

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



September 13, 2026

HOLY CROSS DAY *(observed)*

Festal Choral Evensong, 4:00 p.m.
with the SCHOLA CANTORUM

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.

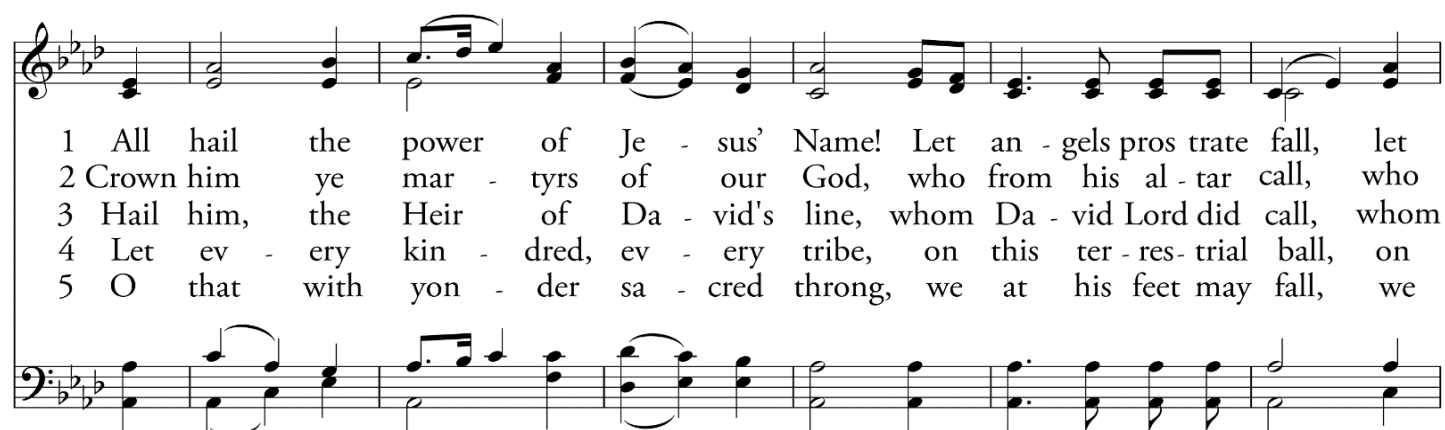
The timeless and simple liturgy of Evensong readily embraces musical expressions from many centuries. In Choral Evensong, the Choir's responses are drawn from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, which remains the standard form of text for almost all musical settings of this liturgy owing to the unique beauty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

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

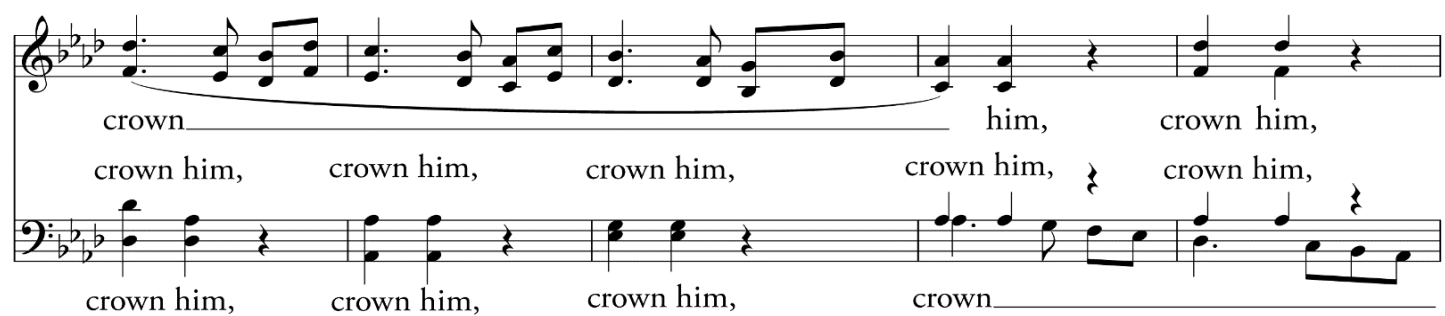
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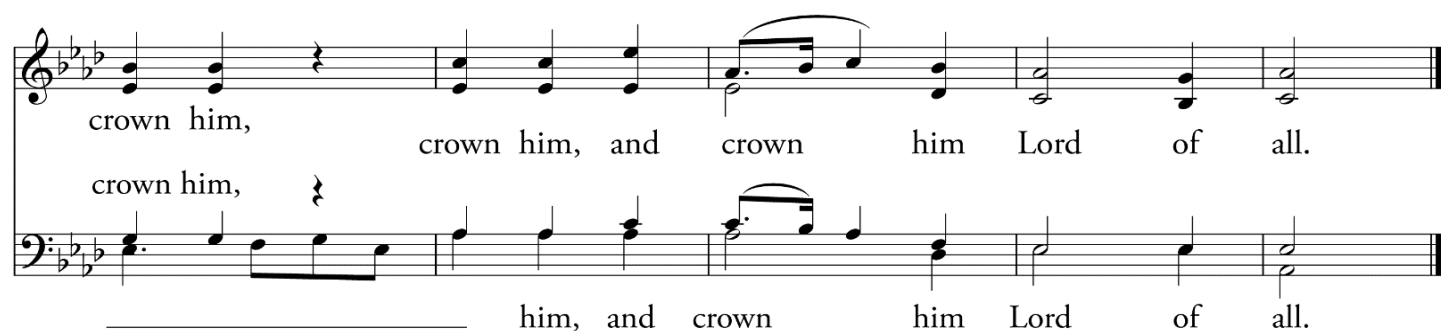
1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros trate fall, let
 2 Crown him ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar call, who
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call, whom
 4 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial ball, on
 5 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng, we at his feet may fall, we



1 an - gels pros - trate fall: bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
 2 from his al - tar call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
 3 Da - vid Lord did call: the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and
 4 this ter - res - trial ball, to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and
 5 at his feet may fall, we'll join the ev - er - last - ing throng, and



crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him,
 crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him,
 crown him, crown him, crown him, crown



crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.
 crown him, him, and crown him Lord of all.

Words Edward Perronet (1726-1792), alt.

Music *Diadem*, James Ellor (1819-1899)

The Officiant continues.

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 Congregation remains standing and the Choir sings

THE PRECES

Nathaniel Adam (b. 1985)

- V. O Lord, open thou our lips:
R. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
V. O God, make speed to save us:
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

- V. Praise ye the Lord!
R. The Lord’s Name be praised!

The Choir continues with

PSALM 98:1-4

Cantate Domino

Chant: *John Abdenour (b. 1962)*

- SING to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

LET THE SAME MIND BE IN YOU that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Choir then sings

MAGNIFICAT

Third Service, Philip Moore (b. 1943)

MY SOUL doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Those who are able, please stand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE SECOND LESSON

John 12:31-36a

JESUS SAID, "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

The Choir then sings

NUNC DIMITTIS

Third Service, Moore

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Those who are able, please stand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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.

The Choir sings

THE LESSER LITANY

Adam

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.
V. Let us pray.
R. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 Choir sings

THE RESPONSES

Adam

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;
R. And grant us thy salvation.
V. O Lord, save the State;
R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. O Lord, save thy people;
 R. And bless thine inheritance.
 V. Give peace in our time, O Lord;
 R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
 V. O God, make clean our hearts within us;
 R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

The Collect of the Day

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

A Collect for Sundays

LORD GOD, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission

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 sing

HYMN

Rockingham

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young Prince of Glo - ry
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the cross of Christ, my
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and love flow min - gled
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an of - fering far too

died, my rich - est gain I count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 God: all the vain things that charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 down! Did e'er such love and sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 small; love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music Rockingham, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Minature*, ca. 1780; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807)

The Choir sings

ANTHEM

Felice Anerio (1560-1614)

CHRISTUS FACTUS EST pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.
Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum et dedit illi nomen, quod est super omne nomen.

*Christ became obedient for us unto death, even to the death, death on the cross.
Therefore God exalted him and gave him a name which is above all names.*

Gradual for Maundy Thursday

Please kneel as you are able for

THE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSIONS

Please stand as you are able. 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.
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 Officiant says

THE GRACE

THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,
be with us all evermore. *Amen.* 2 Corinthians 13:14

THE FINAL RESPONSES

Edward Naylor (1867-1934)

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.
V. The Lord give us his peace.
R. And life eternal. Amen.

Please remain standing as the Procession leaves the Cathedral.

IN THIS EVENING'S LITURGY

<i>Officiant</i>	The Very Reverend Joseph C. Alsay
<i>Acolyte & Lector</i>	Paula Styer
<i>Technology</i>	Alan Cooper

The Schola Cantorum is under the direction of Canon Jeremy David Tarrant, *Organist & Choirmaster*, and David Heinze, *Associate Organist & Succentor*.



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.

EVENSONG RESUMES ON SUNDAYS AT 4:00 P.M. Evensong is offered each Sunday at 4:00 p.m., alternating between 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.



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

Sundays, September 13 *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. Those participating are encouraged to read the Introduction and first few chapters of the book prior to Session I.

CATHEDRAL CRAFTERS – SEPTEMBER 15 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

DETROIT ASTHMA EVENT – SATURDAY, SEPT. 19: 10AM – 2PM Celebrate with a fun, family-friendly day focused on breathing easier and living healthier! Join us for free asthma screenings, hands-on inhaler demos, helpful health resources, giveaways, refreshments, and the chance to connect with local health experts and community organizations. Whether you're living with asthma, caring for someone who is, or simply want to learn more, this event is open to everyone — because every breath matters! (*Drop in anytime during event hours*) Questions? Call 248.406.4254

FREE Community Event • Open to All Ages • No Registration Required • Breathe better. Live well.

KEMENY RECREATION CENTER: 2260 S. Fort St, Detroit, 48217

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

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Cathedral Staff Meeting, 10:30 a.m.

Chapter Executive Meeting, 11:00 a.m.

Vestry Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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

Feeding Hungry People Committee, 6:00 p.m.

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

AA, 5:00 p.m.

Cathedral Chapter Meeting, 6:00 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 18

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

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Pentecost XVII

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.

Cathedral Evensong, 4:00 p.m. (*Great Choir*) *St. Matthew*

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



THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT is a not-for-profit outreach program of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in cooperation with Cathedral Community Services. 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 schedule a try-out or to speak further with someone*

about the program, please contact Mr. Jeremy David Tarrant, Cathedral Organist & Choirmaster: (313) 833-7547 jtarrant@detroitcathedral.org. Visit us on the web at www.detroitcathedral.org/choir-school

The Choir School is an extra-curricular, *tuition-free* opportunity for children with an interest in music and singing. Here are some fast facts:

- No previous musical or voice training is required or expected.
- Children need not be Episcopalian. The Choir is open to children of all faiths and backgrounds.
- Boys and Girls form the treble (soprano) section of the famed Cathedral Choir, involving consistent application of their developing musical skills, while singing the finest in choral music from all periods and in a variety of languages.
- Children gain a thorough grounding in basic musicianship, music reading, and vocal technique through the centuries-old tradition of choral singing.
- A brief, informal try-out assesses a child's readiness for the program.
- Located in the heart of Detroit's cultural center, boys and girls emerge from the program with a deep love of, and appreciation for the fine arts.
- The Cathedral Choir and Choir School are affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music.
- Children showing a strong commitment to the Choir are eligible for reduced-tuition piano lessons and summer camps.
- The Choir's debut CD recording, *Nowell Sing We*, was released in December 2014, and *Evensong for All Saints* was released in October, 2016.
- ***One of Detroit's treasures, the Cathedral Choir has sung widely in the United States and Canada, and made a tours of England in 2014 and 2023.***



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