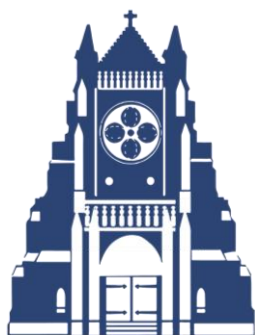


THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL

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



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sung Holy Eucharist

with The Schola Cantorum

September 27th, 2026

11:00 AM

WELCOME TO THE CATHEDRAL!

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.

VISITORS are encouraged to fill out a Cathedral Connection Card included with your bulletin and place it in the offering plate or hand it to a clergy-person after the service. **PRAYER REQUESTS** can also be made on this card. Please ask a clergy person or usher if you have questions. *All are welcome — if you are looking for a church home, you have one here!*

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP Here at St. Paul's we believe in worshipping with our entire being and all our senses (sight, hearing, voice, smell, touch, taste, etc.) It is our hope that you will join in with us in singing of the hymns and service music and in the speaking of corporate prayers by making use of this printed order of service and the directions (*in red*) included within it.

Of particular note is making the sign of the cross at specific moments within the liturgy (*indicated by ☩*). As with kneeling or taking communion, no one is required to 'cross themselves', however, this small-but-powerful physical gesture is one of the ways worshipers can take active part in the service with their whole being.

ABOUT CHILDREN IN WORSHIP Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, for unto them belongs the Kingdom of God." Here at the Cathedral, we believe that the place of a child is in worship. We hope you will help your little ones follow the service, sing the hymns, and use the bulletin. At the back of Grace Chapel, on the left, front side of the church, there is a soft space available with toys, age-appropriate books, and games.

LEARNING THE LITURGY — A lavabo (*from the Latin term meaning, "I shall wash"*) is a water pitcher and a bowl. It refers not only to the dishes used to wash the priest's hands, but it also refers to the ritual that surrounds the washing. The action of "lavabo" is derived from Psalm 26:6, "I will wash my hands in innocence". Lavabo can also refer to a basin recessed into the wall of the sanctuary. If it has a plumbed drain, it is called a *Piscina* and is used for washing vessels used during the Mass. The Cathedral's *Piscina* is in the South Sacristy, and the water used to initially rinse the vessels used to bear the elements of the Blessed Sacrament drains into the ground (rather than into a sewer). Churches from the time of Constantine were built with a fountain (called a *cantharus* or *phiala*), where the faithful washed before entering. This practice symbolized separation from sins of the spirit. During the Mass, after the Celebrant prepares the offerings of bread and wine on the altar, censes the altar and vessels, and is censed by the Deacon, their hands are washed by an acolyte. This is an example of the "lavabo" ceremony.

VISIT OUR NEW WELCOME CENTER IN THE GALLERY!

(Accessible via the side doors through Grace Chapel at the front, LEFT side of the church.)

Please sign our online visitor register by scanning the QR Code to the right.



✠ THE ENTRANCE RITE ✠

ORGAN

Prelude on *O, fix me*

J. Roland Braithwaite (1927-2014)

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

THE RESPONSORY

Jeremy David Tarrant (b. 1974)

V. The Lord is in this holy temple;

R. Let all the earth keep silence.

V. Let us go forth in peace.

R. In the name of Christ. Amen.

All sing,

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN, 450

Diadem



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



let an - gels pros - trate fall: Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem,
who from his al - tar call: Praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
whom Da - vid 'Lord' did call: the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine,
on this ter - res - trial ball, to him all ma - jes - ty a - scribe,
we at his feet may fall, we'll join the ev - er - last - ing throng,



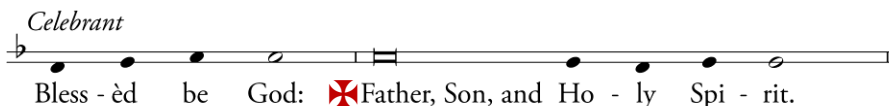
Words Edward Perronet (1726-1792)

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

WORDS OF WELCOME

Diverse People • Daily Relevance • Inspiring Space

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION



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,

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

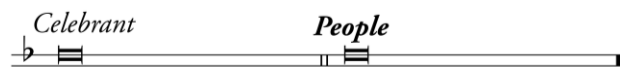
David Bartlett (1947-2023)

Organ *Congregation*

The musical score is written for organ and congregation. It begins with an organ introduction in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The congregation part starts on the second measure. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The organ part provides harmonic support with chords and single notes. The score is divided into two systems by a double bar line. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, Al - migh - ty God and Fath - er, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fath - er, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fath - er: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fath - er. A - men."

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King,
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Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fath - er. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY



The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**



Let us pray.

O GOD, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



A - men.

Please be seated.

✠ THE WORD OF GOD ✠

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

FROM THE WILDERNESS OF SIN the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Choir sings,

PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16

Attendite, popule

Chant: John Goss (1800-1880)

HEAR MY TEACHING, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *

I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.

14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 2:1-13

IF THEN THERE IS ANY ENCOURAGEMENT IN CHRIST, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. 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. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able and join in singing,

THE SEQUENCE HYMN, 671

New Britain



1. A - maz - ing___ grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a___ wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that___ taught my heart to fear, and grace my___ fears re - lieved;
3. The Lord has___ prom - ised good to me, his word my___ hope se - cures;
4. Through man - y___ dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - rea - dy come;
5. When we've been___ there ten - thou - sand years, bright shin - ing___ as the sun,



I once___ was___ lost, but now___ am___ found, was blind but___ now, I see!
How pre - cious___ did that grace___ ap - pear the hour I___ first be - lieved!
he will___ my___ shield and por - tion___ be, as long as___ life en - dures.
'Tis grace___ that brought me safe___ thus___ far, and grace will___ lead me home.
we've no___ less___ days to sing___ God's___ praise than when we'd___ first be - gun.

Words John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; Stanza 5, John Rees (19th century)

Music New Britain, from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921)

THE GOSPEL

Saint Matthew 21:23-32

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew ✠.

People Glory to you Lord, Christ.

WHEN JESUS ENTERED THE TEMPLE, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do

these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Very Reverend Joseph Caldwell Alsay, *Dean of the Cathedral*

Please stand as you are able as we 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 the 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;
People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Intercessor For all who have been wounded by past experiences in the Church.
People For healing and reconciliation among our communities.

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People For all who proclaim the Gospel and all who seek the Truth.

Intercessor For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Bonnie, our Bishop; Joseph, our Dean; Mike, deacon in the Detroit Church Partnership; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People For all who serve God in his Church.

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add petitions silently or aloud.

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;
People For your mercy is great.

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The Celebrant may add thanksgivings and then continues,

We will exalt you, O God our King;
People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Celebrant We pray for all who have died, ✠ that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Celebrant Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Please kneel as you are able. Silence may be kept, after which all say,

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

HAVE MERCY UPON US, most merciful Father;
 in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone;
 And so uphold us by your Spirit; that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
 to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

ALmighty GOD HAVE MERCY ON YOU, ✠ forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you!
People And also with you!

✠ THE HOLY COMMUNION ✠

DONATE WITH E-GIVING HERE:



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. The Cathedral thanks you for your generosity, which allows the clergy, staff, and congregation to continue to minister to Detroit and the greater metropolitan region.

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

Glenn Burleigh (1949-2007)

arr. Jack Schrader (b. 1942)

ORDER MY STEPS in your Word, dear Lord,
Lead me, guide me every day.
Send your anointing, Father I pray.

Humbly I ask Thee, teach me your will,
While You are working, help me be still.
Tho' Satan is busy, God is real!

I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill.
Please order my steps, Lord,
And I'll do your blessed will.

The world is every changing,
But You are still the same.
If You order my steps, I'll praise your name.

Order my steps in your Word,
Order my tongue in your Word;
Guide my feet in your Word,
Wash my heart in your Word.

Show me how to walk in your Word,
Show me how to talk in your Word.
When I need a brand new song to sing,
Show me how to let your praises ring!

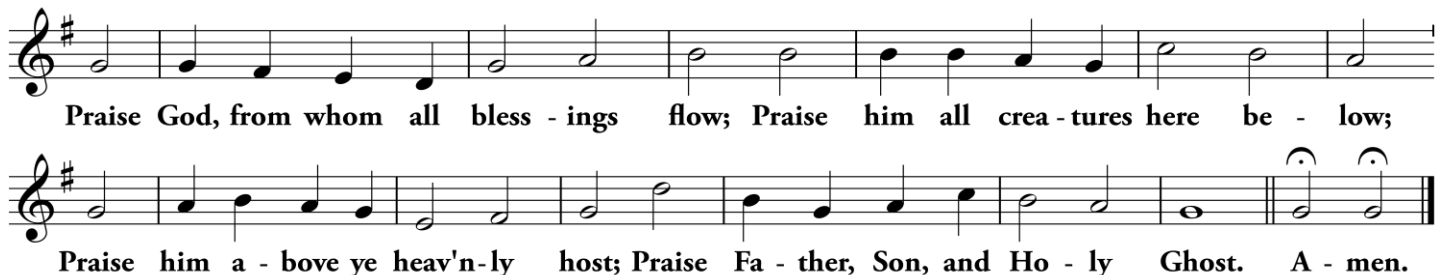
Glenn Burleigh, based on Psalm 119

Please stand as you are able as the Offering is brought forward.

All sing,

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

Old Hundredth



Words Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music *Old Hundredth*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

IT IS RIGHT, AND A GOOD AND JOYFUL THING, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All sing,

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

Organ *Congregation*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might.

Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Organ *Congregation*

✠ Bless - èd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

HOLY AND GRACIOUS LORD: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

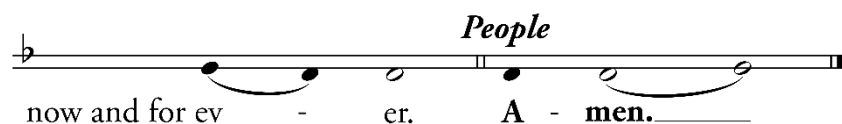
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." ✠

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." ✠

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

WE CELEBRATE THE MEMORIAL OF OUR REDEMPTION, O Lord, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also ✠ that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God,



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 and a period of silence is kept, after which all sing,

AGNUS DEI

Jeremy David Tarrant (b. 1974)

Organ *Congregation*

O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,
have mer - cy on us. O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,
have mer - cy on us. O Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world, grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

ABOUT RECEIVING COMMUNION Please know that this is God's table and *any person seeking to be fed from it will not be turned away*. To receive the consecrated bread, extend your hands and it will be placed in your palm. Should you choose to receive the consecrated wine, you may guide the chalice gently to your mouth taking a small sip. *Those desiring gluten-free bread should ask the clergy when coming forward for Communion*. Anyone may come forward and receive a blessing instead, simply cross your arms over your chest as you approach the clergy-person distributing communion. *After making your communion, please return to your seat by using the side aisles*.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, for you or another, are offered by trained lay ministers in St. Barnabas & Nativity Chapel (at the front, *RIGHT* side of the Nave) during Communion. **Anointing oil** is also available as part of these prayers for those who wish.

The Choir sings,

AT THE COMMUNION, MOTET

Margaret Bonds (1913-1972)

TOUCH THE HEM of His garment, let His love make you whole;
Hear the voice of the shepherd and he will lead you into the fold.

Touch the hem of His garment, leave the darkness of sin,
Feel the strength of His presence, and you will know the power within.

In loving arms He will take you, He'll never leave or forsake you;
And if you trust He will make you rejoice and lay your burdens at his feet.

Touch the hem of His garment, leave the darkness of night;
Feel the might of his glory and he will guide you into the light. Janice Lovoos (1903-2007)

✠ THE SENDING RITE ✠

When Communion is completed, we pray together,

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Please kneel as you are able, while saying,

ETERNAL GOD, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MOMENT FOR MISSION

Please stand, as you are able.

THE BLESSING

All sing,

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Gardiner



1. We have a gos - pel to___ pro - claim, good news for all through-out___ the earth;
2. Tell of his birth at Beth - le - hem, not in a roy - al house___ or hall,
3. Tell of his death at Cal - va - ry, hat - ed by those he came___ to save,
4. Tell of that glor - ious East - er morn: the emp - ty tomb, for he___ was free.
5. Tell of his reign at God's___ right hand, by all cre - a - tion glor - i - fied.
6. Now we re - joice to make___ him King; Je - sus is Lord of all___ the earth.



the gos - pel of___ a Sa - vior's name:___ we sing his glo - ry, tell___ his worth.
but in a sta - ble dark and dim,___ the Word made flesh,___ a light___ for all.
in lone - ly suff - 'ring on the Cross;___ for all he loved___ his life___ he gave.
He broke the pow'r___ of death and hell,___ that we might share___ his vic - to - ry.
He sends his Spir - it on his Church___ to live for him,___ the Lamb___ who died.
The Gos - pel - mes - sage we pro - claim___ we sing his glo - ry, tell___ his worth.

Words Edward Burns (b. 1938)

Music Gardiner, from *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; arr. William Gardiner (1770-1853)

THE DISMISSAL

The Dismissal is given and the People respond,

Thanks be to God!

ORGAN

I love thee, my Lord

George Shearing (1919-2011)

COFFEE HOUR

Following this morning's liturgy, we hope you join us for fellowship and refreshments during Coffee Hour in Barth Hall, which is hosted today by Jim Edwards & Pat Murray.

INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVINGS

We give thanks for Cathedral parishioners and friends celebrating birthdays this week: Guy, Christopher, Norman, and Alex.

We pray for the repose of Ray Stilwell.

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 Church of Bangladesh. In the **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for St. Peter's Church, Detroit; and St. Luke's Church, Ypsilanti.



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.



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



Sunday, 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. 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 Festal Choral Evensong will be in observance of The Feast of St. Michael & All Angels (September 29), and will feature The Cathedral Choir singing C.V. Stanford's joyous *Evening Service in B-flat*, and the stirring anthem *Judge eternal* by Gerre Hancock.

CATHEDRAL CRAFTERS 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 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.*

THE NEXT MUSIC @ MID-DAY CONCERT – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 12:30 P.M. The Cathedral's Organist & Choirmaster, Jeremy David Tarrant will offer a free, 30-minute organ recital. 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>



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

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE & ALTAR OF THE DEAD On Sunday, November 1st we will celebrate the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls. As part of that celebration, we would ask that you write the names of your loved ones you want listed in our Book of Remembrance on the clipboards provided in the Gallery or by e-mailing Erin in the Cathedral Office at info@detroitcathedral.org by Tuesday, October 27. In addition to the Book of Remembrance, we will create an Altar of the Dead. This tradition has its origin in the Hispanic culture's Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), a holiday that honors departed family members. Ofrendas (Altars) are traditionally decorated with bright flowers, candles, incense, photos, and favorite foods and drinks of those being honored. If you would like to drop off pictures, mementos, or other items for the altar, please bring them to the Cathedral Office by Wednesday, October 28.

UPCOMING DINNER CHURCH & REEL FAITH: "THE CHOSEN" This past Lent and summer we started a new Adult Formation opportunity. The response was so incredible and overwhelming, that its return was requested for the Fall of 2026. So, back by popular demand, is our Dinner Church & Formation series focusing on "The Chosen," an amazing, biblically-centered television series. This mini-series places us within the historical setting of Jesus' days on earth, while offering us an opportunity to gain a deeper insight into his life and ministry in a new and provocative manner. This formation class will be supported by reading of the Gospels; reflection on poignant questions; and engaging group interaction! We invite new and returning participants to join us on Wednesdays beginning, October 21 through November 18. Eucharist and Dinner begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by Formation from 6:45-8:00 p.m.

WILLIAMS PAVILION LITTLE FOOD PANTRY A HUGE thank you to each person who is contributing to our Free Little Pantry at Williams Pavilion. Your continued support of this ministry helps meet the needs of residents that might not be otherwise met. *Please continue to take sticky notes and donate items. This will be an ongoing ministry of the Cathedral!* Williams Pavilion is a housing community in Detroit that provides affordable apartments for low-income senior citizens, and we are excited to introduce the *Williams Pavilion 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.

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

STEWARDSHIP 2026 INFO COMING SOON! Be on the lookout for information about our Annual Stewardship campaign that will be sent out on Monday, September 28th with this year's theme - Live Testimonies: Stewarding Our Stories. Over the next five weeks this theme will be elaborated on in letters, emails, and a video from our Stewardship Committee members. In the weeks leading up to the Ingathering of Pledges on Sunday, November 1st, we will make every effort to inform and inspire your financial commitment. On that day we ask you to attend worship, place your commitment for the future mission and ministry of the Cathedral on the altar, and join in a Celebration Brunch after the 11:00 service. Thank you for all that you do for our church and for the world. We ask that you pray with us as we launch this campaign and, in prayer, consider what you can contribute to our work in 2027 and beyond.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

American Guild of Organists Concert, 7:00 p.m.

Compline, 8:00 p.m. via Facebook

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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 30

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

Waller Building Clean-Up, 5:00 p.m.

Compline, 8:00 p.m. via Facebook

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

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, OCTOBER 2

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

Compline, 8:00 p.m. via Facebook

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

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

Compline, 8:00 p.m. via Facebook

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Pentecost XIX

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

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

The Blessing of the Animals & *St. Francis of Assisi*

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

Coffee Hour follows the 11:00 service

Treble Choristers Rehearsal, 1:00 p.m.

Cathedral Evensong, 4:00 p.m. (The Great Choir)

Compline, 8:00 p.m. via Facebook

IN THIS MORNING'S LITURGY

<i>Celebrant & Preacher</i>	The Very Reverend Joseph Alsay
<i>Verger</i>	Clem Prabakaran
<i>Acolytes</i>	Matt O'Brien, Sr. Margaret Ruth
<i>Lector</i>	Joe Poisson
<i>Intercessor</i>	Nancy Swearingen
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Emery Dumas, Clem Prabakaran
<i>Healing Minister</i>	Cheryl Currie-Wenskey
<i>Technology</i>	John LaDuke, Florence Williams
<i>Ushers</i>	Phillip Allmond, Jim Edwards
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Florence Williams, Emery Dumas

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