

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

The Very Reverend Joseph Caldwell Alsay
Dean of the Cathedral

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Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan



September 20, 2026

THE FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST (*Observed*)

Festal 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 sign our online visitor register:

Please silence all electronic devices.

This service is also live-streamed on our YouTube channel.



CONCERNING THE SERVICE

Choral 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. 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. In this service most of the music is sung by the Choir, and the Congregation participates by listening to and meditating on the praises, prayers and petitions offered. All join the Choir in singing the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the hymns.

After the introduction to the service (the Hymn or Introit, and the Preces), the Choir sings the appointed psalm(s). A lesson usually from the Old Testament (except of Saints days and in Easter season) follows. The Choir then sings 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 sing 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 sung by the Choir, ending with the Collects which collect our thoughts.

The timeless and simple liturgy of Evensong readily embraces musical expressions from many centuries. In Choral Evensong, the Choir's responses are drawn from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, which remains the standard form of text for almost all musical settings of this liturgy owing to the unique beauty of its cadences and imagery.

Evensong is offered each Sunday at 4:00 p.m., September through May. Cathedral Evensong with hymns and canticles sung by cantor and congregation is offered on the first and third Sundays of the month, and Choral Evensong, sung by the Choir is offered on the Second and Fourth Sundays of the month. There are occasional exceptions to this pattern.

At the bell, please stand as you are able. The Procession enters and the Officiant then begins with

THE INVITATORY

Officiant *People*

O God, make speed__ to save__ us. O Lord, make haste to help__ us.

Officiant & People

Glory be 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. Al - le - lu - ia.

Remaining standing, all sing

PHOS HILARON

Morrison

1. Light of the world, in grace__ and beau - ty, mir - ror of God's e - ter - nal face,
2. Now, as we see the lights__ of eve - ning, we raise our voice in hymns of praise;
trans-par-ent flame of love's free du - ty, you bring sal - va - tion to our race.
wor - thy are you of end - less bless - ing, sun of our night, lamp of our days.

Words paraphrase of *Phos hilaron*

Music Morrison, George Emblom (b. 1962)

All then sing

PSALM 119:33-40

Legem pone

Tone I.1

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

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 un̄just 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

Proverbs 3:1-6

MY CHILD, DO NOT FORGET MY TEACHING, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them round your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favour and good repute in the sight of God and of people. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Please stand as you are able and sing

MAGNIFICAT

Tonus Peregrinus

Cantor *All join*

1. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Sav - ior;
for he has looked with favor on his low - ly ser - vant.

2. From this day all generations will call me bless - ed; the Almighty has done great things for me,
and ho - ly is his Name.

3. He has mercy on those who fear him
in every gen - er - a - tion.

4. He has shown the strength of his arm,

Continued. 🍷

he has scattered the proud in their con - ceit. 5. He has cast down the might - y
 from their thrones, and has lifted up the low - ly. 6. He has filled the hun - gry
 with good things, and the rich he has sent a - way emp - ty. 7. He has come to the help of
 his ser - vant Is - ra - el, for he has remembered his promise of mer - cy.
 8. The promise he made to our fa - thers, to Abraham and his children for ev - er.
 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit;
 As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.

Please be seated.

THE SECOND LESSON

Saint Matthew 9:9-13

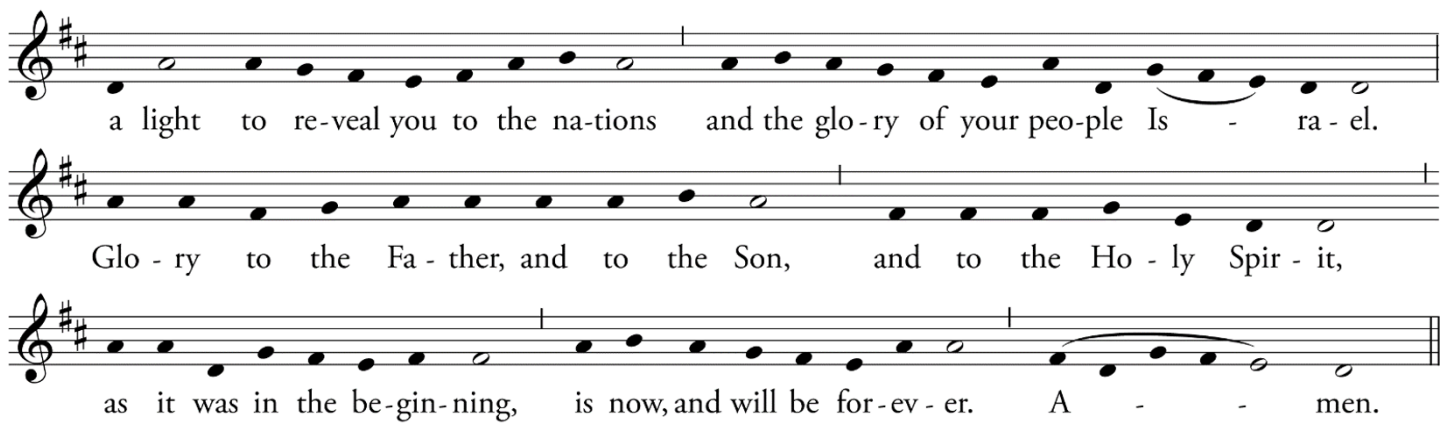
AS JESUS WAS WALKING ALONG, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

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:



All sing together on one note

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I BELIEVE IN GOD, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

AND IN JESUS CHRIST his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, ✠
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please kneel as you are able.

THE PRAYERS

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

All sing on one note

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES

Cantor or Officiant

People



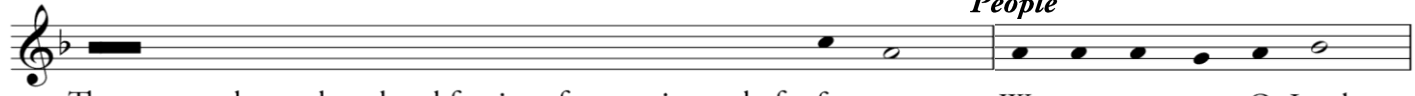
That this evening may be holy, good, and peace - ful, We en-treat you, O Lord.

People



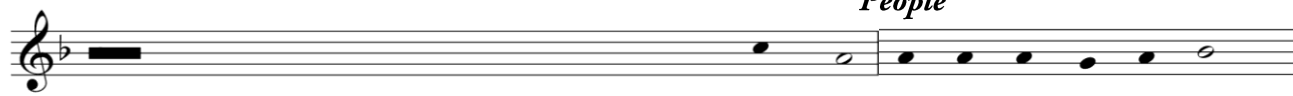
That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and good - will, We en-treat you, O Lord.

People

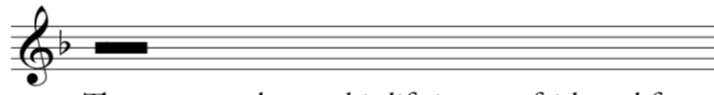


That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and of - fen - ses, We en-treat you, O Lord.

People

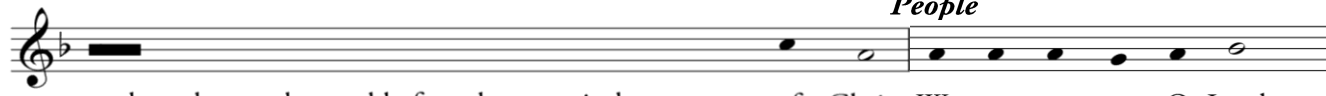


That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world We en-treat you, O Lord.

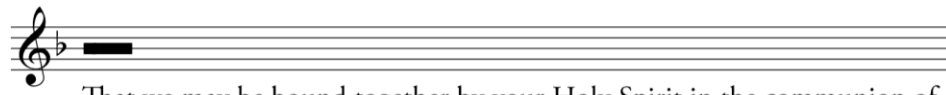


That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,

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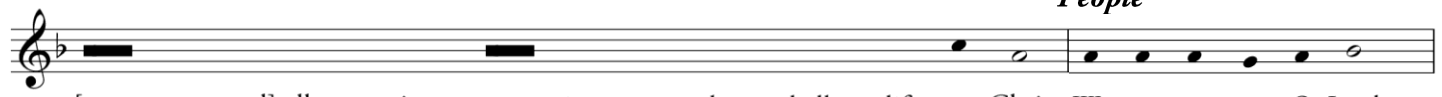


and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ, We en-treat you, O Lord.



That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of

People



[_____ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ, We en-treat you, O Lord.

THE COLLECTS

The Collect of the Day

WE THANK YOU, HEAVENLY FATHER, for the witness of your apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of your Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Social Justice

ALmighty GOD, who created us in your image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

KEEP WATCH, DEAR LORD, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine 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 thy love's sake. *Amen.*

Please stand as you are able and join in singing,

HYMN 232



1. By all your saints still__ striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,
2. We praise you, Lord, for__ Mat - thew, whose gos - pel words de - clare
3. Then let us praise the__ Fa - ther and wor - ship God the Son

your ho - ly Name, O__ Je - sus for ev - er__ more__ be blessed,
that world - ly gain for - sak - ing, your path of__ life__ we share.
and sing to God the__ Spi - rit, e - ter - nal__ Three__ in One,

You rose, our King vic - to - rious, that they might wear the crown
From all un - righ - teous mam - mon, O raise our eyes a - new,
'til all the ran - somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne

and ev - er shine in__ splen - dor re - flect - ed__ from__ your throne.
that we, what - e'er our__ sta - tion may rise and__ fol - low you.
a - scribe all pow'r and__ glo - ry and praise to__ God__ a - lone.

Words Horatio Bolton Nelson (1823-1913); ver. The Hymnal 1982

Music Nyland, Finnish Folk melody; adapted by David Evans (1874-1948)

THE HOMILY

Emery Dumas

Please kneel as you are able for

THE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSIONS

Please stand as you are able as we all say together

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

ALmighty GOD, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all whom thou hast made.

Continued. ♥

We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
 and all the blessings of this life;
 but above all for thine inestimable love
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
 And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
 that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
 and that we show forth thy praise,
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,
 by giving up our selves to thy service,
 and by walking before thee
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
 be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL



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

or this

MAY THE GOD OF HOPE fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy
 Spirit. *Amen.* — Romans 15:13

or this

GLORY TO GOD WHOSE POWER, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:
 Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*
 — Ephesians 3:20, 21

Please remain standing as the Procession leaves the Cathedral.

THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THIS LITURGY

Officiant & Preacher	Emery Dumas
Crucifer & Lector	Paula Styer
Cantors	Aaron Denk, Dean More II
Organist	Canon Jeremy David Tarrant

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INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVINGS

We give thanks for Cathedral parishioners and friends celebrating birthdays this week: James, Jackson, Robbie, Flo, and Randall.

We lift up those for whom prayers have been requested: Gregory, Ron, Mike, Judy, Nancy, Karen, Terry, Charlene, Anthony, Gwen, Corris, Alan, Lydia, Shirley, David, Richard, Jayasuresh, Prema, Dave, Ralph, Joan, Mary, Dean, Jim & Family, Monica & Family, George, Liam, Karen & Tom, Wes, Angela, and Marilyn. *You may add yourself or a loved one to this list by calling 313.833.4409 or e-mailing us: info@detroitcathedral.org.*

We pray for those in uniform serving our country at home and abroad. We pray for peace throughout the world. Hasten, O Lord, our commitment to justice and peace for all God's people. We pray for an end to the gun violence which plagues our nation. Give solace to grieving communities and bring peace to anxious hearts. Help us to remember that fervent prayer must be coupled with bold action.

We pray for Sarah, *Archbishop of Canterbury*; Sean, *Presiding Bishop*; Bonnie, *our Bishop*; for Yehiel, *Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*; Donald and Julie, *Lutheran Bishops in Lower Michigan*; and for Moisés, *Bishop of the Dominican Republic*. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Australia. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. John's Church, Royal Oak; and Holy Faith Church, Saline.



CATHEDRAL WINDOWS

News / Announcements / Opportunities to Serve

THE FEEDING HUNGRY PEOPLE (FHP) COMMITTEE A long-standing committee for the past two decades, FHP serves food and provides support and care to our neighbors in need through acts of service at the Cathedral. It continues to operate to coordinate volunteers and community members interested in serving others through food and supportive services. We are proud to announce that Layla and Brandon King have accepted the roles of Chair and Co-Chair and will help the committee expand, grow, and become a hub of care and support at the Cathedral in Midtown Detroit. If you are interested in joining the FHP Committee and participating in its work to care for our community, please contact Layla King at layla.noor98@gmail.com.

AUGUST GIVING STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN SENT OUT VIA E-MAIL OR USPS. If you do not receive yours, or if there are corrections that need to be made please reach out to stewardship@detroitcathedral.org



The Cathedral Church LGBTQIA+ Ministry *presents* **QUEER AND CHRISTIAN: A BIBLE STUDY**

Sundays, September 20 *through* September 27
12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Library (*second floor*)



This three-week study will allow participants to engage with others about the book, "Queer and Christian: Reclaiming the Bible, Our Faith, and Our Faith at the Table" by Brandan Robertson. Mr. Robertson is an author, activist, ordained minister, and Tik Tok social media personality who challenges us to re-think our understanding of the bible and the so-called "clobber passages." Mr. Robertson joined us at the Cathedral in June for a presentation on his book and was the preacher at the Cathedral's celebration of Pride month. Those wishing to participate in are encouraged to purchase his book through the Cathedral Office, during the 11:00 a.m. coffee hour, or at the beginning of the first bible study session. This bible study will be led by Emery Dumas and Sr. Margaret Ruth. Participants are encouraged to bring a bagged lunch or bring a bite from Coffee Hour! If you'd like more information, please contact Emery Dumas at 231.590.6720 or via email at emeryja21@hotmail.com.

SUNDAY EVENSONG SERVICES AT 4:00 P.M. Evensong is offered each Sunday at 4:00 p.m., alternating with Choral Evensong (*sung by one of the Cathedral Choirs*) and Cathedral Evensong (*sung by Cantors & Congregation*). We will also welcome a number of guest preachers to offer the homily throughout the season. **Today's Cathedral Evensong will be in observance of The Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist (September 21).**

TUESDAYS AT WAYNE AL-ANON – TUESDAYS AT 1:00 P.M. IN GUILD ROOM 1 A welcoming and confidential space for those whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking or substance use. Meetings provide support, understanding, and practical tools for navigating challenging relationships and difficult circumstances. For more information, contact Arthur Gabhart at 313.832.1052.

AA MEETINGS – THURSDAYS AT 5:00 P.M. IN GUILD ROOM 1 Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is a fellowship of people who come together to support one another in recovery and in working toward a life free from substance abuse. AA offers a welcoming and confidential environment for those seeking help with substance use and maintaining their recovery and sobriety. For more information, contact Karl Dennis at karldennis45@gmail.com

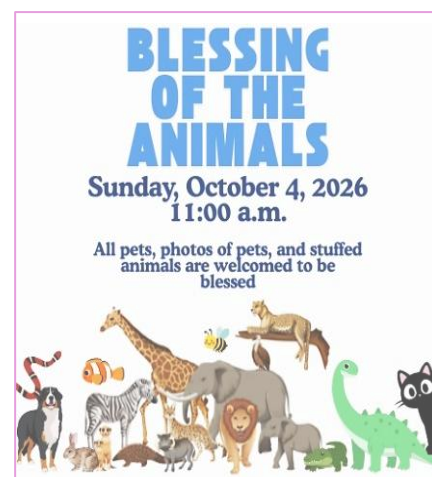
CATHEDRAL CRAFTERS HAVE RESUMED! Cathedral Crafters meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 12:30pm in the Cathedral Library, where we knit or do other needle crafts. Anyone who knits or would like to learn how to knit is welcome! For questions, please contact info@detroitcathedral.org

THE NEXT MUSIC @ MID-DAY CONCERT – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 12:30 P.M. The Cathedral's Associate Organist & Succentor, David Heinze will offer a free, 30-minute organ recital of works by Latvian composers Lūcija Garūta and Alfrēds Kalniņš, as well as pieces by J.S. Bach and Petr Eben. A complete schedule of concerts can be viewed by taking a booklet from the Narthex or Gallery, as well as using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/MusicatMidDay2627>



THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – OCTOBER 4 Our celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi will include the Blessing of the Animals at the 11:00 a.m. service. All pets, photos of pets, and stuffed animals are welcome to be blessed!

ACOLYTE TRAINING: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 12:30 – 1:30 P.M. Current acolytes and interested individuals (including youth entering grade 4 & above) are encouraged to join Emery Dumas, Head Verger, on Sunday, October 4 in the Cathedral for an acolyte training and refresher course. Acolytes play a vital role in the liturgy by ensuring the church is prepared for worship by lighting candles, leading processions, carrying the processional cross, etc. New acolytes are paired with experienced acolytes for further training. You are able to choose how often you serve. *If interested, please email Emery Dumas at emeryja21@hotmail.com or call/text 231.590.6720.*



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 12:30 – 1:30 P.M. If you are interested in being a licensed Eucharistic Minister here at the Cathedral, please join us for our next Eucharistic Minister training on Sunday, October 11 in the Cathedral. Eucharistic Ministers assist the clergy in administering the sacrament during communion. There are few ministries of our Church inside, or outside, the liturgy which seem so simple or are as fulfilling to those whom God has called to service as the ministry of a Eucharistic Minister. Your ministry of administering the chalice is, at the same time, as simple as offering a sip from a cup, and as holy as giving to our sister or brother the very blood of Christ. *To sign up for this training, please email Head Verger, Emery Dumas at emeryja21@hotmail.com or call/text 231.590.6720.*

HONORING THOSE IN THE MEDICAL FIELD ON THE FEAST OF ST. LUKE – OCTOBER 18 The Cathedral has a long connection with our medical community and the Detroit Medical Center. We will honor all who work in the medical community, in any capacity, on St. Luke's Day. From doctors and nurses and therapists, to first responders and office personnel – everyone working in the medical field, we wish to honor you. Please reach out and let us know who you are by e-mailing Erin in the Cathedral Office at info@detroitcathedral.org

WILLIAMS PAVILION LITTLE FOOD PANTRY Williams Pavilion is a housing community in Detroit that provides affordable apartments for low-income senior citizens, and we are excited to partner with their *Little Food Pantry*, which will support residents who live on fixed income and will help to supplement necessary items. Donation items are posted on the bulletin board in the Gallery. Please take a sticky note with the needed item and return the purchased item to the cart under the bulletin board. Thank you for your donations!

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR? Adults desiring to learn more about participation in the Cathedral choirs are invited to contact Canon Tarrant at music@detroitcathedral.org, or by calling 313.833.7547.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Compline, 8:00 p.m. *via Facebook*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Cathedral Staff Meeting, 10:30 a.m.

Al-Anon, 1:00 p.m., (*Guild Room 1*)

Compline, 8:00 p.m. *via Facebook*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Spoken Holy Eucharist, 12:15 p.m. (*Grace Chapel*)

Compline, 8:00 p.m. *via Facebook*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

AA, 5:00 p.m.

Treble Choristers Rehearsal, 6:15 p.m.

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.

Compline, 8:00 p.m. *via Facebook*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Open Cathedral, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Music @ Mid-Day Concert: David Heinze, 12:30 p.m.

Compline, 8:00 p.m. *via Facebook*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Motor City Music Together, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Compline, 8:00 p.m. *via Facebook*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Pentecost XVIII

Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m. (*Nativity Chapel*)

Holy Eucharist *with* Hymns, 8:15 a.m. (*Nativity Chapel*)

Sung Holy Eucharist, 11:00 a.m. (*Nave*)

Coffee Hour follows the 11:00 service

Bible Study: Queer and Christian, 12:30 p.m.

Treble Choristers Rehearsal, 1:00 p.m.

Choral Evensong, 4:00 p.m. (*Nave*) *St. Michael & All Angels*

Compline, 8:00 p.m. *via Facebook*

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