

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL

Detroit, Michigan

The Very Reverend Joseph Caldwell Alsay
Dean

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

April 19, 2026
The Third Sunday of Easter
Sung Holy Eucharist, 11:00 a.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.

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 as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. 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 praise. In Eastertide, Pacha nostrum is often appointed.

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.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Organ Air and Gavotte Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)

At the bell, please stand as you are able. The Choir sings

The Responsory *J.D. Tarrant (b. 1974)*

V This is the day the Lord has made;
 R Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
 V Let us go forth in peace.
 R In the Name of Christ. Amen.

All sing

Hymn 179, vss. 1, 4-6 Welcome, happy morning *Fortunatus*

Words of Welcome Diverse people • Daily relevance • Inspiring space

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

Pascha nostrum chant: W.H. Walter (1825-1893)



- 1 Alleluia, 'alle'luia. *
- Alle'luia, 'alle'luia.
- 2 Christ our Passover has been 'sacrificed for'us; *
- therefore'let us'keep the'feast,
- 3 Not with the old leaven, the leaven of 'malice and'evil, *
- but with the unleavened'bread of sin'cerity and'truth.
- 4 Alleluia, 'alle'luia. *
- Alle'luia, 'alle'luia.
- 5 Christ being raised from the dead will 'never die a'gain; *
- death no'longer has do'minion'over him.



- 6 The death that he died, he died to sin,¹ once for¹ all; *
but the life he¹ lives, he¹ lives to¹ God.
- 7 So also consider yourselves¹ dead to¹ sin, *
and alive to God in¹ Jesus¹ Christ our¹ Lord.
- 8 Alleluia,¹ alle¹ luia. *
Alle¹ luia,¹ alle¹ luia.
- 9 Christ has been¹ raised from the¹ dead, *
the first fruits of¹ those who have¹ fallen a¹ sleep.
- 10 For since by a¹ man came¹ death, *
by a man has come also the resur¹ rection¹ of the¹ dead.
- 11 For as in¹ Adam all¹ die, *
so also in Christ shall¹ all be¹ made a¹ live.
- 12 Alleluia,¹ alle¹ luia. *
Alle¹ luia,¹ alle¹ luia.

The Collect of the Day

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

God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The congregation is seated.

The Lesson Acts 2:14a, 36-41

PETER, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

Collects are prayers that “collect” all of the themes of the day as well as our own petitions into one place.

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.

Sung by Jesus and Jewish worshippers, 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 Choir sings

Psalm 116:10-12, 15-17

Dilexi, quoniam

chant: William Crotch
(1775-1847)

HOW shall I repay the Lord * for all the good things he has done for me?
11 I will lift up the cup of salvation * and call upon the Name of the Lord.
12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord * in the presence of all his people.
15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving * and call upon the Name of the Lord.
16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord * in the presence of all his people,
17 In the courts of the Lord's house, * in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

The Epistle

1 Peter 1:17-23

IF you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand. The Choir sings and then all repeat.

The Gospel Acclamation

Scott Chard (b. 1964)

A - le - lu - ia. A - le - lu - ia. A - le - lu, Al - le lu - ia.
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The Gospel

Saint Luke 24:13-35

Gospeler
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

NOW on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped

that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All sing the following twice.

A - le - lu - ia. A - le - lu - ia. A - le - lu, Al - le lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ia. A - le - lu - ia. A - le - lu, Al - le lu - ia.

The Sermon

The Very Reverend Joseph Caldwell Alsay

Please stand as you are able. All say together
The Nicene Creed

WE BELIEVE in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

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.

Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant

IN the flesh of the risen Christ, the invisible God walks with us. Let us pray to God for our needs and the needs of all people.

Intercessor

For the holy churches in every place, and for the unity of all.

People Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For this holy assembly and for all who gather for breaking bread.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all illumined by the light of Christ.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For Bonnie our bishop; for Joseph our Dean and Anthony our priest; for Mike, deacon in the Detroit Church Partnership; and all who minister in Christ; and for all the holy people of God.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all those in danger and need, the sick, the suffering, and the oppressed, and for all the dead.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

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.

For ourselves, our families, and those we love.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

The Celebrant adds further intercessions and then continues.

Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord.

Celebrant

BLESSED are you, O Lord our God, who opens our minds and hearts through the risen Christ. Hear our prayers which we offer in the hope of glory, and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Choir sings

At the Offertory, Anthem

Ned Rorem (1923-2022)

SING my soul, His wondrous love,
Who, from yon bright throne above,
Ever watchful o'er our race,
Still to us extends his grace.

Heav'n and earth by Him were made,
All is by His scepter swayed;
What are we that He should show
So much love to us below?

God, the merciful and good,
Bought us with the Savior's blood,
And, to make our safety sure,
Guides us by His spirit pure.

Sing, my soul, adore His name;
Let His glory be thy theme:
Praise Him till He calls thee home,
Trust His love for all to come.

Anonymous, 1800, alt.

Please stand as you are able and sing

Presentation Hymn 296

Engelberg

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.

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 all 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,

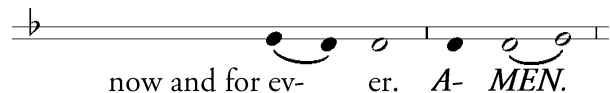
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

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, Joseph, 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.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God,



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,

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.

In the Great Amen, the congregation, with a unified voice, concurs with all that the Celebrant has prayed.

We then say together The Lord's Prayer, the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread and a period of silence is kept.

The congregation sings the following antiphon in alternation with the Cantor as indicated.

At the Fraction

The Fraction Anthem follows and is a response to the breaking of the consecrated bread.



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia: is the communion of the body of Christ. *Antiphon*
One body are we, alleluia: for though many we share one bread. *Antiphon*

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Music at the Communion,

Organ

Praeambule

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Motet

Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

Isat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

Song of Solomon 2:3-4

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.

Announcement and Moments for Mission

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.

Please stand. The Celebrant sings

The Blessing

MAY the Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into the newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of the bondage of sin into true and everlasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

All sing

Hymn

Thine is the glory

Maccabaeus



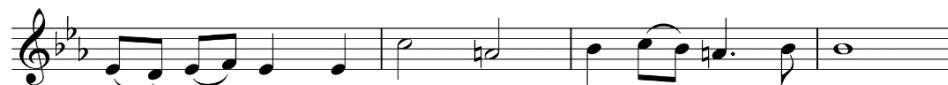
1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son,
2 Lo! Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb,
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life!



end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.
lov - ing - ly he greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom.
Life is naughtwith - out thee, aid us in our strife.



An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
Make us more than con - querors, through thy death - less love,



kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay.
for our Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting.
bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.



Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en con - quering Son,



end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

Words E.L. Budry (1854-1932); tr. R.B. Hoyle (1875-1939)

Music from *Judas Maccabaeus*, George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)

The Dismissal is given and the people respond

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Organ

Paraphrase sur un chœur de Handel

Alexandre Guilmant
(1837-1911)

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."*

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour in Barth Hall following this service is hosted by Cheryl Currie-Wensky..



The Cathedral Choir School of Metropolitan Detroit is a not-for-profit outreach program of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in cooperation with Cathedral Community Services. The Choir School provides an excellent, fundamental music education to children in the metropolitan Detroit region, and is open to all youth, regardless of religious affiliation. Choristers focus on vocal technique, musicianship, and citizenship in the context of the liturgical life of the Cathedral. The Choir School is a community that, while focused on music, is a systematic, long-term investment in young people. Children emerge from this experience with a deep love of fine arts, enhanced self-confidence, and an ability to work collaboratively.

To schedule a try-out or to speak further with someone about the program, please contact Mr. Jeremy David Tarrant, Cathedral Organist and Choirmaster: (313) 833-7547 jtarrant@detroitcathedral.org. Visit us on the web at www.detroitcathedral.org.

Fast facts:

No previous musical or voice training is required or expected. • Children need not be Episcopalian. The Choir is open to children of all faiths and backgrounds. • Boys and Girls form the treble (soprano) section of the famed Cathedral Choir, involving consistent application of their developing musical skills, while singing the finest in choral music from all periods and in a variety of languages. • Children gain a thorough grounding in basic musicianship, music reading, and vocal technique through the centuries-old tradition of choral singing. • A brief, informal try-out assesses a child's readiness for the program. • Located in the heart of Detroit's cultural center, boys and girls emerge from the program with a deep love of, and appreciation for the fine arts. • The Cathedral Choir and Choir School are affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music. • Children showing a strong commitment to the Choir are eligible for reduced-tuition piano lessons and summer camps. • The Choir's debut CD recording, *Nowell Sing We*, was released in December 2014, and *Evensong for All Saints* was released in October, 2016. • One of Detroit's treasures, the Cathedral Choir has sung widely in the United States and Canada, and made a tours of England in 2014 and 2023.

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