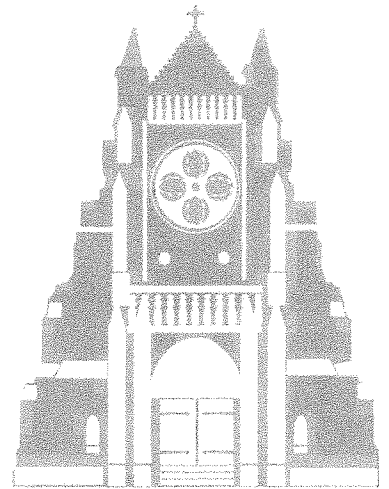


# THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL

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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May 3, 2026

The Feast of St. Philip and St. James (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.

## Welcome our guest Choir

Today we welcome the Lindsey Wilson University Singers. They observed the Cathedral Choir's morning rehearsal, attended the 11:00 a.m. service, toured the Cathedral, and are offering music at Evensong. Lindsey Wilson University is a private, United Methodist-related university in Columbia, Kentucky. The ensemble is under the direction of Jennifer Hughes Bersaglia, Director of Choral Activities and Assistant Professor of Music. They are accompanied by pianist Priscila Dickson.

*At the bell, please stand as you are able. The procession enters the Cathedral and then the Choir sings*

## Introit

Andy Beck

I will carry the light like a candle that shines in the night,  
I'll be a beacon that's burning bright, I will carry the light.

*Lux aeterna*

The light inside of me will shine eternally.

There's a light that's inside that I'm not gonna hide  
'Cause that light will make the embers ignite.  
And the light that's in me will forever be, I will carry the light.

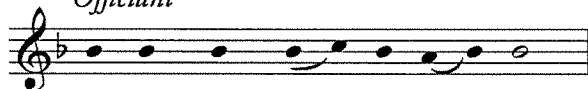
*The Officiant continues with*

## The Opening Sentences

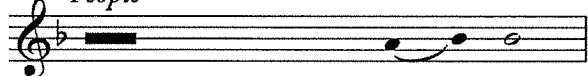
**G**RACE be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." *Saint John 8:12*

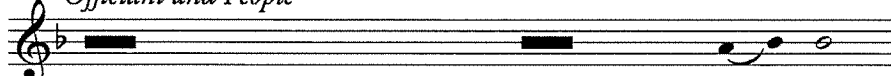
## The Invitatory

*Officiant*

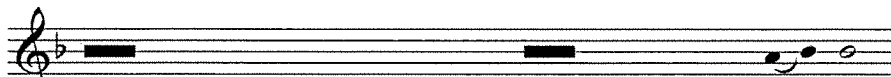
O God, make speed to save us.

*People*

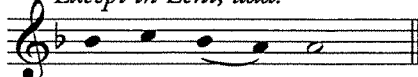
O Lord, make haste to help us.

*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.

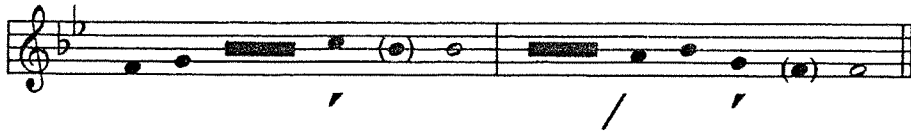
*Except in Lent, add:*

Al - le - lu - ia.

*All then sing*

Psalm 119:33-40 *Legem pone*

tone VIII.1



*Cantor*

33 *Teach me*, O Lord, the way of your statutes, \*  
and I shall / keep it to the end.

*All*

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  
I shall keep / it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
for / that is my desire.

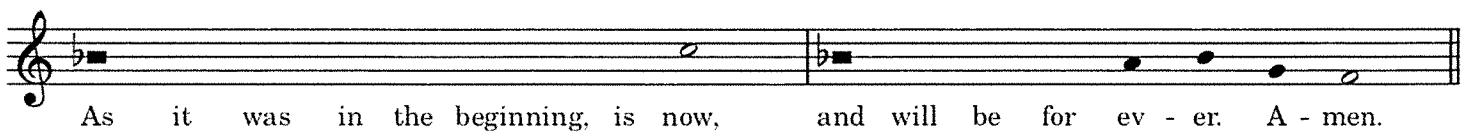
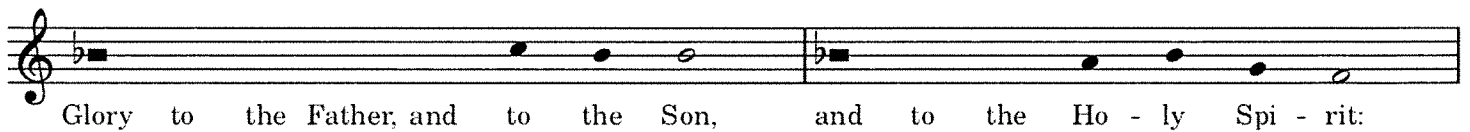
36 Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
and / not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
give me / life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
because your / judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  
in your righteous- / ness preserve my life.



*Please be seated.*

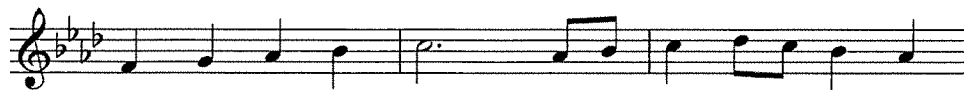
**The First Lesson** *Isaiah 30:18-21*

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 *John 14:6-14*

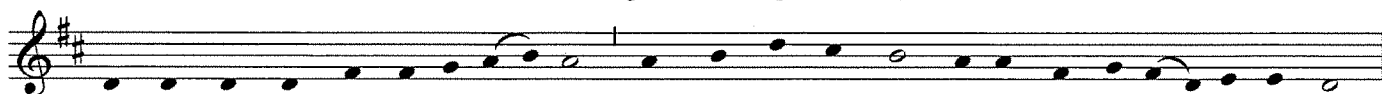
Please stand as you are able and sing

Nunc dimittis

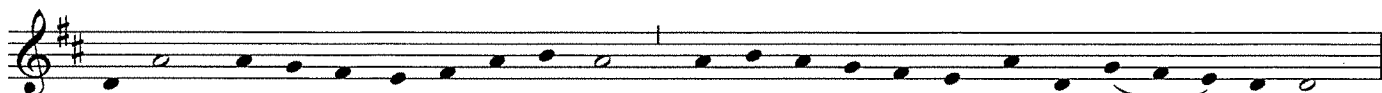
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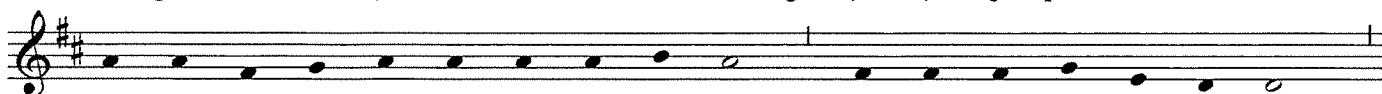
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has been ful - filled.



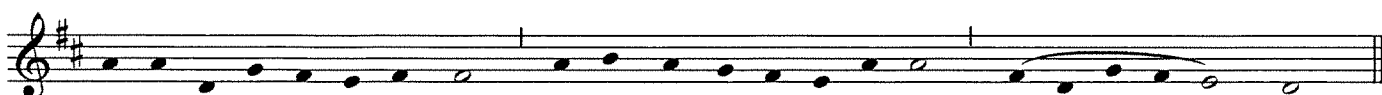
My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:



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 MaultsBy (b. 1949)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*The Officiant continues*

### The Collects

#### *The Collect of the Day*

Almighty God, who gave to your apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to the truth: Grant that we, being mindful of their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.*

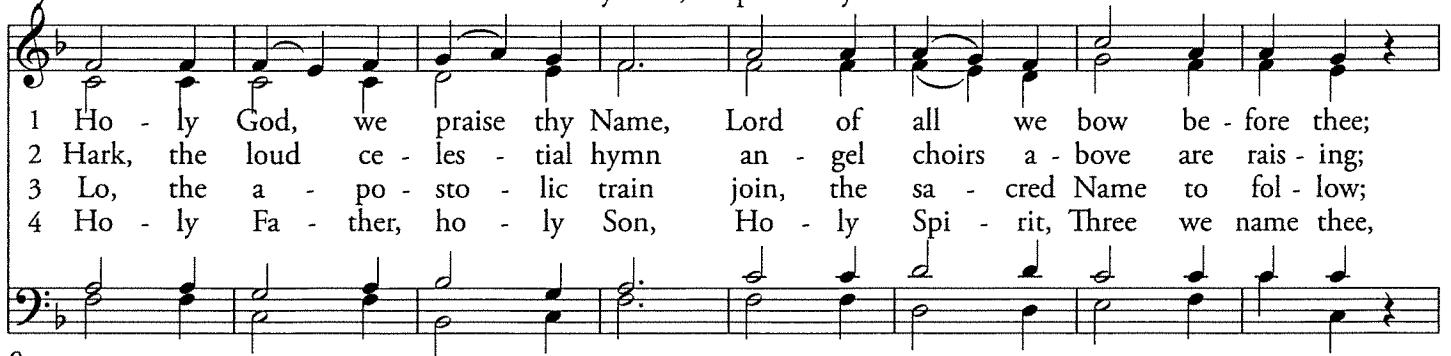
#### *A Collect for Mission*

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

Holy God, we praise thy Name

Grosser Gott



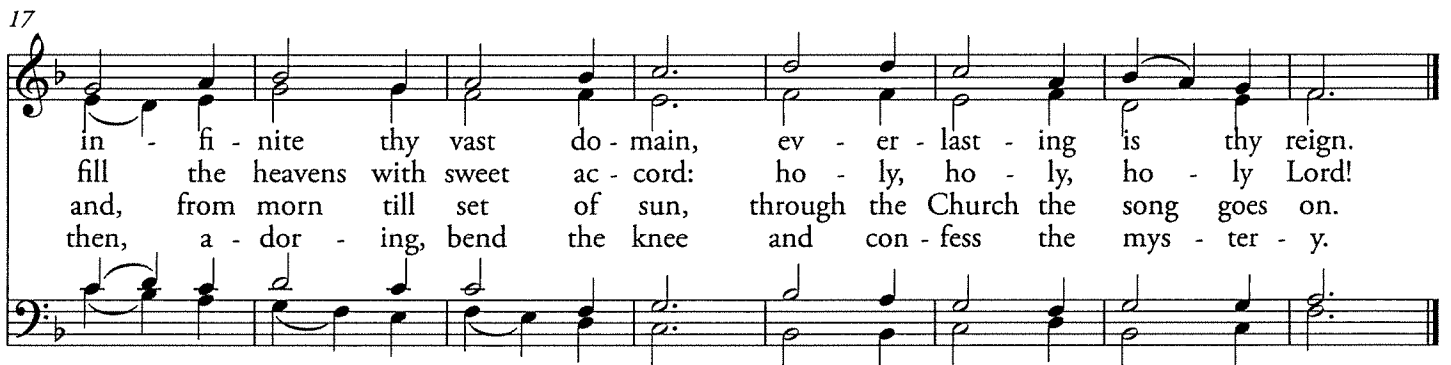
1 Ho - ly God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all we bow be - fore thee;  
2 Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;  
3 Lo, the a - po - sto - lic train join, the sa - cred Name to fol - low;  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we name thee,

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all on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee;  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,  
pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low  
while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vjd - ed God we claim thee;

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in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.  
fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.  
then, a - dor - ing, bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.

Please be seated  
The Homily

The Very Reverend Joseph Caldwell Alsay  
Dean of the Cathedral

The Choir sings  
Anthem

Mary McDonald (b. 1956)

Before You I kneel, my Master and Maker, to offer the work of my hands,  
For this is the day You've given Your servant, I will rejoice and be glad,  
For the strength I have to live and breathe, for each skill Your grace has given me,  
For the needs and opportunities that will glorify Your great name.

Before You I kneel and ask for Your goodness to cover the work of my hands,  
For patience and peace to shape all my labor, Your grace for thorns in my path,  
Flow within me like a living stream, wear away the stones of pride and greed,  
'Til Your ways are dwelling deep in me and a harvest of life is grown.

Before You we kneel, our Master and Maker; establish the work of our hands,  
And order our steps to seek first Your kingdom in every small and great task.  
May we live the gospel of Your grace, serve Your purpose in our fleeting days,  
Then our lives will bring eternal praise and all glory to Your great name.

*Please kneel as you are able.*

## Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgivings

*Please stand as you are able. All say together*

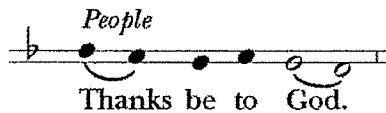
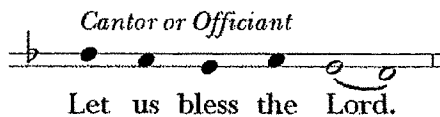
### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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.*



*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*  
Dr. Alan Cooper

*Preacher*  
The Very Reverend Joseph Caldwell Alsay

*Cantors*  
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