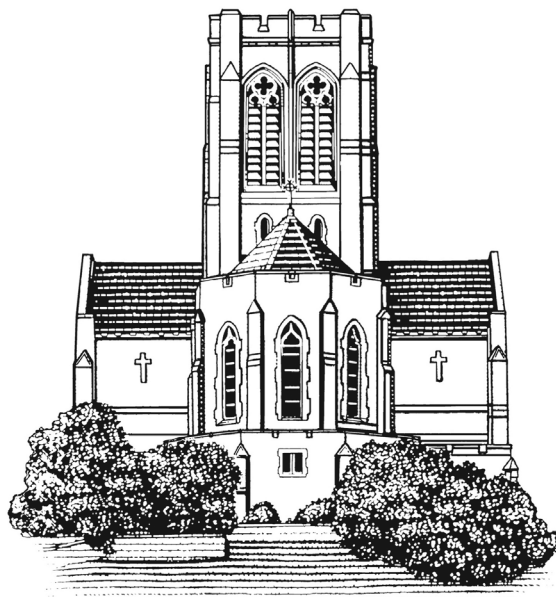




The CATHEDRAL of
ST. PHILIP
SERVING ATLANTA AND THE WORLD

The Feast of Lancelot Andrewes, observed

27 September 2026
Evensong ✕ 4:00 P.M.

The Very Reverend Samuel G. Candler, 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 in the Good Faith Chapel 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: Robert W. Lehman (b. 1960) in A flat

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.

Candles are lit as all sing the
Office Hymn: 390

*music: Lobe den Herren, melody from Erneuerten Gesangbuch, 1665;
harm. The Chorale Book for England, 1863
words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680), trans. Hymnal 1940, alt.*

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

All sit while the Choir sings

Psalm 63:1-7

Anglican chant: Ivor A. Atkins (1869-1953)
 BCP, p. 670

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
 my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
 as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
 that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
 my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live *
 and lift up my hands in your Name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
 and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed, *
 and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper, *
 and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

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

Isaiah 11:1-9

Lector A Lesson from The Book of Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

Lector Here ends the lesson.

All stand for

The Magnificat

music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924) in A
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

Luke 11:1-4

Lector A Lesson from The Gospel of Luke.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him,
“Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

Lector Here ends the lesson.

All stand for

The Nunc Dimittis

music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924) in A
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: Robert W. Lehman (b. 1960) in A flat

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

Almighty God, who gavest thy servant Lancelot Andrewes the gift of thy holy Spirit and made him a man of prayer and a faithful pastor of thy people: Perfect in us what is lacking of thy gifts, of faith, to increase it, of hope, to establish it, of love, to kindle it, that we may live in the life of thy grace and glory; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same 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: John Rutter (b. 1945), Open thou mine eyes
words: Lancelot Andrewes (1555-1626)

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see:
incline my heart and I shall desire:
order my steps and I shall walk
in the ways of thy commandments.

O Lord God, be thou to me a God
and beside thee let there be none else,
no other, nought else with thee.

Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee
according to thy commandments,
in truth of spirit, in reverence of body,
in blessing of lips, in private and in public.

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see:
incline my heart and I shall desire:
order my steps and I shall walk
in the ways of my commandments.

All stand to sing

The Meditation Hymn: 698

music: Flentge, Carl Flentge Schalk (1919-2021)

words: Frank von Christerson (1900-1996), rev.



1 E - ter - nal Spi - rit of the liv - ing Christ,
2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;
3 Come with the vi - sion and the strength I need



I know not how to ask or what to say;
help me to see your pur - pose and your will—
to serve my God, and all hu - man - i - ty;



I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,
where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;
ful - fill - ment of my life in love out - poured—



and on - ly you can teach me how to pray.
held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.
my life in you, O Christ, your love in me.

All sit for

The Meditation

Dean Candler

The Offertory Sentence

Anthem at the Offering

music: Chase Loomer (b. 1996), Abide with me
words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see.
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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: 636

music: Foundation, melody from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844

words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt.



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

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 Good Faith Chapel.

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