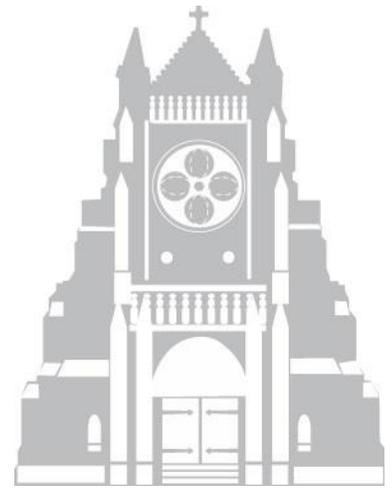


# THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL

Detroit, Michigan

The Very Reverend Joseph Caldwell Alsay  
*Dean of the Cathedral*

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



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February 22, 2026

The First Sunday in Lent

Cathedral Evensong with the Supplication, 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.

## In this afternoon's liturgy

*Officiant* Dean Alsay

*Cantors* Chad Johnson and John O'Brien

*Lector* Erin McClellan

*Acolyte* Matthew O'Brien

*Technology* Alan Cooper

*Organist* Canon Jeremy David Tarrant

*At the bell, please stand as you are able. The procession enters the Cathedral and the Officiant then begins with*  
**The Opening Sentences**

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.  
*Psalm 141:2*

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*

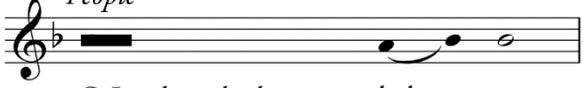
### The Invitatory

*Officiant*



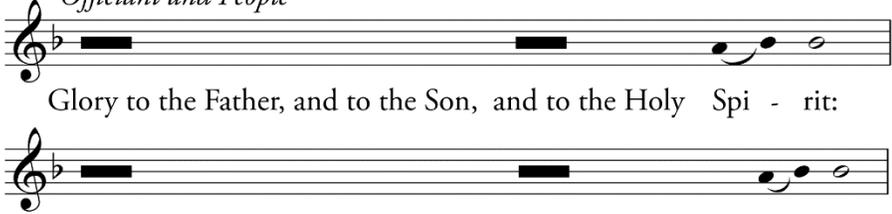
O God, make speed to save us.

*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.

*All sing the following refrain as indicated.*

### Phos hilaron

*André Gouzes (1943-2024)*



O ra - diant Light, e - ter - - nal  
 joy of the Fa - ther, O ho - ly and bless - ed Je - sus Christ!

Now at the setting of the sun, our eyes behold the fading light,  
 We praise the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit of God. *Refrain*

Worthy are you at all time to be praised by the song of all the saints,  
 Son of God who gave us Life, let the world sing forth your praise. *Refrain*

All then sing

Psalm 103:8-13 *Benedic, anima mea*



8 The LORD is full of compassion and / mercy, \* slow to anger and of great / kindness.

9 He will not always ac- / cuse us, \* nor will he keep his anger for / ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our / sins, \* nor rewarded us according to our / wickedness.

11 For as the heavens are high above the / earth, \* so is his mercy great upon those who / fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the / west, \* so far has he removed our sins from / us.

13 As a father cares for his / children, \* so does the LORD care for those who / fear him.

*Please stand as you are able.*

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 *Deuteronomy 8:1-10*

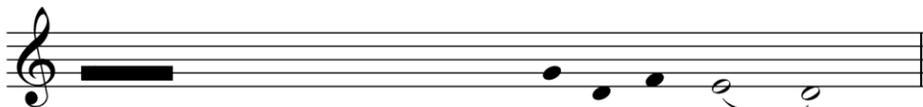
*Please stand as you are able and sing*

Magnificat

*Tonus Peregrinus*



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.*

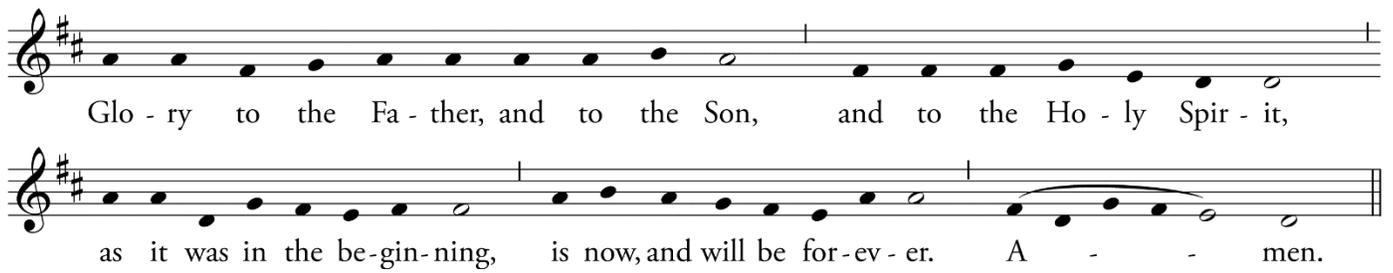
**The Second Lesson** *Hebrews 2:10-18*

*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

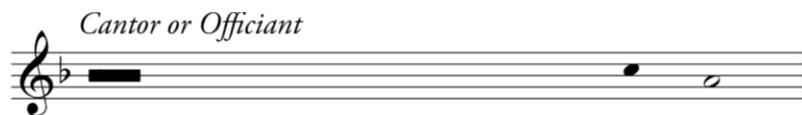
I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the 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

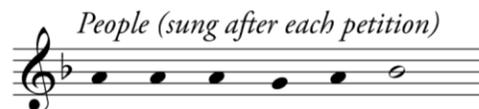
*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

*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



That this evening may be holy, good, and peace - ful,



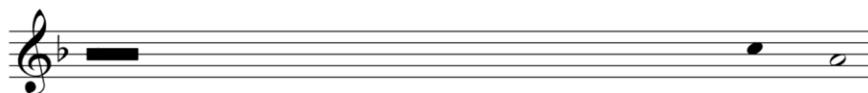
We en - treat you, O Lord.



That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and good - will,



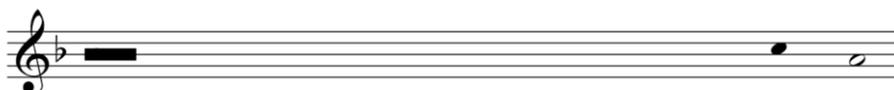
That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and of - fen - ses,



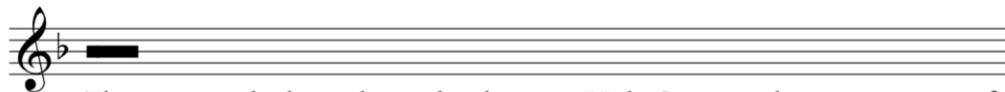
That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,



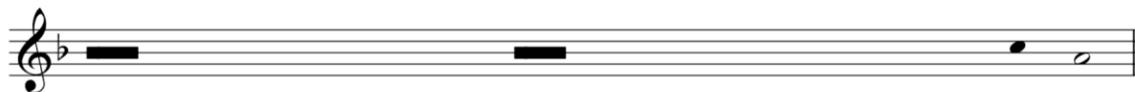
That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,



and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,



That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of



[ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

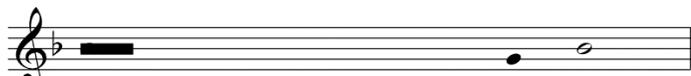
*The Officiant sings or says*

### The Collects

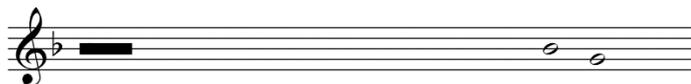
*The Collect of the Day*

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

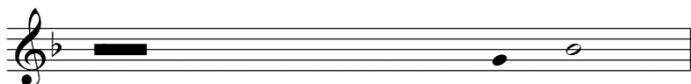




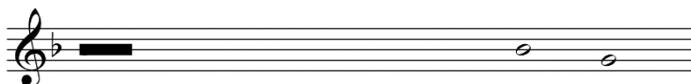
V. With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;



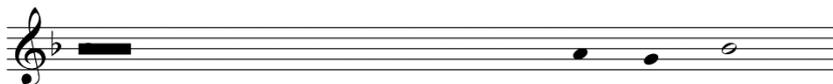
R. Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.



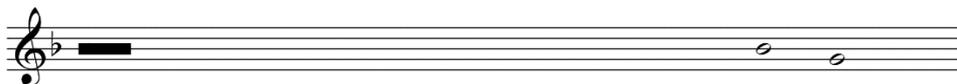
V. Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;



R. O Son of David, have mercy upon us.



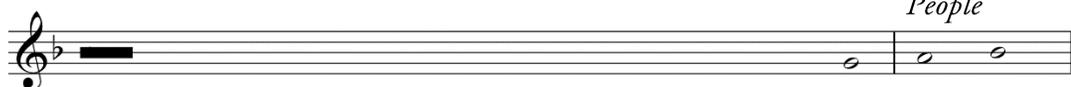
V. Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;



R. Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

*Officiant*

Let us pray. We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory;



through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand as the procession leaves the Cathedral.*

Organ

Reflection on *St. Flavian*

David Schelat (b. 1955)

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