



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 12, 2025, 4 p.m.

Choral Evensong with Holy Eucharist

Welcome: *Whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-time member, we are honored to worship with you today. If you are searching for a church home, we would love to tell you more about this congregation and to learn more about you. Fill out a visitor card found in the back of the pew in front of you, drop it in the offering plate, and we'll be in conversation with you this week. Above all, please know that this is your Cathedral, and all are welcome.*

Choral Evensong is a service of readings from the Bible and prayers for the evening, almost entirely led by the Trinity Choir on behalf of the congregation. A very brief service of Holy Communion is celebrated afterwards for those who wish to receive the Bread and Wine.

PRELUDE

ARABESQUE, OP. 31, NO. 15

Louis Vierne

All stand.

OPENING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

BCP 61

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the people

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling or standing

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Officiant alone stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

All stand.

PRECES *Sung by the Officiant and the choir*

Richard Ayleward

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

All sit.

PSALM 111 *Confitebor tibi*

Gerald Knight

I*will give thanks unto the LORD with my whole heart, *
secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.*

*The works of the LORD are great, * sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.*

*His work is worthy to be praised and had in honour, * and his righteousness endureth for ever.*

*The merciful and gracious LORD hath so done his marvellous works, *
that they ought to be had in remembrance.*

*He hath given meat unto them that fear him; * he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.*

*He hath showed his people the power of his works, * that he may give them the heritage of the
heathen.*

*The works of his hands are verity and judgment; * all his commandments are true.*

*They stand fast for ever and ever, * and are done in truth and equity.*

*He sent redemption unto his people; *
he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and reverend is his Name.*

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; his praise endureth for ever.*

*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.*

Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD; * he hath great delight in his commandments.
 His seed shall be mighty upon earth; * the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.
 Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house; * and his righteousness endureth for ever.
 Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness; * he is merciful, loving, and righteous.
 A good man is merciful, and lendeth; * and will guide his words with discretion.
 For he shall never be moved: * and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.
 He will not be afraid of any evil tidings; * for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the LORD.
 His heart is stablished, and will not shrink, * until he see his desire upon his enemies.
 He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor. * and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his
 horn shall be exalted with honour.
 The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him; * he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume
 away; the desire of the ungodly shall perish.
 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.

Praise the LORD, ye servants; * O praise the Name of the LORD.
 Blessed be the Name of the LORD * from this time forth for evermore.
 The LORD's Name is praised * from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.
 The LORD is high above all nations, * and his glory above the heavens.
 Who is like unto the LORD our God, that hath his dwelling so high, * and yet humbleth himself
 to behold the things that are in heaven and earth!
 He taketh up the simple out of the dust, * and lifteth the poor out of the mire;
 That he may set him with the princes, * even with the princes of his people.
 He maketh the barren woman to keep house, * and to be a joyful mother of children.
 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.

In the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah
 from the LORD: Take a scroll and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you
 against Israel and Judah and all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of

Josiah until today. It may be that when the house of Judah hears of all the disasters that I intend to do to them, all of them may turn from their evil ways, so that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

Then Jeremiah called Baruch son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote on a scroll at Jeremiah's dictation all the words of the LORD that he had spoken to him. And Jeremiah ordered Baruch, saying, 'I am prevented from entering the house of the LORD; so you go yourself, and on a fast day in the hearing of the people in the LORD's house you shall read the words of the LORD from the scroll that you have written at my dictation. You shall read them also in the hearing of all the people of Judah who come up from their towns. It may be that their plea will come before the LORD, and that all of them will turn from their evil ways, for great is the anger and wrath that the LORD has pronounced against this people.' And Baruch son of Neriah did all that the prophet Jeremiah ordered him about reading from the scroll the words of the LORD in the LORD's house.

In the fifth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, in the ninth month, all the people in Jerusalem and all the people who came from the towns of Judah to Jerusalem proclaimed a fast before the LORD. Then, in the hearing of all the people, Baruch read the words of Jeremiah from the scroll, in the house of the LORD, in the chamber of Gemariah son of Shaphan the secretary, which was in the upper court, at the entry of the New Gate of the LORD's house.

All stand.

HYMN 470

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

Beecher

All sit.

MAGNIFICAT: THE SHORT SERVICE *sung by the choir*

Richard Ayleward

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. 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.

THE SECOND LESSON

LUKE 7:36-50

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment.

She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner.' Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Teacher,' he replied, 'speak.' 'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?' Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.' And Jesus said to him, 'You have judged rightly.' Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.' Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?' And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

NUNC DIMITTIS: THE SHORT SERVICE *sung by the choir*

Richard Ayleward

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. 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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED *intoned by the Officiant, sung by all, standing*

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 people stand or kneel.

The following are sung by the Officiant and the choir.

SALUTATION

Richard Ayleward

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Robert Stone

Choir Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

SUFFRAGES AND COLLECTS

Richard Ayleward

Officiant O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the State.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

A Collect for Aid against Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

All sit.

ANTHEM

DROP, DROP SLOW TEARS

Kenneth Leighton

*Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet,
which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace.*

*Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.*

*In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.*

Text by Phineas Fletcher

All stand.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP 71

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

BCP 72

HYMN 24

THE DAY THOU GAVEST, LORD, IS ENDED

St. Clement

For those who wish to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion, come up to the choir pews as you are able during the Offertory.

OFFERTORY

PRELUDE AND FUGUE IN C MINOR, BWV 549

Johann Sebastian Bach

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 340

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 337

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 339

THE DISMISSAL

PARTICIPATING THIS EVENING

Officiant The Rev. Hannah Hooker

Lector Jean Harper

Music Dr. Colin MacKnight, *Director of Music*
Katie Gunn, *Associate Director of Music*
Trinity Cathedral Schola

Notes on the notes: Today's anthem, Leighton's *Drop, drop slow tears* is part of a larger work for choir and organ called *Crucifixus pro nobis*. It is chosen for its relation to this evening's gospel reading.

Bach wrote the Prelude and Fugue in C minor, BWV 549 around 1705, when Bach was only 20 years old. The opening pedal solo is a good indicator of this; older Bach was less interested in these types of virtuosic displays. The work is also more improvisatory than later preludes and fugues; the fugue, in particular, is one of the least structured that he wrote. Overall, the piece gives the impression of a written out improvisation – albeit a very impressive and attractive one! – more than a thoroughly planned work.