



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost October 25, 2026, 4 p.m.

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.

CHORAL EVENSONG

THE PRELUDE

ANDANTE RELIGIOSO AND ALLEGRETTO
FROM SONATA IN B-FLAT, OP. 65, NO. 4

Felix Mendelssohn

All stand.

THE OPENING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

THE 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.

THE 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.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*Choir 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 103 *Benedic, anima mea.*

Ivor Atkins

Praise the LORD, O my soul; *
and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.

*Praise the LORD, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits:*

*Who forgiveth all thy sin, * and healeth all thine infirmities;*

*Who saveth thy life from destruction, *
and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;*

*Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, *
making thee young and lusty as an eagle.*

*The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment *
for all them that are oppressed with wrong.*

*He showed his ways unto Moses, * his works unto the children of Israel.*

*The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * longsuffering, and of great goodness.*

*He will not always be chiding; * neither keepeth he his anger for ever.*

*He hath not dealt with us after our sins; *
nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.*

*For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth; *
so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.*

*Look how wide also the east is from the west; * so far hath he set our sins from us.*

*Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children; *
even so is the LORD merciful unto them that fear him.*

*For he knoweth whereof we are made; * he remembereth that we are but dust.*

*The days of man are but as grass; * for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.*

*For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone; *
and the place thereof shall know it no more.*

*But the merciful goodness of the LORD endureth for ever and ever upon them
that fear him; * and his righteousness upon children's children;*

*Even upon such as keep his covenant, *
and think upon his commandments to do them.*

*The LORD hath prepared his seat in heaven, * and his kingdom ruleth over all.*

*O praise the LORD, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength; *
ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his word.*

*O praise the LORD, all ye his hosts; * ye servants of his that do his pleasure.*

*O speak good of the LORD, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: *
praise thou the LORD, O my soul.*

*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.*

Before you speak, learn; and before you fall ill, take care of your health. Before judgement comes, examine yourself; and at the time of scrutiny you will find forgiveness. Before falling ill, humble yourself; and when you have sinned, repent. Let nothing hinder you from paying a vow promptly, and do not wait until death to be released from it. Before making a vow, prepare yourself; do not be like one who puts the LORD to the test. Think of his wrath on the day of death, and of the moment of vengeance when he turns away his face. In the time of plenty think of the time of hunger; in days of wealth think of poverty and need. From morning to evening conditions change; all things move swiftly before the LORD.

One who is wise is cautious in everything; when sin is all around, one guards against wrongdoing. Every intelligent person knows wisdom, and praises one who finds her. Those who are skilled in words become wise themselves, and pour forth apt proverbs.

Do not follow your base desires, but restrain your appetites. If you allow your soul to take pleasure in base desire, it will make you the laughing-stock of your enemies. Do not revel in great luxury, or you may become impoverished by its expense. Do not become a beggar by feasting with borrowed money when you have nothing in your purse.

All stand.

HYMN 368

HOLY FATHER, GREAT CREATOR

Regent Square

All sit.

MAGNIFICAT: HIGH SERVICE *sung by the choir*

Richard Farrant

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.

Ispeak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Consider the people of Israel; are not those who eat the sacrifices partners in the altar? What do I imply then? That food sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be partners with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. Or are we provoking the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he? All things are lawful', but not all things are beneficial. 'All things are lawful', but not all things build up. Do not seek your own advantage, but that of others.

NUNC DIMITTIS: HIGH SERVICE *sung by the choir*

Richard Farrant

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 *said 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.

THE 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.*

THE 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

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

PRAYER OF THE VENERABLE BEDE

Richard Proulx

*Christus est Stella Matutina,
qui nocte saecum transacta lucem vita, luce,
sanctis promittit, et pandit aeternum.*

Christ is the Morning Star
who when the night of this world is past,
he gives to his saints the promise of the light of life,
and opens everlasting day.

Text: Found on the wall of Galilee Chapel, Durham Cathedral

Soloist: Stephanie Smittle

All stand.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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 DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE CONCLUDING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

HYMN 518

CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION

Westminster Abbey

THE POSTLUDE

‘LITTLE’ FUGUE IN G MINOR, BWV 578 *Johann Sebastian Bach*

PARTICIPATING THIS EVENING

Officiant The Rev. Thomas Alexander, *Associate Rector*

Lector Barry Coplin

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

Notes on the notes: Mendelssohn’s organ sonatas have their genesis in a commission for a set of organ “voluntaries” by the English publisher Coventry & Hollier. Mendelssohn drafted a number of these pieces, but eventually decided to rework them into six groups of works which he called “sonatas,” even though the pieces are not strictly speaking in sonata form. Mendelssohn likely thought that labeling them with this more familiar term would improve their sales, particularly on the continent, where the term “voluntary” would not be as familiar as in England.