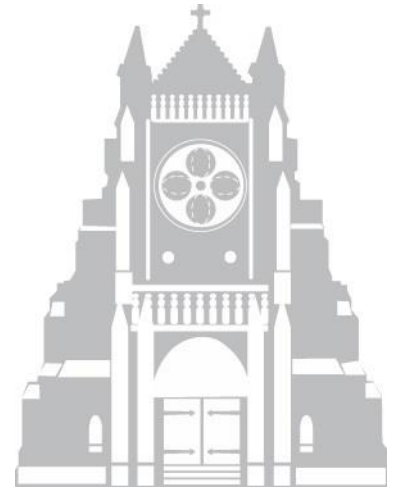


THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL

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



April 26, 2026

The Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist (observed)

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 able. The procession enters the Cathedral 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.

Except in Lent, add:

Al - le - lu - ia.

Remaining standing, all sing the refrain below in alternation with the Cantor, as indicated.

Phos hilaron

Le Cantique de Siméon

1 O glad-some Light, O grace of God the Fa-ther's face, the e - ter - nal splen-dor wear - ing;
 2 Now, ere day fad - eth quite, we see the eve-ning light, our wont-ed hymn out pour - ing;
 3 To thee of right be - longs all praise of ho - ly songs, O Son of God, Life-giv - er;

ce - les - tial, ho - ly, blest, our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, joy - ful in thine ap pear - ing.
 Fa - ther of might un - known, thee, his in - car - nate Son, and Ho - ly Spirit a - dor - ing.
 thee, there - fore, O Most High, the world doth glo - ri - fy, and shall ex - alt for ev - er.

Words paraphrase of *Phos hilaron*, Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930) *Music* *Le Cantique de Siméon*, Louis Bourgeois (ca. 1510-61)

All then sing

Psalm 2:7-10 *Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

tone VIII.1



Cantor

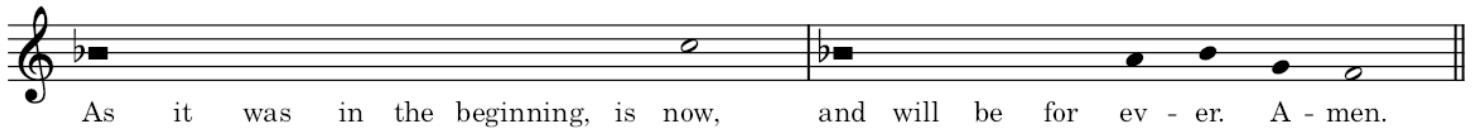
7 Let me announce the decree of the LÓRD: *
he said to me, "You are my Son;
this day have / I begóttén you.

All

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inhéritance *
and the ends of the earth for / your posséssion.

9 You shall crush them with an irón rod *
and shatter them like a / piece of póttéry."

10 And now, you kíngs, be wise; *
be warned, you / rulers óf the earth.



Please be seated.

The First Lesson *Isaiah 52:7-10*

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;

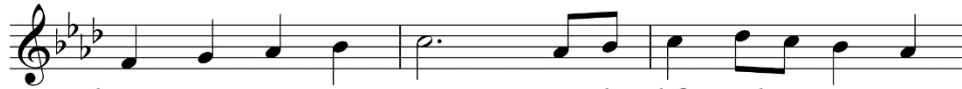
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Please stand as you are able and sing
Magnificat

metrical setting, *Morning Song*



1 My soul gives glo - ry to my God. My
2 My God has done great things for me; yes,
3 From age to age, to all who fear, such
4 Love casts the might - y from their thrones, pro -
5 Praise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant sup -



heart pours out its praise. God lift - ed up my
ho - ly is this name. All peo - ple will de -
mer - cy love im - parts, dis - pens - ing jus - tice
motes the in - se - cure, leaves hun - gry spi - rits
ports those in dis - tress, re - mem - ber - ing past



low - li - ness in man - y mar - vel - ous ways.
clare me blessed, and bless - ings they shall claim.
far and near, dis - miss - ing self - ish hearts.
sat - is - fied, the rich seem sud - den - ly poor.
prom - is - es with pres - ent faith - ful - ness.

6 Give glory to the Father, Son, and Spirit equally;
As from the first it was, is now, and evermore shall be.

Words paraphrase of *Magnificat*, Miriam Therese Winter (b. 1938)
Music *Morning Song*, attributed to Elkanah Kelsay Dare (1782-1826)

Please be seated.

The Second Lesson *Mark 16:15-20*

Jesus said to the apostles, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

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

The Suffrages are presented as seven staves of musical notation. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notation consists of a single melodic line with a few notes per staff, indicating the pitch and rhythm of the words. The lyrics are written below the notes. Each staff is divided into two parts by a double bar line. The first part is labeled 'Cantor' and the second part is labeled 'All'. The lyrics are as follows:

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 Officiant continues

The Collects

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, by the hand of Mark the evangelist you have given to your Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God: We thank you for this witness, and pray that we may be firmly grounded in its truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. *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 545

Lo! what a cloud of witnesses

St. Fulbert

Please be seated

The Homily

The Very Reverend Joseph Caldwell Alsay
Dean of the Cathedral

Please kneel as you are able.


Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgivings

Please stand as you are able. 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 with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter).

People



Thanks be to God.

The musical notation consists of a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter).

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

Please remain standing as the procession leaves the Cathedral.

In this afternoon's liturgy

Officiant

The Very Reverend Joseph Caldwell Alsay

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