three children: Addison, Crawford, and Collins, and a fluffy Cavalier King Charles Spaniel named Sterling.

## In this afternoon’s liturgy

### *Officiant*

The Very Reverend Joseph C. Alsay

### *Preacher*

The Very Reverend Katie Churchwell

### *Cantors*

Chad Johnson and John O’Brien

### *Organist*

Canon Jeremy David Tarrant

### *Lector and Acolyte*

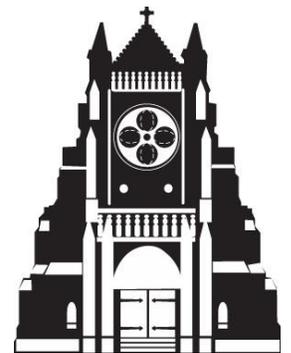
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