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



Veterans' Day Service

November 8th, 2026

Choral Evensong & Act of Remembrance, 4:00 p.m.

with The Cathedral Choir, Paul Roache, trumpet, & David Martin, bagpipes

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 take a moment to sign our online visitor register:

Please silence all electronic devices.
This service is also live-streamed on our YouTube channel.

ABOUT OUR OBSERVANCE THIS DAY

Armistice Day officially received its name in the United States in 1926 through a Congressional resolution. It became a national holiday twelve years later by similar Congressional action.

If the idealistic hope had been realized that World War I was "The war to end all wars," November 11 might still be called Armistice Day. But shortly after the holiday was proclaimed, World War II broke out in Europe and shattered the dream. Sixteen and one-half million Americans took part. Four hundred and six thousand died. The families and friends of these dead longed for a way to honor their memory. President Eisenhower, in 1954, signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day, and he called for Americans everywhere to rededicate themselves to the cause of peace.

Why do we observe Veterans Day here in the Cathedral? The simplest response may be that the Church is called to be in the world, but not of the world. Being in the world means being both cognizant of what is going on, and to offer an active and engaged Gospel response. The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

Whenever there is war, violence, or strife; and whenever there is despair, inequity, and injustice, humanity's unity with God, individually and collectively, is broken. Our observance today seeks to shine a light on service offered and sacrifices made in the pursuit of armistice and peace: never to aggrandize war and violence. All human beings are created in the image and likeness of God, no matter where one is born, where one resides, or any other factor of human description.

ORGAN Nimrod *from* Enigma Variations, Op. 36 Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Please stand as you are able.

AT THE PROCESSION

Highland Cathedral Ulrich Roever & Michael Korb

Unit colors process into the Cathedral, followed by the Choir and Clergy.

THE SALUTATION, CONFESSION, & ABSOLUTION

Bishop Grace, mercy, and peace from our God and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed, its evil divisions and hatreds. Let us confess our share of what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for all people.

Please kneel as you are able. After a brief silence, all say

MOST MERCIFUL GOD, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend who we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop Almighty God, have mercy upon us, ✠ pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Congregation stands as able and the Choir sings

THE PRECES

Martin Neary (1940-2025)

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.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
R. 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 46

Deus noster refugium Chant: *after* Martin Luther (1483-1546)

GOD IS OUR REFUGE and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
4 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.

6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.
7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
8 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on the earth.
10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
12 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

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

Micah 4:1-4

IN DAYS TO COME, the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

The Choir then sings

MAGNIFICAT

A. Herbert Brewer (1865-1928) *in D*

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.

Please stand as you are able.

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

Ephesians 6:10-16

BE STRONG IN THE LORD and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

The Choir then sings

Nunc dimittis

Brewer in D

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.

Please stand as you are able.

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 say together

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 Lord's Prayer

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Bishop 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

Bishop O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;
People **And grant us thy salvation.**

Bishop O Lord, save the State;
People **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Bishop Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
People **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Bishop O Lord, save thy people;
People **And bless thine inheritance.**

Bishop Give peace in our time, O Lord;
People **Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**

Bishop O God, make clean our hearts within us;
People **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

The Collects

For a more just World

GRANT, O GOD, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

For Those Serving in the Armed Forces

ALMIGHTY GOD, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all individuals of our armed forces and first responders, wherever they may serve. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

For Continuing Care

LOOK WITH MERCY, ALMIGHTY GOD, on all veterans and first responders experiencing weakness, distress, or isolation. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help; and, as their strength diminishes, increase their faith and their assurance of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

For Peace

LORD, MAKE US INSTRUMENTS OF YOUR PEACE. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. ***Amen.***

Please join in singing the hymn on the following page.

Hymn 597

Jerusalem



Words Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)
Music *Jerusalem,* C.H.H. Parry (1848-1918)

The Homily

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

During the following anthem sung by the Choir, an offering is graciously received to benefit Veterans care organizations.

Anthem

C. Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)
from Songs of Farewell

MY SOUL, there is a country far beyond the stars,
Where stands a wingèd sentry all skillful in the wars:

There, above noise and danger, Sweet Peace sits crown'd with smiles,
And One born in a manger commands the beauteous files.

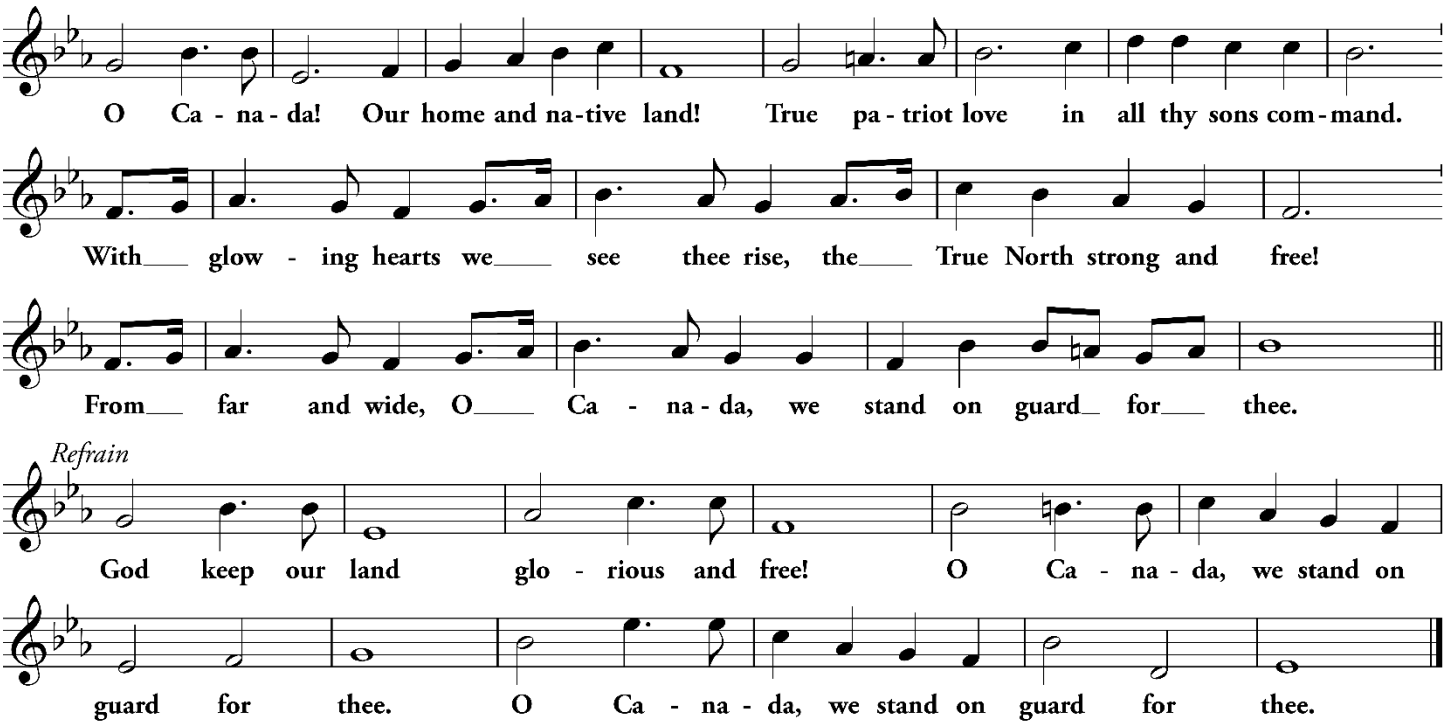
He is thy gracious Friend, and — O my soul, awake!
Did in pure love descend to die here for thy sake.

If thou canst get but thither, there grows the flower of Peace,
The Rose that cannot wither, thy fortress, and thy ease.

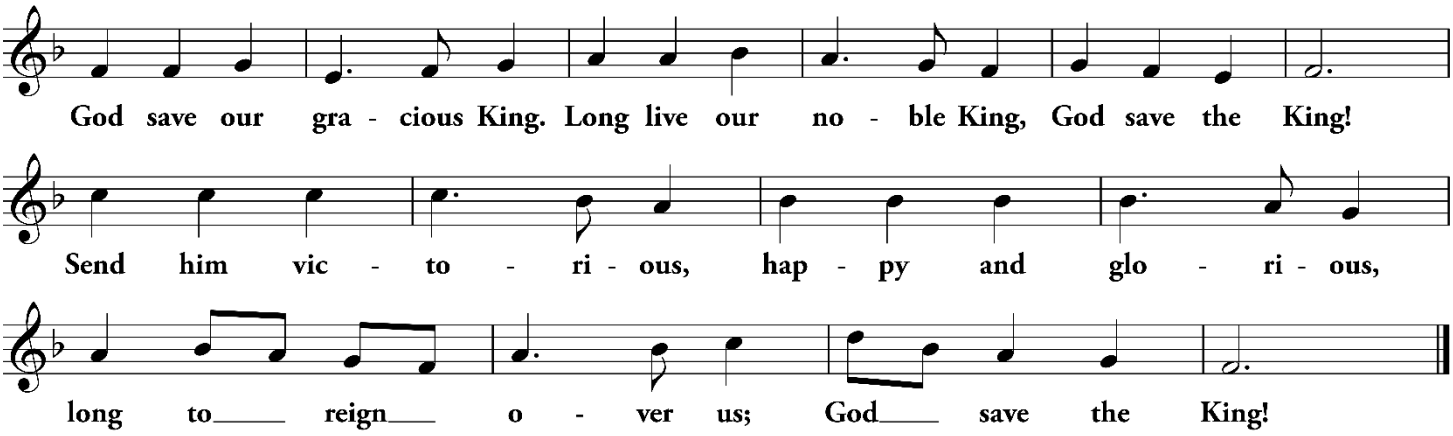
Leave then thy foolish ranges; for none can thee secure
But One who never changes — Thy God, thy life, thy cure. Henry Vaughan (1621-1695)

Please stand as you are able. The Canadian, British, and American flags are presented and all sing,

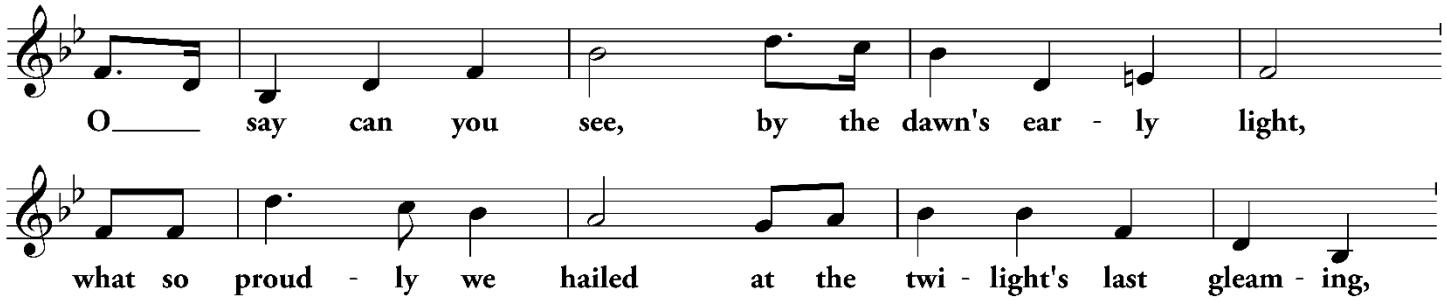
The National Anthem of Canada



The National Anthem of the United Kingdom



The National Anthem of the United States



Continued.



The Congregation is asked to remain standing, as able, for the Act of Remembrance.

The bugler then sounds "Last Post" and "Taps" in honor of those individuals who served their countries but are no longer with us.

All are then asked to observe two minutes of silence to reflect and remember. The silence is broken with the Commonwealth "Rouse" and the U.S. "Reveille" as a reminder that tomorrow is a new day, and the best way to continue to honor those who have served is to continue living in the spirit of freedom and democracy that they helped protect.

The presented colors retire.

The Collect for Remembrance

The Bishop says the following,

O GOD, whose divine care reacheth to the uttermost parts of the earth: We humbly beseech thee graciously to behold and bless those whom we love, now absent from us. Defend them from all dangers of soul and body; and grant that both they and we, drawing nearer to thee, may be bound together by thy love in the communion of thy Holy Spirit, and in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The piper plays "Amazing Grace."

The Blessing

The Bishop offers a blessing and the People respond,

Amen.

At the Procession, Hymn 579

Melita



Words Sts. 1 *&* 4, William Whiting (1825-1878), alt.; Sts.. 2-3, Robert Nelson Spencer (1877-1961), alt.
Music *Melita*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

In this Evening's Liturgy

Officiant	The Right Reverend Dr. Bonnie A. Perry
Homilist	The Very Reverend Joseph C. Alsay
Verger	Clement Prabakaran
Crucifer	Emery Dumas
Lector	The Reverend Deacon Mike Stutso
Ushers	Nancy *&* John Swearingen, Bob Prout, Danny Cox
Technology	Alan Cooper, Florence Williams

Participating in the Procession are members of
The Daughters of the American Revolution
The Sons of the American Revolution
The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War
The Revolutionary War Color Guard

The Cathedral Choir is under the direction of Canon Jeremy David Tarrant, *Organist & Choirmaster*, and David Heinze, *Associate Organist*

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 on Saints' Days and in Easter season), follows. The Choir then sings the first of the traditional Evening Canticles, the *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). The *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 one of our choirs is offered on the Second and Fourth Sundays of the month. There are occasional exceptions to this pattern.

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, Organist & Choirmaster: (313) 833-7547 or jtarrant@detroitcathedral.org.*

THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT
Psallam et spiritu mente

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.
- A brief, **informal try-out** assesses a child's readiness for the program.
- Children showing a strong commitment to the Choir are eligible for **reduced-tuition piano lessons and summer camps.**

Visit us on the web at www.detroitcathedral.org/choir-school ***or scan the QR Code!***



Cathedral Windows

News • Announcements • Opportunities to Serve

The next Music @ Mid-Day Concert – Friday, November 13, 12:30 p.m. We look forward to welcoming Cathedral parishioner and accomplished pianist/composer **Wes Fishwick** for our next Music @ Mid-Day Concert. He will play a set of five Intermezzi by Johannes Brahms and will be joined by violinist Melody Wootton for his own composition *Sonatina for Violin & Piano.* 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*

Reflections Light Show: Nov. 13, 8:00 p.m. Age of Reflections returns to Detroit and we welcome them back to the Cathedral. Come experience the sights and sounds of artist William Basinski in our beautiful worship space: November 13 with doors opening at 7:00 p.m. Tickets available at: *www.ageofreflections.com* or by scanning the QR code on the Digital Bulletin Board in the Gallery Hallway. Questions? Please contact the Cathedral Office at 313.833.4409.

New Lectors Training: November 15 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.

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 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. 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!

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