

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

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Dean of the Cathedral

The Right Reverend Dr. Bonnie A. Perry
Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan



October 4th, 2026

THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Festal Cathedral Evensong, 4:00 p.m.

sung by Cantors & Congregation

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. **We hope you sign our online visitor register:**



Please silence all electronic devices.

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

CONCERNING THE SERVICE

‘Evensong’ or ‘Sung Evening Prayer’ 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 congregations of the Episcopal Church. In this service most of the music is sung. Those present participate by listening to and meditating on the praises, prayers and petitions offered in addition to lending their voices in the singing of hymns, service music, and the psalm.

After the invitation to pray (the ‘Preces’ or ‘Invitatory’), the appointed psalm is sung. A lesson, usually from the Old Testament (except of Saints days and in Easter season), follows. Then the first of the traditional Evening Canticles – the *Magnificat* (the song of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Luke 1, when the promises of the Old Testament came true) is sung. A lesson from the New Testament proclaims the good news of Jesus Christ, and is followed by a musical setting of the *Nunc Dimittis*, the song of the aged Simeon when he had seen our Lord in the Temple at Jerusalem (Luke 2). The *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 sung by the Officiant, ending with the Collects which collect our thoughts at the close of the service.

The timeless and simple liturgy of Evensong readily embraces musical expressions from many centuries. We strive to share that musical heritage and this moving form of prayer in the evening with all who walk through our doors.

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 Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

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. The Cantor sings the first verse, and the Congregation sings the ones that follow.

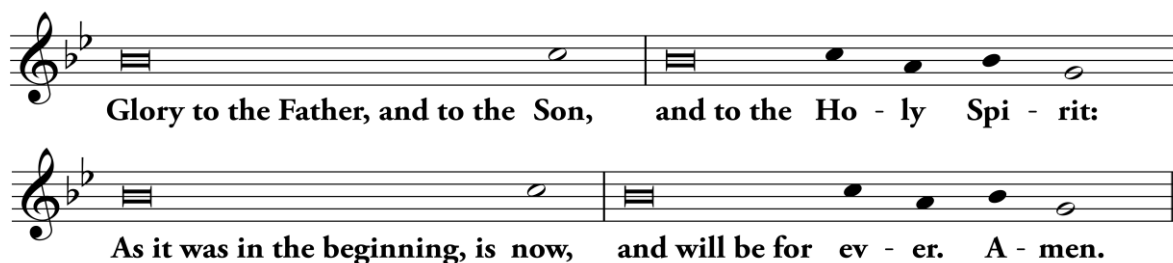
PSALM 121

Levavi oculos

Tone V.1

- 1 [I lift up] my eyes to the hills; *
from / where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the / maker of heav'n and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you / will not fall asleep.

- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Ísrael *
shall neither / slumber nór sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches óver you; *
the LORD is your / shade at your ríght hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike yóu by day, *
— / nor the móon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all évil; *
it is / he who shall kéept you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your cóming in, *
from this time / forth for évermore.



Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Job 39:1-18

DO YOU KNOW when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them. Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing. Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor? The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider.

Please stand as you are able and join in singing the Magnificat on the following page.

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,
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;



Please be seated.

THE SECOND LESSON

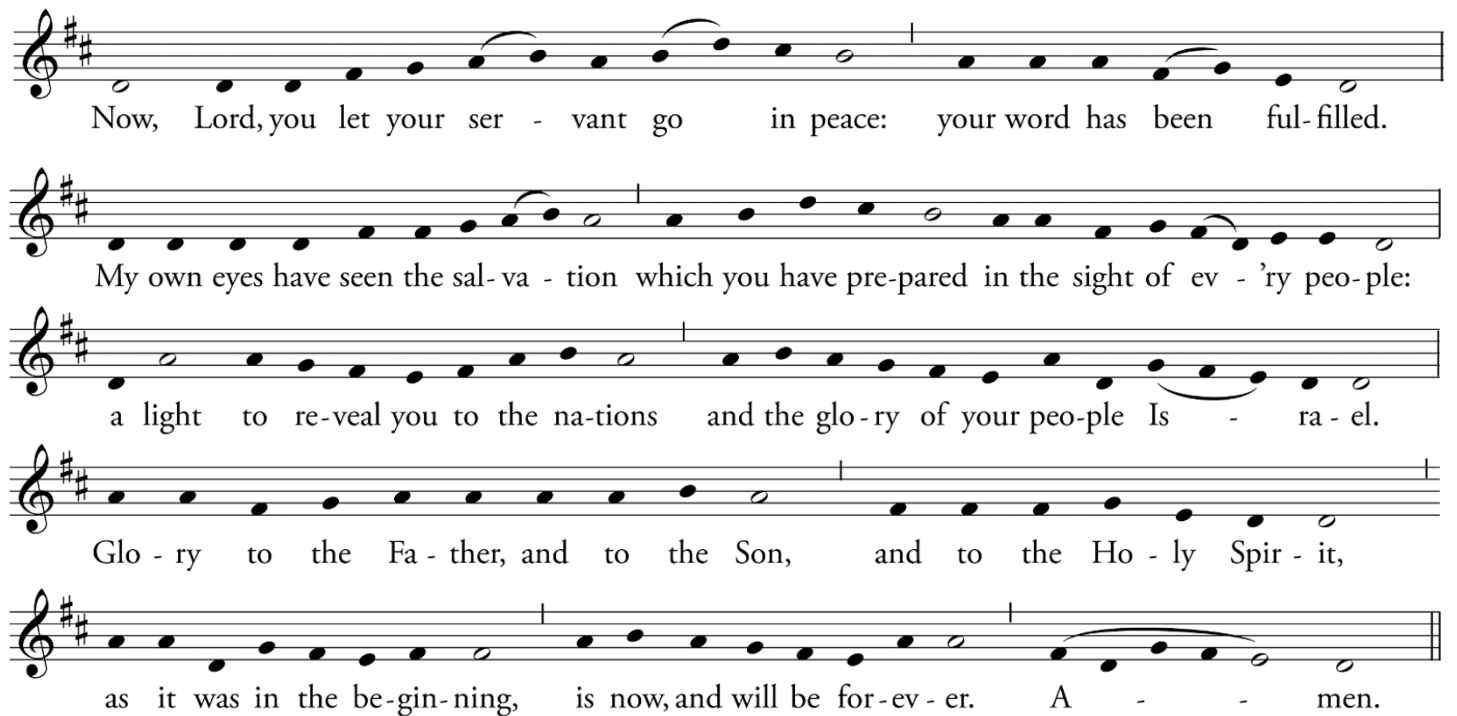
Saint Luke 12:13-21

SOMEONE IN THE CROWD SAID TO JESUS, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Please stand as you are able and sing

NUNC DIMITTIS

Plainchant



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 on 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

O UR 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.

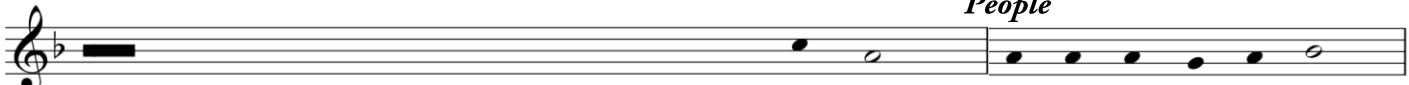
THE SUFFRAGES

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,

People

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

MOST HIGH, OMNIPOTENT, GOOD LORD, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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.*

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.*

Please stand as you are able and join in singing the Hymn on the following page.



1. Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace;
 2. Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
 3. Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek
 4. May we not look for love's re - turn,
 5. Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born

Where there is hate, may we sow love;
 Where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
 to be con - soled, but to con - sole,
 but seek to love un - self - ish - ly,
 through death's dark night to end - less day:

where there is hurt, may we for - give;
 where all is night, may we sow light;
 nor look to un - der - stand - ing hearts,
 for in our giv - ing we re - ceived,
 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace,

where there is strife, may we make one.
 where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 and in for - giv - ing are for - giv'n.
 to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

Words James Quinn (1919-2010), based on a prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

Music Dickinson College, Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr. (1923-1979)

THE HOMILY

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

Please kneel as you are able for

THE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSIONS

Please stand as you are able as we all say together

THE 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 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

<i>Officiant & Preacher</i>	The Very Reverend Joseph C. Alsay
<i>Crucifer & Lector</i>	Paula Styer
<i>Cantors</i>	Dean Moore II, John O'Brien
<i>Organist</i>	Canon Jeremy David Tarrant

INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVINGS

We give thanks for Cathedral parishioners and friends celebrating birthdays this week: Jehu, Carson, Judy, Onyinyechi, Gaylynn, and Atticus.

We pray for the repose of Thomasine Ward.

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, Marilyn, Anthony, Casey, Māra, and Janet. *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 Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil. In the **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for All Saints' Church, East Lansing; and Divine Grace Church, Puerto Plata, in the Dominican Republic.



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.

CATHEDRAL CRAFTERS Cathedral Crafters meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 12:30 p.m. 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, 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.

FALL 2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN Our Annual Stewardship campaign has begun with this year's theme being 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, OCTOBER 5

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Cathedral Staff Meeting, 10:30 a.m.

Cathedral Crafters, 12:30 p.m. (Library)

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

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

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 9

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

Music @ Mid-Day Concert: Jeremy Tarrant, 12:30 p.m.

Carr Center Concert, 7:30 p.m. (Nave)

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

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

Funeral for Ray Stilwell, 11:00 a.m.

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Pentecost XX

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

Treble Choristers Rehearsal, 1:00 p.m.

Choral Evensong, 4:00 p.m. (*Nave*)

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

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