

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

May 17, 2026
The Seventh Sunday of Easter:
The Sunday after the Ascension

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.

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 I love thee, my Lord George Shearing (1919-2011)

Words of Welcome Diverse people • Daily relevance • Inspiring space

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

The Responsoy *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

Processional Hymn Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor *St. Helen*



1 Lord, en - throned in heav - en - ly splen - dor, first - be - got - ten
 2 Here our hum - blest hom - age pay we, here in lov - ing
 3 Though the low - liest form doth veil thee as of old in
 4 Pas - chal Lamb, thine of - fering fin - ished once for all when
 5 Life - im - part - ing heav - en - ly Man - na, strick - en Rock with



1 from the dead, Thou a - lone our strong de - fend - er,
 2 rev - erence bow. Here for faith's dis - cern - ment pray we,
 3 Beth - le - hem, here as there thine an - gels hail thee,
 4 thou was slain, in its full - ness un - di - min - ished
 5 stream - ing side, heaven and earth with loud ho - san - na



1 lift - est up thy peo - ple's head. Al - le - lu - ia,
 2 lest we fail to know thee now. Al - le - lu - ia,
 3 branch and flower of Jes - se's stem. Al - le - lu - ia,
 4 shall for - ev - er more re - main. Al - le - lu - ia,
 5 wor - ship thee, the Lamb who died. Al - le - lu - ia,



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread.
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou art here, we ask not how.
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! We in wor - ship join with them.
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Cleans - ing us from ev - ery stain.
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

Words G.H. Bourne (1840-1925)

Music *St. Helen*, G.C. Martin (1844-1916)

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: William Henry Walter (1825-1893)



- 1 Alleluia, alleluia. *
- Alleluia, alleluia.
- 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 sincerity and truth.
- 4 Alleluia, alleluia. *
- Alleluia, alleluia.
- 5 Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
- death no longer has dominion over him.
- 6 The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
- but the life he lives, he lives to God.
- 7 So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
- and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 8 Alleluia, alleluia. *
- Alleluia, alleluia.
- 9 Christ has been raised from the dead, *
- the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
- 10 For since by a man came death, *
- by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
- 11 For as in Adam all die, *
- so also in Christ shall all be made alive.
- 12 Alleluia, alleluia. *
- Alleluia, alleluia.

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, Pascha nostrum is often appointed.

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 worshipers, 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 Collect of the Day

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

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.
Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

The congregation is seated.

The Lesson

Acts 1:6-14

WHEN the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Choir sings

Psalm 68:1-6, 33-36

Exsurgat Deus chants: C. Hylton Stewart (1884-1932)
George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

LET God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; * let those who hate him flee before him.
2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; * as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; * let them also be merry and joyful.
4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, * God in his holy habitation!
6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; * but the rebels shall live in dry places.
33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; * sing praises to the Lord.
34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; * he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
35 Ascribe power to God; * his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.
36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! * the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God.

The Epistle

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

BELOVED, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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 Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand. The Choir sings, 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.

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

Cantor The Lord said, I will not leave you desolate;
I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

All repeat the Alleluia.

The Gospel

Saint John 17:1-11

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
People **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

JESUS looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed." "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming

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.

to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All repeat the Alleluia.

The Sermon

The Reverend Anthony C. Estes

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.
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 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.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant

IN our joys and our sufferings let us give glory to God. And let us offer prayers for all persons in the world, to keep them in God's name.

Intercessor

For this holy gathering and for all those who enter this temple of prayer and praise.

People **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 leaders of the nations and for all who seek peace.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For this city and the community around us.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all in any pain and all who sorrow.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the dying and the dead.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For ourselves, our families, and those we love.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

The Celebrant adds further intercessions and then continues.

Lifting our voices with 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, Lord our God, who does infinitely more for us than we can ask or imagine. Hear our prayers for all your creation and gather us in the embrace of your abundant and life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Choir sings

Offertory Anthem

Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

RIDE on, King Jesus; no man can hinder me.
He is King of Kings, He is Lord of Lords,
Jesus Christ, the First and Last; no man works like Him.

King Jesus rides a milk-white horse;
The river of Jordan he did cross;
Jesus rides in the middle of the air;
He calls the saints from everywhere.

Traditional Spiritual

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.

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.

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes, in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3 and Revelation 4:8.

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.

We recall God's acts of salvation history.

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."

The Celebrant says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper.

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;**

At the Memorial Acclamation we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age.

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,

now and for ev- er. A- MEN.

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.

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,
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. We then keep a period of silence.

All sing

Fraction Anthem

Schubert-Proulx

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

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Music at the Communion,

Organ Reverie: Adoro te devote Rebecca Groom te Velde (b. 1956)

The following hymn is then sung, the congregation remaining seated.

Communion Hymn 495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus

In Babilone

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.

Announcements and Moments for Mission

Please stand for

The Blessing

THE God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great
Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect
in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and
the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and
remain with you always. *Amen.*

Please stand as you are able and sing

Processional Hymn 460

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Hyfrydol

The Dismissal is given and the people respond

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Organ

Fanfare

C.S. Lang (1891-1971)

*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.*

*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 is offered in Barth Hall following this service and is hosted today by Paula Styer.

Spring Choral Concert and Ice Cream Social – today at 5:00 p.m.

Join us for this Spring tradition of an evening of choral music sung by the Cathedral Choir, followed by an Ice Cream Social. The Choir's program, "Now sinks the golden sun" explores music for eventide, and will also feature music of American composer Howard Helvey and C.V. Stanford.

Music at Mid-day

The remaining programs in this season's series of free mini-concerts are on the following Fridays at 12:30 p.m.

May 22 • Ralph Holzhauser, organ June 12 • Jeremy David Tarrant, organ June 26 • Julie Berra, organ



— *Psallam et spiritu mente* —

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 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.

Pridefest Events here at the Cathedral

Thursday, June 4, 7:00 p.m.

An Evening with the Reverend Brandan Robertson

Join author, activist, public theologian, and widely known “TikTok Pastor” Brandan Robertson as he presents a book talk on his widely popular book “*Queer and Christian: Reclaiming the Bible, Our Faith, and Our Place at the Table*”. His book will be available for purchase. A light reception follows in Barth Hall.

Friday, June 5, 7:00 p.m.

A Service of Holy Eucharist: Celebrating the Diversity of All God’s Children

Celebrant: The Right Reverend Dr. Bonnie A Perry

Preacher: The Reverend Brandan Robertson

A light reception follows in Barth Hall.

Saturday, June 6, 12:00 -8:00 p.m.

Join the CCSP at Motor City Pride! Volunteers are needed to host our booth in Hart Plaza. Individuals, groups, and families can sign up for 4-hour blocks (*a 2-hour block is also available- just let us know!*). There are sign-up sheets on the table in the gallery. As a volunteer, you will be welcoming visitors to the booth, answering any questions about the Cathedral or The Episcopal Church, and showing our love and support to our LGBTQIA+ siblings. Questions can be directed to Emery Dumas at emeryja21@hotmail.com or call/text 231.590.6720.

Saturday, June 6

Age of Reflections – An Ambient Sound and Light Show

This show will highlight local musical artists and bring light and sound to the space and architecture of the cathedral. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. for a light reception. The pre-show begins at 8:00 with a full performance beginning at 9:00. Stay tuned for more information!

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