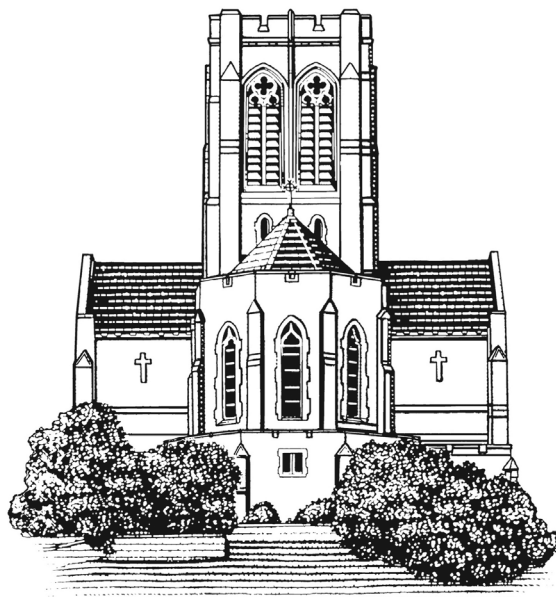




The CATHEDRAL of
ST. PHILIP
SERVING ATLANTA AND THE WORLD

The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi

4 October 2026

Evensong ✕ 4:00 P.M.

The Reverend Canon Salmoon Bashir, Officiant & Preacher
The Cathedral Choir

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: Jessica French (b. 1984)

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: 407

music: Lukkason, Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)
words: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. Howard Chandler Robbins (1876-1952), alt.

Introduction



1 Most High, om - ni - po - tent, good Lord, to thee be
2 (My Lord be) praised by bro - ther sun who through the
3 (My Lord be) praised by sis - ter moon and all the
4 (By sis - ter) wa - ter be thou blessed, most hum - ble,
5 (By mo - ther) earth my Lord be praised; gov - erned by
6 (My Lord be) praised by those who prove in free for -
7 (For death our) sis - ter, prais - ed be, from whom no
8 (Most High, om) - ni - po - tent, good Lord, to thee be



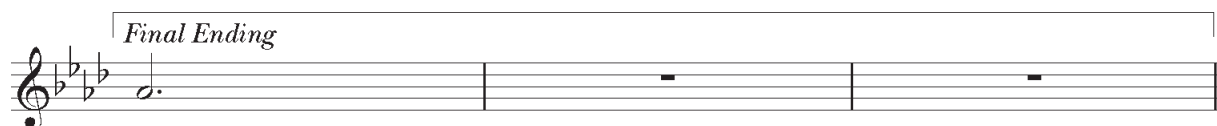
1 cease-less praise out - poured, and bless - ing with - out mea - sure.
2 skies his course doth run, and shines in bril - liant splen - dor:
3 stars, that with her soon will point the glit - tering hea - vens.
4 use - ful, pre - cious, chaste; be praised by bro - ther fire; _____
5 thee she hath up - raised what for our life is need - ful.
6 giv - ing - ness their love, nor shrink from trib - u - la - tion.
7 one a - live can flee. Woe to the un - pre - par - ed!
8 cease-less praise out - poured, and bless - ing with - out mea - sure.



1 From thee a - lone all crea - tures came; no one is
 2 with bright - ness he doth fill the day, and sig - ni -
 3 Let wind and air and cloud and calm and weath - ers
 4 joc - und is he, ro - bust and bright, and strong to
 5 Sus - tained by thee, through ev - ery hour, she bring - eth
 6 Hap - py, who peace - a - bly en - dure; with thee, Lord,
 7 But blest be they who do thy will and fol - low
 8 Let crea - tures all give thanks to thee, and serve in



1 wor - thy thee to name.	2 My Lord be
2 fies thy bound - less sway.	3 My Lord be
3 all, re - peat the psalm.	4 By sis - ter
4 light - en all the night.	5 By mo - ther
5 forth fruit, herb, and flower.	6 My Lord be
6 their re - ward is sure.	7 For death our
7 thy com - mand - ments still.	8 Most High, om -
8 great hu - mil - i - (ty.)	



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All sit while the Choir sings

Psalm 148

Anglican chant: David Willcocks (1919-2015)
BCP, p. 805

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

Mountains and all hills, *
 fruit trees and all cedars;
 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
 creeping things and wingèd birds;
 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
 princes and all rulers of the world;
 Young men and maidens, *
 old and young together.
 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
 for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, *
 the children of Israel, a people who are near him. 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.

THE LESSONS

The Lesson

Genesis 2:18-24

Lector A Lesson from The Book of Genesis.

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
 and flesh of my flesh;
 this one shall be called Woman,
 for out of Man this one was taken."

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Lector Here ends the lesson.

All stand for

The Magnificat

music: Alexander L'Estrange (b. 1974), New College Service
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 11:25-30

Lector A Lesson from The Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Lector Here ends the lesson.

All stand for

The Nunc Dimittis

music: Alexander L'Estrange (b. 1974), New College Service
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: Jessica French (b. 1984)

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

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant unto thy people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of thee delight in thy whole creation with perfectness of joy; 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 for

The Anthem after the Third Collect

music: Grayston Ives (b. 1948), The Canticle of Brother Sun
words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

Most High, Omnipotent Lord, all praise, all honour and glory be given to Thee, to Thee alone, most High, all praise belongs. Be praised, O Lord, for all thy works. For Brother Sun, whose brightness makes the light by which we see. For Sister Moon, whose beams were formed to shine so clear and bright. For Brother Wind, whose clouds and breezes blow across the land. For Sister Water, so precious, humble, lowly, chaste and pure. Be praised, O Lord, for all thy works. Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Fire, whose flames and light illuminate the night. Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Earth, for grass and plants and flowers and all our food. Be praised, my Lord, for all thy love bestowed on us. Bless those who walk the way of peace, in quiet to live. By thee, O Lord Most High, they shall be crowned. Be praised, O heavenly Lord, all praise and blessing and glory be given to you, with humblest thanks for all he's given you. Amen.

All stand to sing

The Meditation Hymn:

music: Green's View, Kenneth Miller (b. 1989)

words: Isaac Watts (1675-1748), alt.



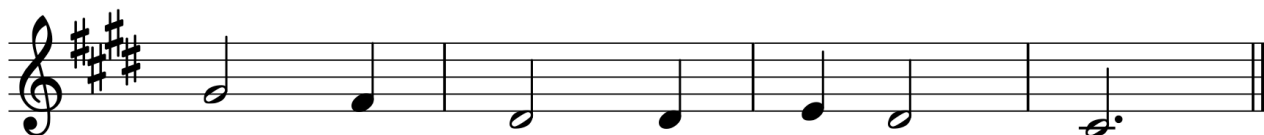
1. Na - ture with o - pen vol - ume stands
2. But in the grace that res - cued man
3. Here his whole Name ap - pears com - plete;
4. Oh, the sweet won - ders of that cross
5. I would for - ev - er speak his Name



to spread her Ma - ker's praise a - broad
his bright - est form of glo - ry shines;
nor wit can guess, nor rea - son prove
where Christ my Sa - vior loved and died!
in sounds to mor - tal ears un - known,



and ev - ery la - bor of his hands shows
here, on the cross, 'tis fair - est drawn in
which of the let - ters best is writ, the
Her no - blest life my spi - rit draws from
with an - gels join to praise the Lamb and



some - thing wor - thy of a God.
pre - cious blood and crim - son lines.
power, the wis - dom, or the love.
his dear wounds and bleed - ing side.
wor - ship at his Fa - ther's throne!

All sit for

The Meditation

Canon Bashir

The Offertory Sentence

Anthem at the Offering

music: Judith Weir (b. 1954), I love all beauteous things
words: Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

I love all beauteous things,
I seek and adore them;
God hath no better praise,
And man in his hasty days
Is honoured for them.

I too will something make
And joy in the making;
Altho' tomorrow it seem
Like the empty words of a dream
Remembered on waking.

I love, I seek and adore.

I love all beauteous things,
I seek and adore them;
God hath no better praise,
And man in his hasty days
Is honoured for them.

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

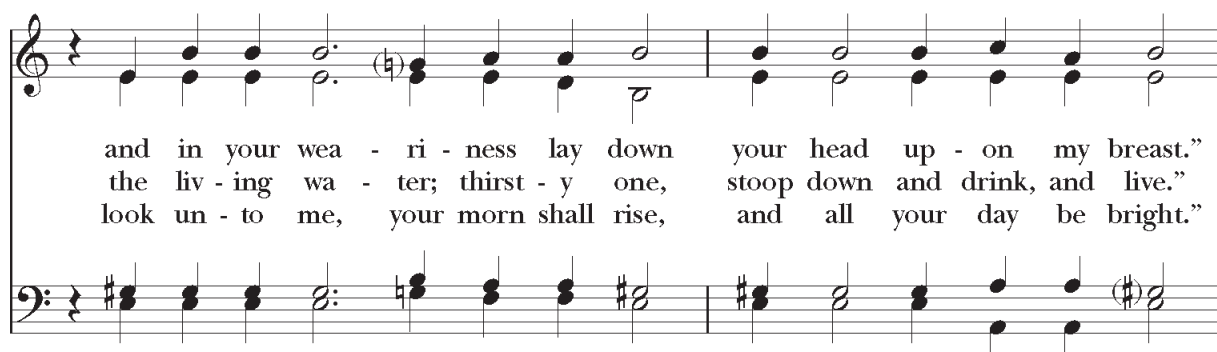
The Closing Hymn: 692

music: *The Third Tune*, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585); ed. John Wilson (1905-1992)

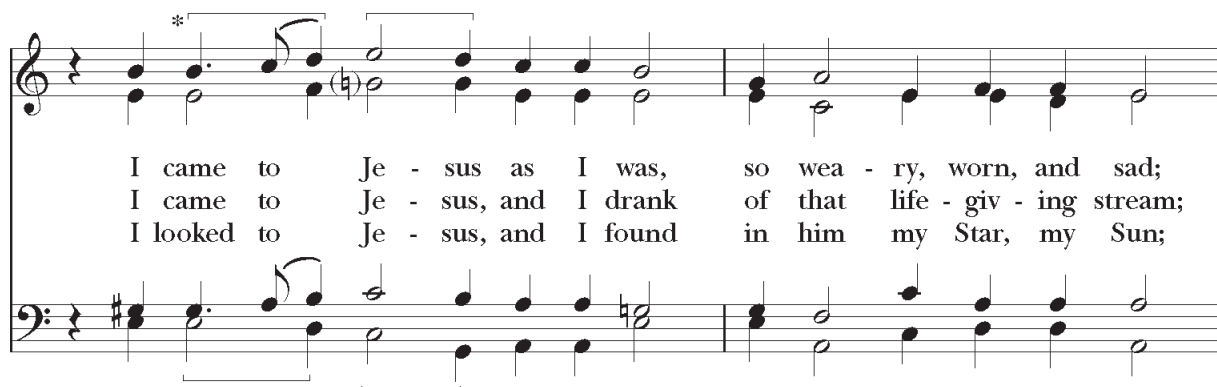
words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889), alt.



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



and in your wea - ri - ness lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink, and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;



I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till pil - grim days are done."

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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