

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

May 10, 2026

The Feast of St. Julian of Norwich (observed)
Cathedral Evensong, 4:00 p.m.



Icon of Julian with her cat by Brother Robert Lentz OFM

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.

Please note

Today's service is the last Evensong offered before the summer break. Evensong will resume on September 13.

*At the bell, please stand as you are able. The Officiant continues with
The Opening Sentences*

GRACE 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*

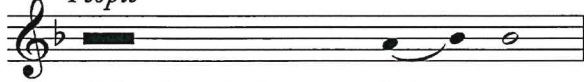
The Invitatory

Officiant



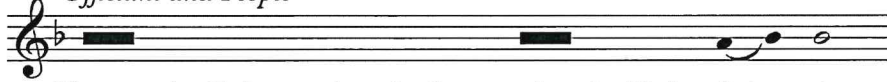
O God, make speed to save us.

People

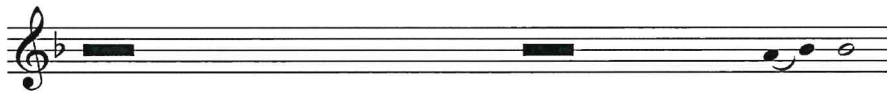


O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

All sing

Phos hilaron

Le Cantique de Siméon

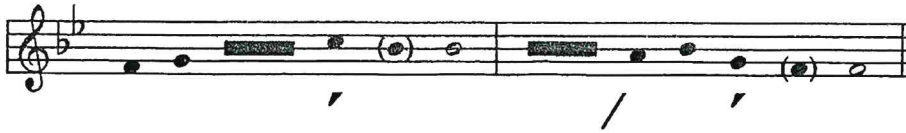
1 O glad-some Light, O grace of God the Fa-ther's face, the e - ter - nal splen-dor wear - ing;
2 Now, ere day fad - eth quite, we see the eve-ning light, our wont-ed hymn out pour - ing;
3 To thee of right be - longs all praise of ho - ly songs, O Son of God, Life-giv - er;

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.

All then sing

Psalm 27:7-11 *Dominus illuminatio*

tone VIII.1



Cantor

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *

he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling

and set me / high upon a rock.

All join

8 Even now he lifts up my head *

above my enemies / round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *

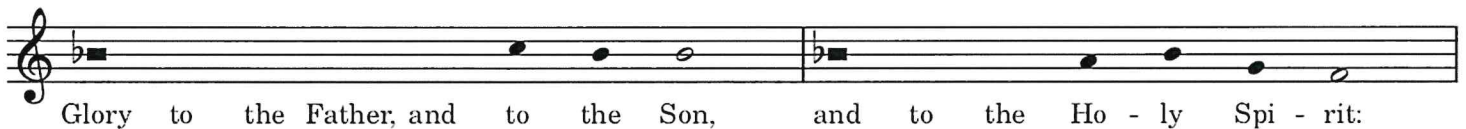
I will sing and make / music to the Lord.

10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *

have mercy on / me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *

Your / face, Lord, will I seek.



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:



As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.

Please be seated.

The First Lesson *Isaiah 49:13-18*

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones. But Zion said, 'The Lord has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me.' Can a woman forget her nursing-child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me. Your builders outdo your destroyers, and those who laid you waste go away from you. Lift up your eyes all around and see; they all gather, they come to you. As I live, says the Lord, you shall put all of them on like an ornament, and like a bride you shall bind them on.

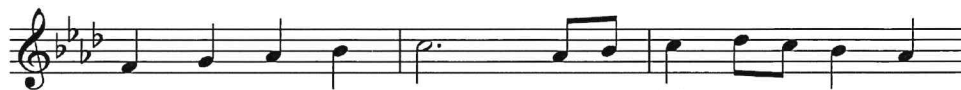
Please stand as you are able and sing

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 *Matthew 23:37-39*

Jesus said, "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you, desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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.

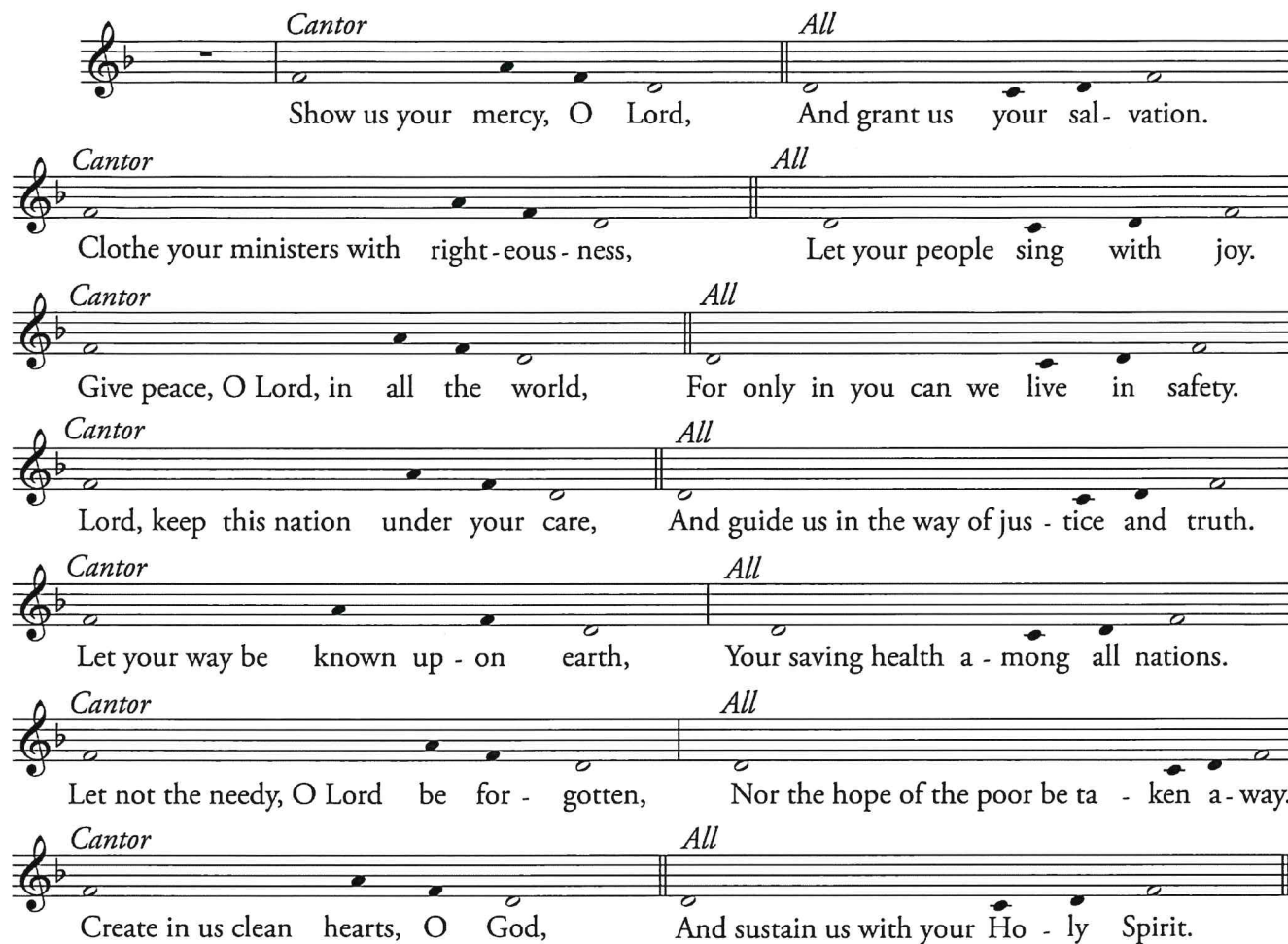
Officiant and People

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

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

Triune God, Father and Mother to us all, who showed your servant Julian revelations of your nurturing and sustaining love: Move our hearts, like hers, to seek you above all things, for in giving us yourself you give us all. *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.*



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words Irish, ca. 700, tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931) and Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt.

Music Slane, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927

Please be seated

The Homily

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Please kneel as you are able.

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgivings

Please stand as you are able. All say together

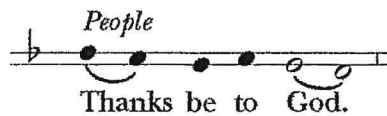
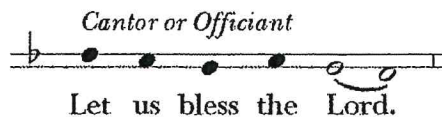
A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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

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Preacher

The Very Reverend Joseph Caldwell Alsay

Cantors

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