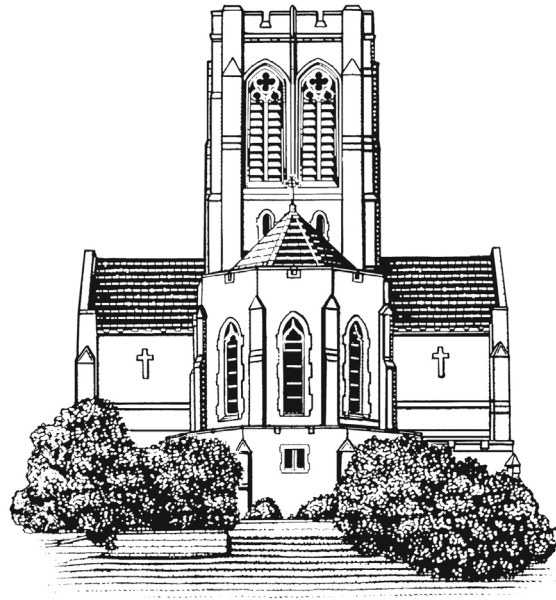




The CATHEDRAL of
ST. PHILIP
SERVING ATLANTA AND THE WORLD

The Eve of the Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist, observed

20 September 2026

Evensong ✕ 4:00 P.M.

The Holy Communion ✕ 5:00 P.M.

The Reverend Canon George M. Maxwell, Jr., Officiant & Preacher
The Cathedral Schola

One of the jewels of the Anglican tradition, Choral Evensong is the English Reformation's fusion of the ancient evening prayer services of Vespers and Compline. "In quires and places where they sing" the service is customarily offered according to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, whose texts for the canticles – Magnificat and Nunc dimittis – and most of the prayers (Latin, "Preces") were first published in 1549 and are translations from the still more ancient Latin and Sarum rites for the Daily Offices. Over nearly five centuries, Evensong has both inspired worshippers and moved composers to create one of the largest corpuses of sacred music in the English language, music that enlightens our experience of God at the Cathedral of St. Philip week by week.

The congregation sings the hymns and joins in silently as the choir offers music in praise of God and in prayer on behalf of the world and the Church universal. Following the formal close of Evensong, an intimate "liturgy of the table" is offered at the high altar for those who wish to stay to receive Holy Communion.

All stand for
The Procession

The Opening Sentences

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

All stand as the Choir sings

The Preces and Responses

setting: Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

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.

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.

Candles are lit as all sing the

Office Hymn: 232

music: Nyland, Finnish folk melody; adapt. David Evans (1874-1948)

words: Horatio Bolton Nelson (1823-1913), ver. Hymnal 1982

By all your saints still — striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,
We praise you, Lord, for — Mat - thew, whose gos - pel words de - clare
Then let us praise the — Fa - ther and wor - ship God the Son

4
your ho - ly Name, O — Je - sus, for ev - er - more be blessed.
that, world - ly gain for - sak - ing, your path of — life we share.
and sing to God the — Spi - rit, e - ter - nal — Three in One,

8
You rose, our King vic - to - rious, that they might wear the crown
From all un - right - eous mam - mon, O raise our eyes a - new,
till all the ran - somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne

12
and ev - er shine in — splen - dor re - flect - ed — from your throne.
that we, what - e'er our — sta - tion, may rise and fol - low you.
a - scribe all power and — glo - ry and praise to — God a - lone.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.
Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.
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 LESSONS

The Lesson

2 Timothy 3:14-17

Lector A Lesson from The Second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Lector Here ends the lesson.

All stand for

The Magnificat

music: John Blow (1649-1708), Short Service No. 4 in F
words: Song of Mary, Luke 1:46-55; & Gloria Patri

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.

All sit for

The Second Lesson

Matthew 9:9-13

Lector A Lesson from The Gospel of Matthew.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

Lector Here ends the lesson.

All stand for

The Nunc Dimittis

music: John Blow (1649-1708), Short Service No. 4 in F
words: Song of Simeon, Luke 2:29-32; & Gloria Patri

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.

All sing

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 PRAYERS

The Choir sings

The Preces and Responses

setting: Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

All stand or kneel

V. Let us pray.

R. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us:

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. O Lord, save the State:

R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness:

R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. O Lord, save thy people:

R. And bless thine inheritance.

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord:
R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.
V. O God, make clean our hearts within us:
R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

A Collect

We thank thee, heavenly Father, for the witness of thine apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of thy Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; 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 for

The Anthem after the Third Collect

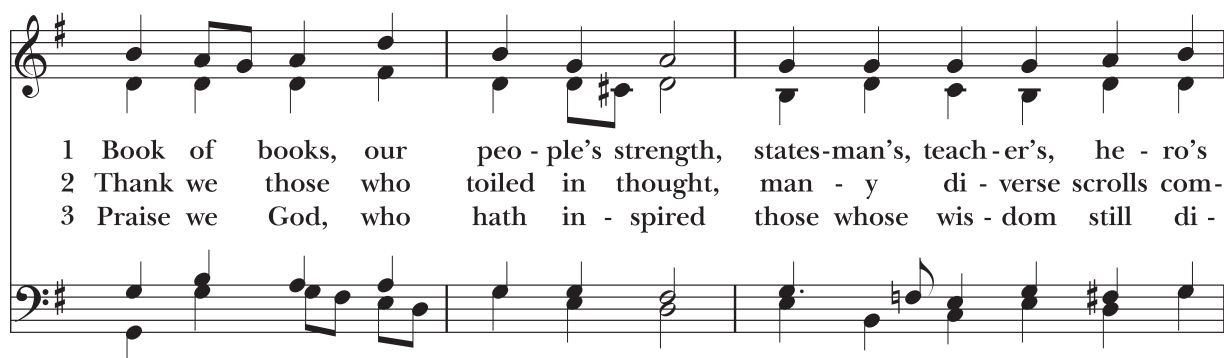
music: William Byrd (1539/1540-1623), Teach me, O Lord
words: Psalm 119:33-38; & Gloria Patri

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law: yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein is my desire. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies: and not to covetousness. O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity: and quicken thou me in thy way. O stablish thy word in thy servant: that I may fear thee. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

All stand to sing

The Meditation Hymn: 63 I

music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673), alt;
Das grosse Cantional oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch, 687; harm. George Herbert Palmer 1856-1926)
words: Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)



1 Book of books, our peo - ple's strength, states-man's, teach - er's, he - ro's
2 Thank we those who toiled in thought, man - y di - verse scrolls com-
3 Praise we God, who hath in - spired those whose wis - dom still di -



tre - sure, bring - ing free - dom, spread - ing truth,
plet - ing, po - ets, pro - phets, schol - ars, saints,
rects us; praise him for the Word made flesh,



shed - ding light that none can mea - sure: wis - dom comes to
each a word from God re - peat - ing; till they came, who
for the Spi - rit which pro - tects us. Light of know - ledge,



those who know thee, all the best we have we owe thee.
told the sto - ry of the Word, and showed his glo - ry.
ev - er burn - ing, shed on us thy death - less learn - ing.

All sit for

The Meditation

Canon Maxwell

The Offertory Sentence

Anthem at the Offering

music: Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548-1611), O quam gloriosum

*O quam gloriosum est regnum,
in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes Sancti!
Amicti stolis albis, sequuntur Agnum
quocumque ierit.*

O how glorious is the kingdom
where all the Saints rejoice with Christ!
Clothed in white robes, they follow the Lamb
wheresoever He goes.

All stand or kneel for

The Intercessions

All stand or kneel to pray

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant Let us pray.

All Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord
to make our common supplication unto thee,
and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son
that when two or three are gathered together in his Name
thou wilt be in the midst of them:
Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants
as may be best for us;
granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth,
and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

The Grace

All sit for

The Parish Notices

All stand to sing

The Closing Hymn: 235

music: Ach Gott, vom Himmelreiche, melody Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

words: Latin, 12th cent.; tr. Jackson Moss (1833-1889), alt.



1 Come sing, ye choirs ex - ult - ant, those mes - sen - gers of God,
2 In one har - mo - nious wit - ness the chos - en four com - bine,
3 Four - square on this foun - da - tion the Church of Christ re - mains,



through whom the liv - ing Gos - pels came sound - ing all a - broad!
while each his own com - mis - sion ful - fills in ev - ery line;
a house to stand un - shak - en by floods or winds or rains.



Whose voice pro - claimed sal - va - tion that poured up - on the night,
as, in the pro - phet's vi - sion from out the am - ber flame
How blest this ha - bi - ta - tion of gos - pel li - be - rty,



and drove a - way the sha - dows, and filled the world with light.
in mys - tic form and im - age four liv - ing crea - tures came.
where with a ho - ly peo - ple God dwells in U - ni - ty.

Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; *
praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him for his mighty acts; *
praise him for his excellent greatness.
Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; *
praise him with lyre and harp.
Praise him with timbrel and dance; *
praise him with strings and pipe.
Praise him with resounding cymbals; *
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
Let everything that has breath *
praise the LORD. Hallelujah.
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.

Those who wish to remain for Holy Communion may move to the front of the Nave.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Reverend Canon George M. Maxwell, Jr., *Celebrant*

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP, p. 340

The musical notation is arranged in four staves, alternating between the Celebrant and the People. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant, followed by the People, then the Celebrant, and finally the People.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People
It is meet and right so to do.

The Sanctus: S 114

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Service music (indicated by "S" numbers) is found at the front of the Hymnal.

After the Sanctus, all may kneel or stand.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Communion

All may receive the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist. At the altar, stand or kneel and receive the bread (a wafer) in the palm of your hand. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Receive the wine either by drinking from the cup (guiding it to your lips) or by touching the wafer lightly to the wine. If you desire to receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest. If you need the priest to bring Communion to you in your pew, please let an usher know.

The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP, p. 339

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God,
we most heartily thank thee
for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,
so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

All sing

The Processional: Hymn 632

music: Munich, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningisches Gesangbuch*, 1693;
adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1807–1847)
words: William Walsham How (1823–1897), alt.

1 O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di - vine,
3 O make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of old;

we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip - ture's page,
It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,
O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

The Dismissal

Celebrant
All

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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