



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 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

PASTORALE

Charles Wesley

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*

Philip Radcliffe

Officiant Oh 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.*

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

All sit.

PSALM 19 *Caeli enarrant*

C.H.H. Parry and G.C. Martin

T*he heavens declare the glory of God; * and the firmament sheweth his handy-work.
One day telleth another; * and one night certifieth another.*

*There is neither speech nor language; * but their voices are heard among them.*

*Their sound is gone out into all lands; * and their words into the ends of the world.*

*In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun; * which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his
chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.*

*It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again;
* and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.*

*The law of the LORD is an undefiled law, converting the soul; * the testimony of the LORD is sure,
and giveth wisdom unto the simple.*

*The statutes of the LORD are right, and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the LORD is
pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.*

*The fear of the LORD is clean, and endureth for ever; * the judgments of the LORD are true, and
righteous altogether.*

*More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; * sweeter also than honey, and
the honeycomb.*

*Moreover, by them is thy servant taught; * and in keeping of them there is great reward.*

*Who can tell how oft he offendeth? * O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.*

*Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me; * so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.*

*Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be always acceptable in thy sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.*

*Glory 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.*

PSALM 19 *Benedicam Dominum*

Derrick Cantrell

G*od is our hope and strength, * a very present help in trouble.
Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved, * and though the hills be carried
into the midst of the sea;*

*Though the waters thereof rage and swell, * and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God; * the holy place of the tabernacle
of the Most Highest.*

*God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed; * God shall help her, and that
right early.*

*The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved; * but God hath showed his voice,
and the earth shall melt away.*

*The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our refuge.*

*O come hither, and behold the works of the LORD, * what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.*

*He maketh wars to cease in all the world; * he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in
sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.*

*Be still then, and know that I am God: * I will be exalted among the nations¹, and I will be
exalted in the earth.*

*The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our refuge.*

*Glory 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.*

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.

Now the days drew near for Mattathias to die, and he said to his sons: 'Arrogance and scorn have now become strong; it is a time of ruin and furious anger. Now, my children, show zeal for the law, and give your lives for the covenant of our ancestors.'

All stand.

HYMN 701

JESUS, ALL MY GLADNESS

Jesu, meine Freude

All sit.

MAGNIFICAT: THE DORIAN SERVICE *sung by the choir*

Thomas Tallis

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 16:1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and

said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.” Then the manager said to himself, “What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.” So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?” He answered, “A hundred jugs of olive oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.” Then he asked another, “And how much do you owe?” He replied, “A hundred containers of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and make it eighty.” And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

‘Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’

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

Thomas Tallis

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.

All stand or kneel.

The following are sung by the Officiant and the choir.

SALUTATION

Philip Radcliffe

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

Philip Radcliffe

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

Philip Radcliffe

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

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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

CHRISTUS FACTUS EST

Anton Bruckner

*Christus factus est pro nobis obediens
usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.
Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum et dedit illi nomen,
quod est super omne nomen.*

Christ became obedient for us
even unto death, death on the cross.
Therefore God exalted Him and gave Him a name
which is above all names.

Text derived from Philippians 2:8-9

All stand.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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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

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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

RITORNELLO AND VARIATIONS ON LLANGLOFFAN (ABRIDGED)

Kathleen Turner

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. Charles Martin,
Associate Rector, St. Paul's Church, Fayetteville
Chaplain, St. Martin's University Center, Fayetteville

Assisting Clergy The Rev. Thomas Alexander, *Curate*

Lector Judy Barger

Music Kathleen Turner, *Guest Organist*
Trinity Cathedral Choir

Notes on the notes: Tallis lived and composed during a time of great religious and political instability in England. He worked for four different monarchs (Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary I, and Elizabeth I), each of whom had different opinions regarding liturgy and music's role in it. Tallis and his contemporaries were continually forced to adopt different styles and compositional techniques: simple vs. ornate, English vs. Latin, polyphonic (rhythmically independent parts, causing text to be less comprehensible) vs. homophonic (rhythmically joined parts, allowing text to be more easily understood), etc. One of Tallis's greatest strengths was his versatility; he excelled in all these styles and seemingly had no problem conforming to the whims of the monarch *du jour*.