# 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*

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## The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

**November 15th, 2026**

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.

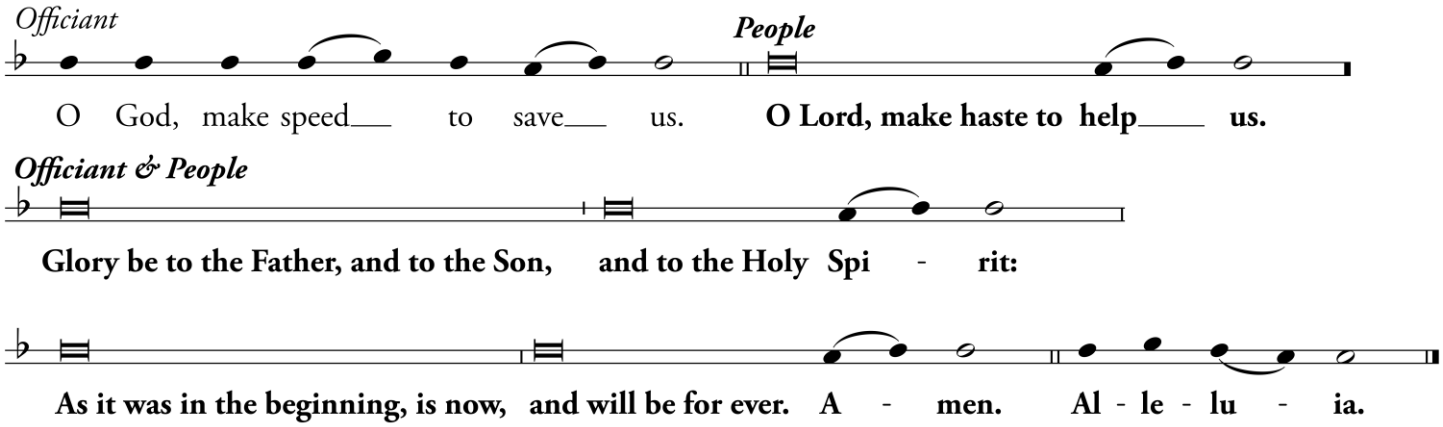
The timeless and simple liturgy of Evensong readily embraces musical expressions from many centuries. We strive to share that musical heritage and this moving form of prayer in the evening with all who walk through our doors.

***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.***

**ORGAN** Prelude on *St. Clement* Gerald Near (b. 1942)

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

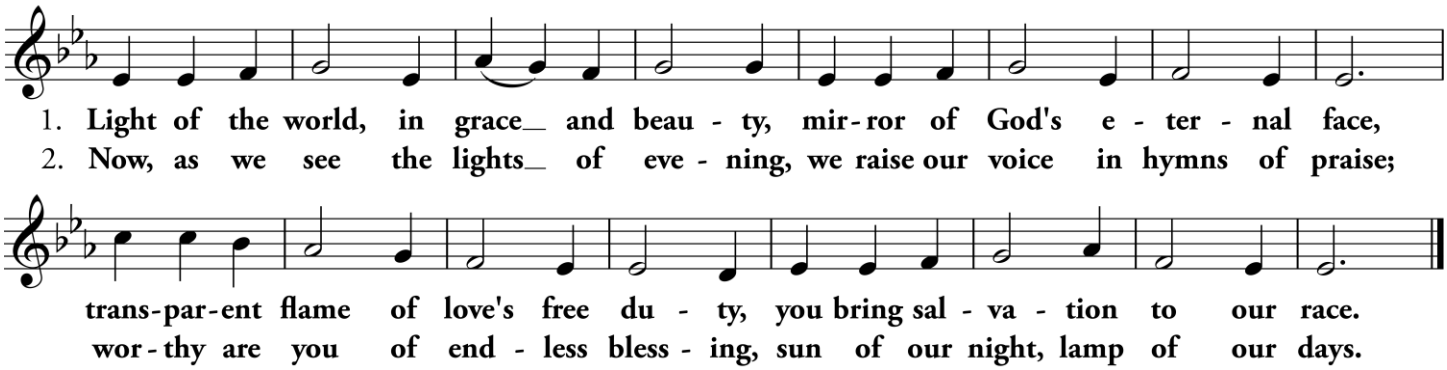
## THE INVITATORY




*Remaining standing, all sing*

## PHOS HILARON

*Morrison*
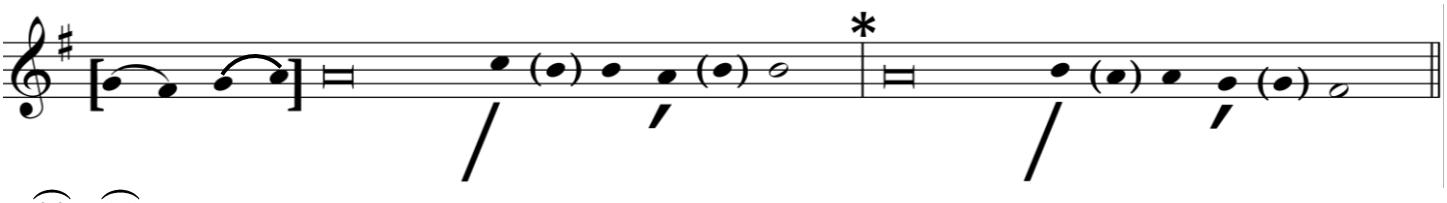



***Words*** paraphrase of *Phos hilaron*
***Music*** *Morrison*, George Emblom (b. 1962)

*All then sing. The Cantor sings the first verse, and the Congregation sings those that follow.*

## PSALM 19:7-14
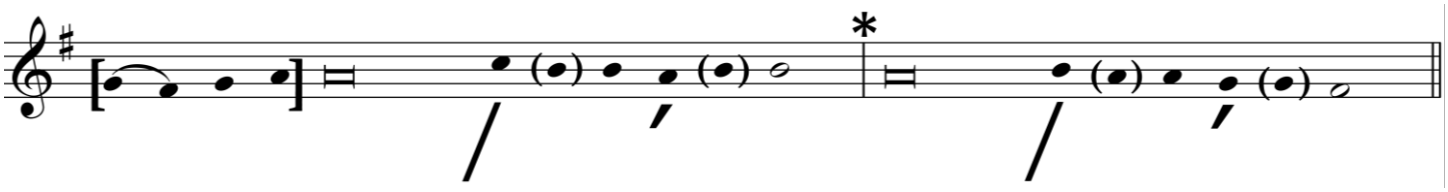
*Caeli errant* *Tone VII.3*



[THE LAW] OF THE LORD is perfect / and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom / to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the LORD are / just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives / light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean and en-/dures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous / altogether.
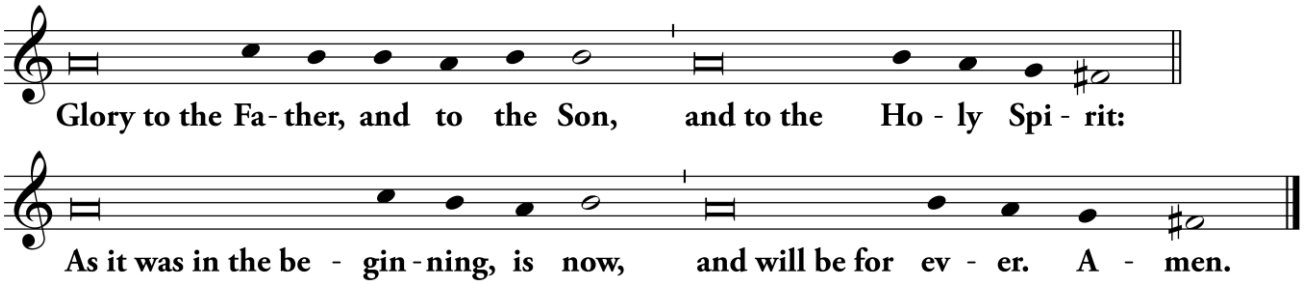


10 More to be desired are they than gold, / more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than / honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your / servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them / there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how / often he offends? *
cleanse / me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get do-/minion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent / of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be ac-/ceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and / my redeemer.




*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

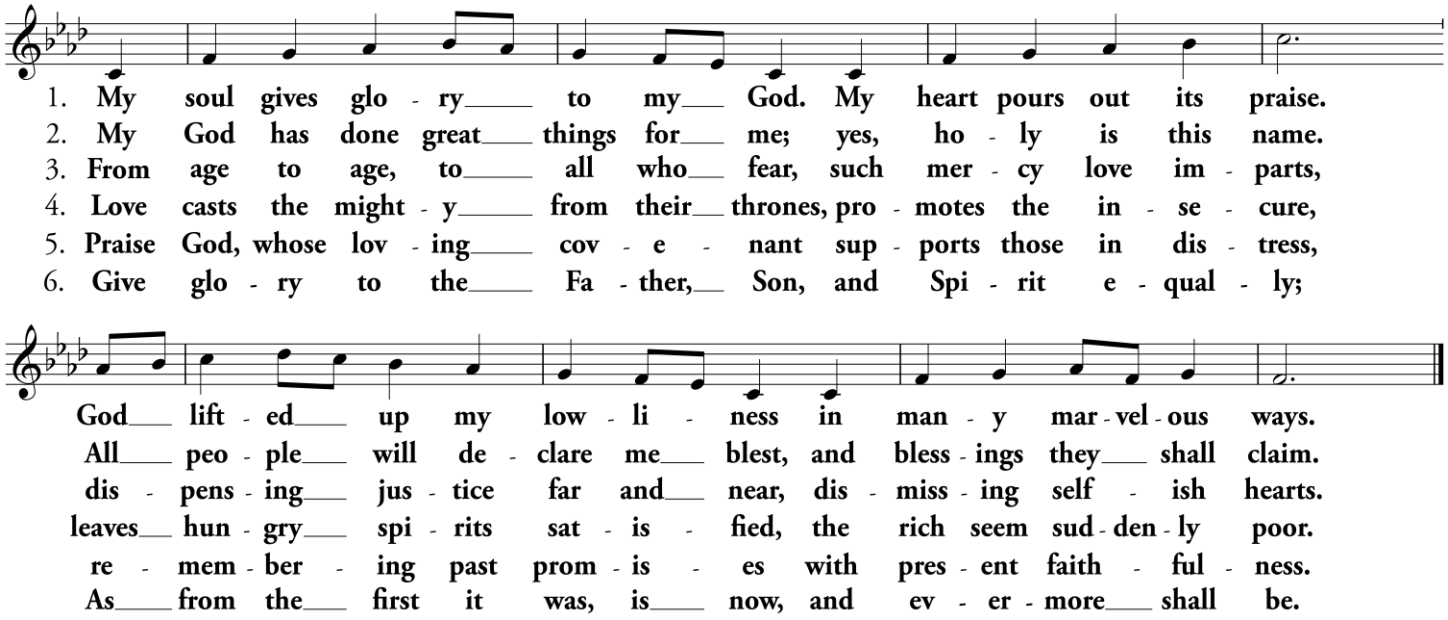
1 Maccabees 2:29-43, 49-50

AT THAT TIME many who were seeking righteousness and justice went down to the wilderness to live there, they, their sons, their wives, and their livestock, because troubles pressed heavily upon them. And it was reported to the king's officers, and to the troops in Jerusalem the city of David, that those who had rejected the king's command had gone down to the hiding-places in the wilderness. Many pursued them, and overtook them; they encamped opposite them and prepared for battle against them on the sabbath day. They said to them, 'Enough of this! Come out and do what the king commands, and you will live.' But they said, 'We will not come out, nor will we do what the king commands and so profane the sabbath day.' Then the enemy quickly attacked them. But they did not answer them or hurl a stone at them or block up their hiding-places, for they said, 'Let us all die in our innocence; heaven and earth testify for us that you are killing us unjustly.' So they attacked them on the Sabbath, and they died, with their wives and children and livestock, to the number of a thousand people. When Mattathias and his friends learned of it, they mourned for them deeply. And all said to their neighbours: 'If we all do as our kindred have done and refuse to fight with the Gentiles for our lives and for our ordinances, they will quickly destroy us from the earth.' So they made this decision that day: 'Let us fight against anyone who comes to attack us on the sabbath day; let us not all die as our kindred died in their hiding-places.' Then there united with them a company of Hasideans, mighty warriors of Israel, all who offered themselves willingly for the law. And all who became fugitives to escape their troubles joined them and reinforced them.

*Please stand as you are able and join in singing.*

## Magnificat

*Morning Song*




***Words*** Miriam Therese Winter (b. 1938); paraphrase of *The Song of Mary*
***Music*** *Morning Song,* melody attrib. Elkanah Kelsay Dare (1782-1826), adapt.

*Please be seated.*

## The Second Lesson
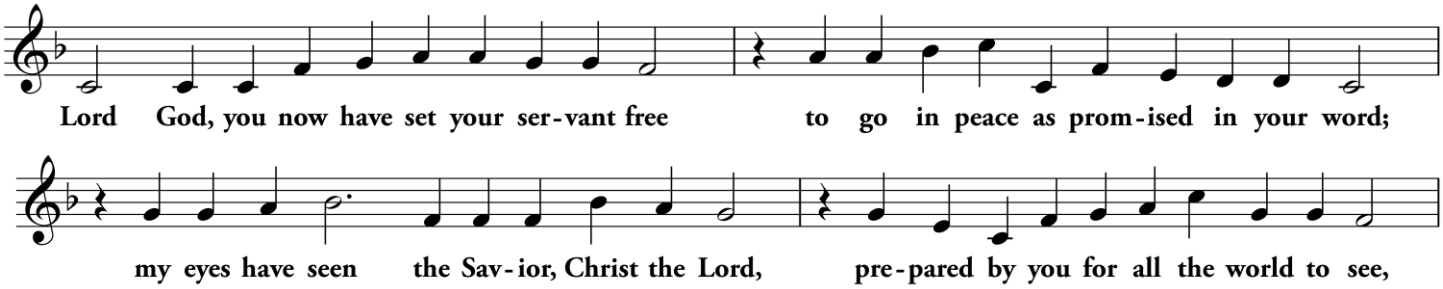
Philippians 3:13-4:1
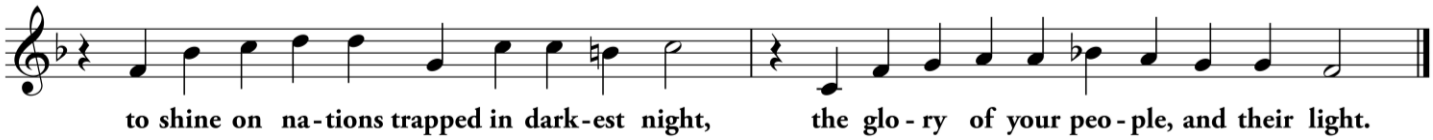
BELOVED, I DO NOT CONSIDER that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained. Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

*Please stand as you are able and sing*

## Nunc dimittis

*Song 1*






***Words*** Rae E. Whitney (1927-2023); paraphrase of *The Song of Simeon*
***Music*** *Song 1,* melody and bass by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625); harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

*All say together,*

## The Apostles' Creed

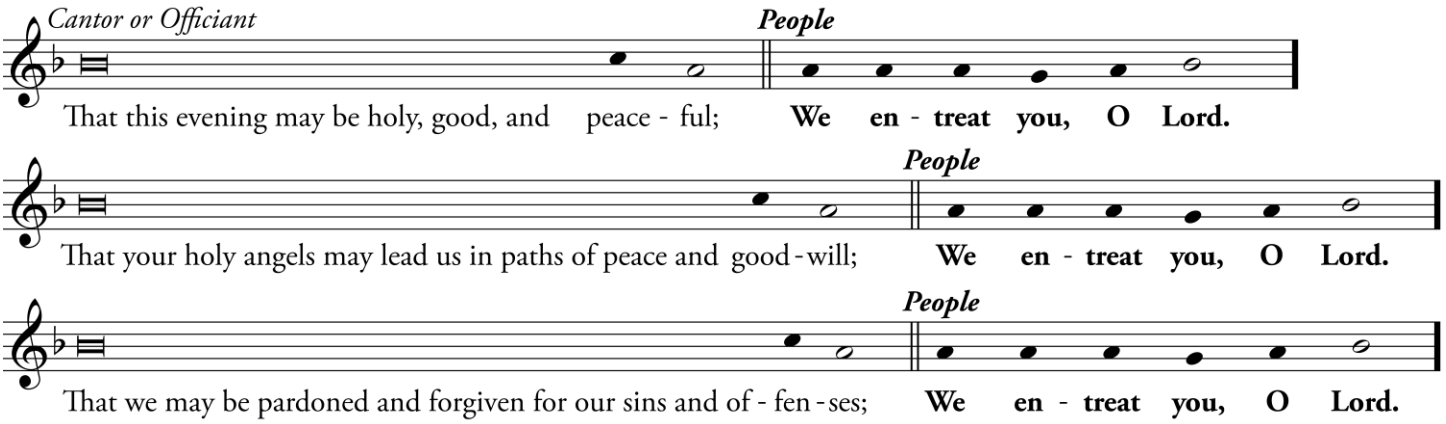
I BELIEVE IN GOD, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, his only Son our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the 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 Lord's Prayer
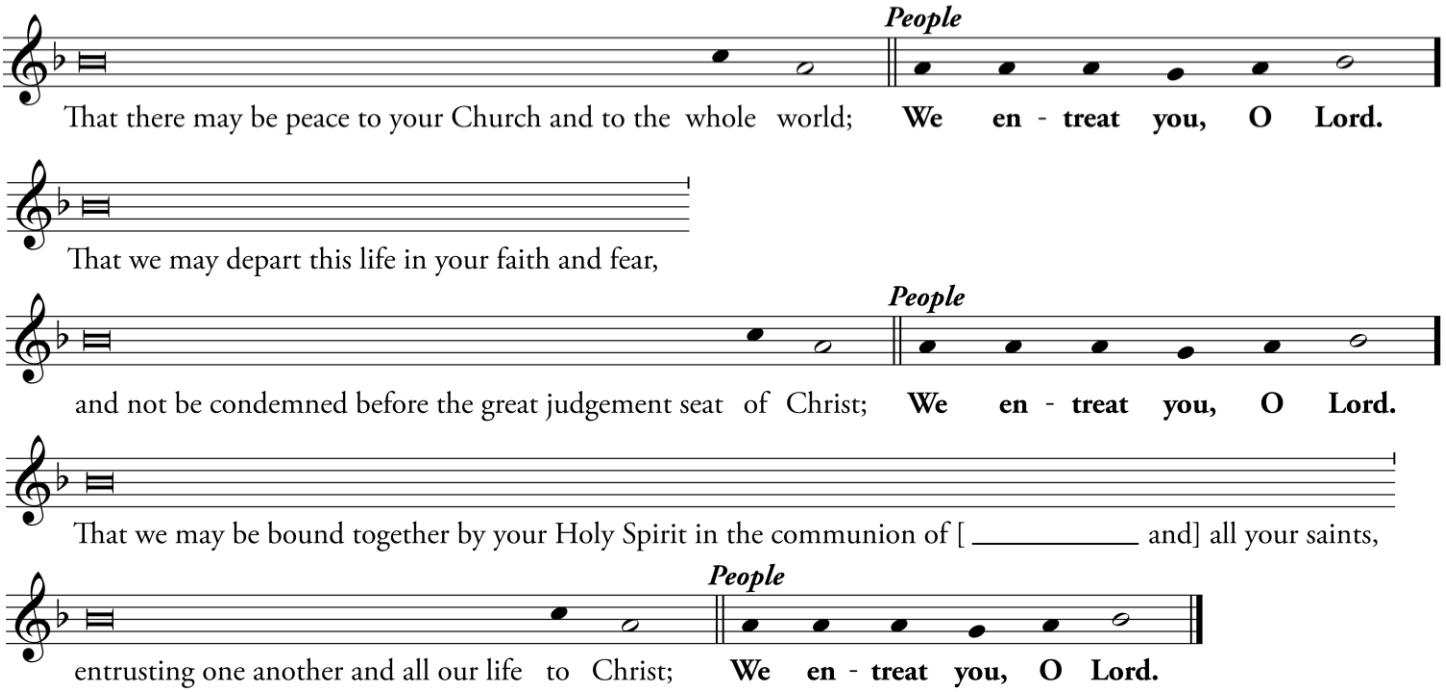
*Officiant* The Lord be with you.
***People*** And also with you.
*Officiant* Let us pray.

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




*Continued.*




## The Collects

*The Collect of the Day*

BLESSED LORD, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **A - men.**

*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. **A - men.**
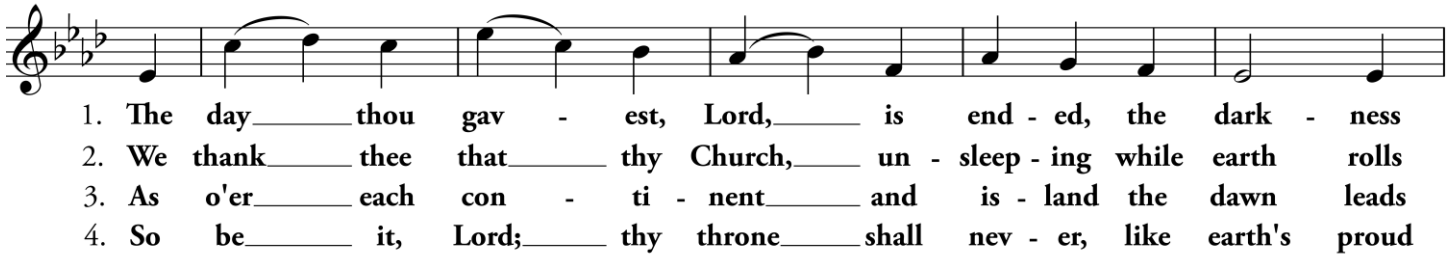
*A Collect for Mission*
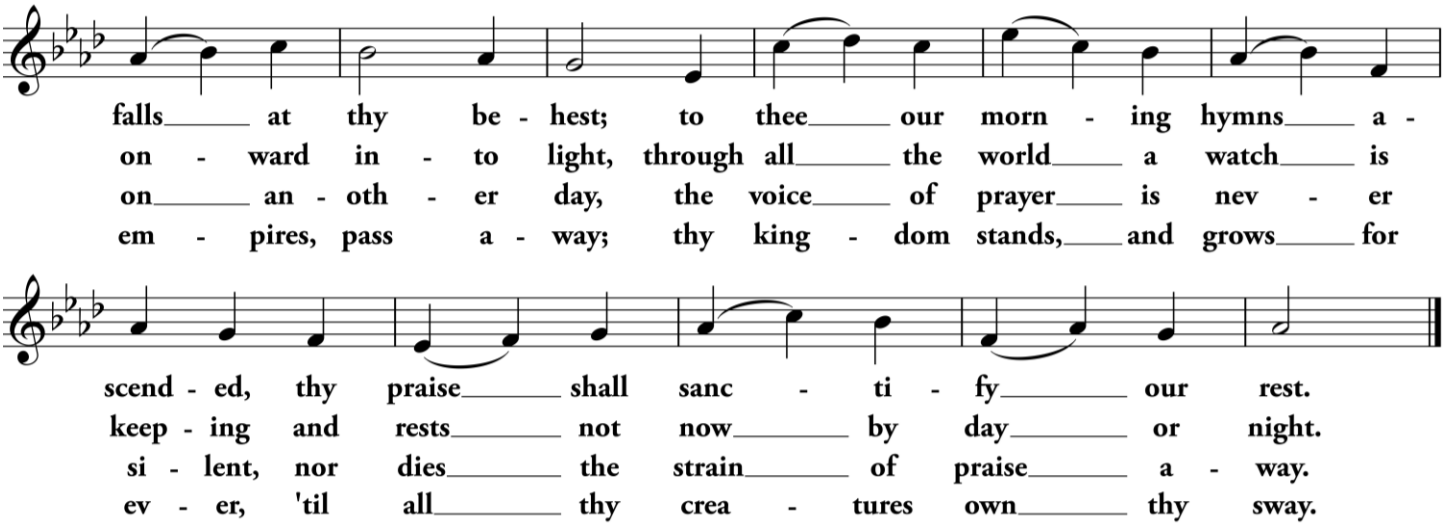
KEEP WATCH, DEAR LORD, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **A - men.**

*Please stand as you are able and join in singing,*

## Hymn 24

*St. Clement*






***Words*** John Ellerton (1826-1893)
***Music*** *St. Clement,* Clement Cottevill Scholefield (1839-1904)

## The Homily

Danny Cox, *Field Education Intern*

*Please kneel as you are able for*

## The Prayers & Thanksgivings

*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 one of the following prayers.*

## 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*

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*

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.*

**ORGAN** Herr Gott, nun schleuß den Himmel auf, BWV 617 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

## THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THIS LITURGY

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| *Officiant* | The Very Reverend Joseph C. Alsay |
| *Preacher* | Danny Cox |
| *Crucifer* | Caleb Alsay |
| *Cantor* | Dean Moore II |
| *Organist* | Canon Jeremy David Tarrant |
| *Technology* | Erin McClellan |

## INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVINGS

**We give thanks for Cathedral parishioners and friends celebrating birthdays this week:** Victoria, Debi, Abby R., Simbi, and Nancy.

**We lift up those for whom prayers have been requested:** Alan F., Lydia, Shirley, David, Richard, Jayasuresh, Prema, Dave, Ralph, Joan, Mary, Dean, Jim *&* Family, Monica *&* Family, George, Liam, Karen *&* Tom, Wes, Angela, Marilyn, Anthony, Casey, Emma, Tom, Kayla, and Vas. *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 Iglesia Anglicana de Chile. **In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for St. John's Church, Clinton; and Mount of Transfiguration, Jarabacoa, in the Dominican Republic.



# CATHEDRAL WINDOWS

## News / Announcements / Opportunities to Serve

**NEW LECTORS TRAINING: TODAY AT 12:30 PM** Lectors (readers) play an important role in the liturgy by sharing and proclaiming the sacred scriptures. Canon Tarrant will offer a session geared toward new lectors. Current lectors are also invited as a way to check-in, ask questions, or simply brush-up. Please indicate your interest by e-mailing him at *jtarrant@detroitcathedral.org.*

**HARVEST CAROL SERVICE FOR THANKSGIVING – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AT 4:00 PM** In anticipation of Thanksgiving Day (November 26), the parish invites you to join us for a special service of prayers, readings and traditional hymns of the season on Sunday, November 22 at 4:00 PM.

**There's Still Time to Pledge!** On All Saints' Sunday, we celebrated the In-Gathering of Pledges. A wonderful sermon was delivered by the Dean, followed by a delicious brunch after the 11:00 service. As the Cathedral family enters a new year of "Stewarding Our Stories" we do so with high hopes for the future and the renewal of energy within the life of our parish. If you haven't yet pledged for 2027, the Cathedral leadership would ask you to prayerfully consider what you will be able to do help fulfill our purpose in the greater Detroit community. We are counting on you! If you choose to pledge for 2027, then please consider doing so online by scanning the QR Code or visiting the following link: *https://tinyurl.com/LivingTestimonies2027*

**October giving statements** have been sent out via email or USPS. If you do not receive your statement, or if you would like to change the method of delivery, please email Mimi at *mlanseur@detroitcathedral.org.* If you have questions about the 2027 Stewardship Campaign and/or pledging to the Cathedral, please email the Stewardship Committee at *stewardship@detroitcathedral.org.*

**Stay Tuned for Advent Programming!** The Cathedral Clergy & Staff are busy preparing special programming for the Advent & Christmas season! In addition to our usual beloved staples of The Advent Procession and Christmas Lessons & Carols, other worship opportunities will include Blue Christmas and Stations of the Crib services. Formation-based initiatives will include home Advent Wreath making, holiday card writing, caroling, and much more! Stay tuned for updates next week on the complete line-up of events and activities.

**The Advent Procession – Sunday, November 29 at 4:00 PM** Mark your calendar for our annual Advent Procession on Sunday, November 29 at 4:00 PM. A moving sequence of carols, motets, anthems, and readings to usher in the season of Advent! The Cathedral Choir will offer works by Orlando Gibbons, Gerre Hancock, and others.

**The Open Cathedral Docent Ministry Needs You!** In an effort to expand our Open Cathedral Ministry beyond Friday afternoons, we are seeking additional volunteers to come be a welcoming presence in the Cathedral during times when our doors are open to the public. Our immediate needs are for Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (which includes the 12:15 p.m. Eucharist) and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (between the 11:00 service and Evensong at 4 p.m.) Other days in the week are also a possibility! If interested in volunteering, please contact Docent Ministry coordinator, Bob Prout at *sbprout@yahoo.com* Help us share this amazing building and community with our neighbors and visitors!

**The Verger Ministry is Recruiting!** The Cathedral is currently seeking new members for the Verger Ministry! Vergers play a significant role in the worship services at the Cathedral, working closely with the clergy and Canon Precentor. First, they act as the point-person prior to a service and ensure the liturgy runs smoothly. Training is provided, and you can choose when/how often you'd like to serve. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Emery Dumas at 231-590-6720 or via email at *emeryja21@hotmail.com*.

**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*.

**Noël Night 2026 – Volunteers Needed** Noël Night is returning to Midtown Detroit on December 5 from 5pm - 9pm. We need volunteers to help with the children's craft table in the Cathedral's Prayerground and Docents to welcome visitors, answer their questions, and share the history of our beautiful Cathedral. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Gallery if interested! Thank you for helping us welcome the Detroit community to the

Cathedral this holiday season. We can't wait to see you! Questions? Call the Cathedral Office at 313.833.4409 or email Erin at *emcclellan@detroitcathedral.org*

**Underwear, Socks, Shirts for Care Fair** Help us care for our neighbors by donating **new underwear, socks, shirts, and other basic essentials** for our Cathedral Care Fair! In partnership with Wayne State University's CHIP program, the Care Fair provides showers, laundry services, hot meals, and other resources to our neighbors in need. Our next Care Fair dates are **November 22 and December 20**. Please drop off donations at the **Front Desk, labeled "Care Fair,"** and our staff will make sure they get where they need to go. Every donation makes a difference! Please contact *layla.noor98@gmail.com* for more information!

**Toys for Tots** The Cathedral is participating in **Toys for Tots** with the **Marine Corps Reserve** by donating new and unwrapped gifts to children in need. The foundation is currently in need of gifts for boys & girls between the ages of 9 and 14, such as crafts, hobby kits, electronics, etc. Please drop off at the Front Desk and label Toys for Tots and the Cathedral will make sure it is taken care of. Please contact Erin at *emcclellan@detroitcathedral.org* or call the Cathedral Office at 313.833.4409

**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 coordinate volunteers and community members interested in serving others through food and supportive services. If you are interested in joining the FHP Committee and participating in its work, please contact Layla King at *layla.noor98@gmail.com.*

**Cathedral Crafters Ministry** Cathedral Crafters meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 12:30p.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@detroitcatheral.org*

# This Week at the Cathedral

**Monday, November 16**
**Compline, 8:00 p.m.** *via Facebook*

**Tuesday, November 17**
*Cathedral Crafters,* 12:30 p.m.
*Vestry Meeting,* 6:00 p.m.
**Compline, 8:00 p.m.** *via Facebook*

**Wednesday, November 18**
*Cathedral Staff Meeting,* 10:30 a.m.
**Spoken Holy Eucharist, 12:15 p.m.** *(Grace Chapel)*
**Dinner Church & "Reel" Faith, 6:00 p.m.** *(Barth Hall)*
**Compline, 8:00 p.m.** *via Facebook*

**Thursday, November 19**
*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, November 20**
*Open Cathedral,* 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
**Compline, 8:00 p.m.** *via Facebook*

**Saturday, November 21**
*Motor City Music Together,* 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
**Diaconate Ordination Service, 11:00 a.m.**
**Compline, 8:00 p.m.** *via Facebook*

**Sunday, November 22** *Christ the King*
**Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m.** *(Nativity Chapel)*
**Holy Eucharist *with* Hymns, 8:15 a.m** *(Nativity Chapel)*
**Festal Eucharist *with* Te Deum, 11:00 a.m.** *(Nave)*
*Coffee Hour follows the 11:00 service*
*Treble Choristers Rehearsal,* 1:00 p.m.
**Harvest Carol Service, 4:00 p.m.** *(The Great Choir)*
**Compline, 8:00 p.m.** *via Facebook*

# Harvest Carol Service

## Sunday, November 22nd

## 4:00 PM

*In anticipation of Thanksgiving Day, the parish invites you to join us for a special service of prayers, readings, and favorite hymns of the season.*

# Advent 2026

## @The Cathedral

# The Advent Procession

## Sunday, November 29th

## 4:00 PM

*Join us for a moving sequence of music and readings ushering in the season of Advent. The Cathedral Choir will offer carols, motets, and anthems interspersed between lessons from scripture and congregational hymns, to set the tone of this season of anticipation.*

# Leadership at the Cathedral

## Clergy

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