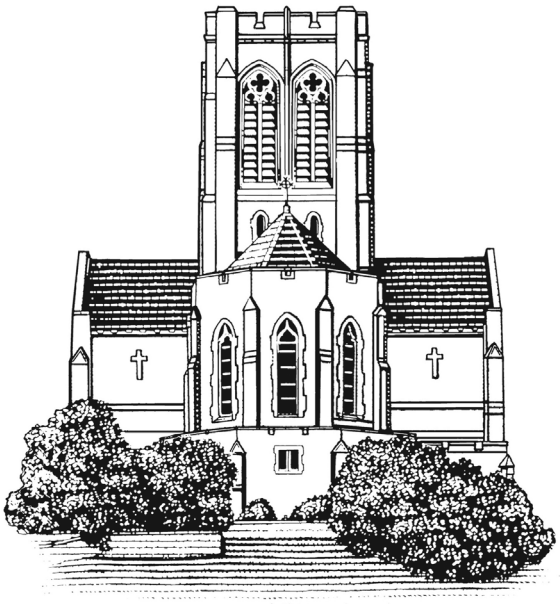


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ST. PHILIP
SERVING ATLANTA AND THE WORLD

The Feast of William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, observed

8 November 2026
Evensong ✠ 4:00 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.

All stand for
The Procession

The Opening Sentences

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand as the Choir sings
The Preces and Responses *setting: Jaakko Mäntyjärvi (b. 1963), Trinity Service*

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.

Please use the blue hymnals in the pews. Candles are lit as all sing the
Office Hymn: 31, "Most Holy God, the Lord of heaven" *Dunedin*

All sit while the Choir sings
Psalm 119:97-104 Anglican chant: David Hurd (b. 1950)
BCP, p. 771

Oh, how I love your law! *
all the day long it is in my mind.

Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, *
and it is always with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers, *
for your decrees are my study.

I am wiser than the elders, *
because I observe your commandments.

I restrain my feet from every evil way, *
that I may keep your word.

I do not shrink from your judgments, *
because you yourself have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste! *
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Through your commandments I gain understanding; *
therefore I hate every lying way.

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 First Lesson Exodus 22:21-27

Lector A Lesson from The Book of Exodus.

You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. You shall not abuse any widow or orphan. If you do abuse them, when they cry out to me, I will surely heed their cry; my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children orphans.
If you lend money to my people, to the poor among you, you shall not deal with them as a creditor; you shall not exact interest from them. If you take your neighbour's cloak in pawn, you shall restore it before the sun goes down; for it may be your neighbour's only clothing to use as cover; in what else shall that person sleep? And if your neighbour cries out to me, I will listen, for I am compassionate.

Lector Here ends the lesson.

All stand for

The Magnificat

music: Jaakko Mäntyjärvi (b. 1963), Trinity 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 John 1:1-14

Lector A Lesson from The Gospel of John.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.
He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.
And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Lector Here ends the lesson.

All stand for

The Nunc Dimittis

music: Jaakko Mäntyjärvi (b. 1963), Trinity 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: Jaakko Mäntyjärvi (b. 1963), Trinity Service*

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

O God of light and love, who illumined thy Church through the witness of thy servant William Temple: Inspire us, we pray, by his teaching and example, that we may rejoice with courage, confidence, and faith in the Word made flesh, and may be led to establish that city which has justice for its foundation and love for its law; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, 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: Herbert Howells (1892-1983), Thee will I love
words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930)

Thee will I love, my God and King;
Thee will I sing, my strength and tower;
Forevermore thee will I trust,
O God most just of truth and power,
Who all things hast in order placed,
Yea, for thy pleasure hast created;
And on thy throne, unseen, unknown,
Reignest alone in glory seated.

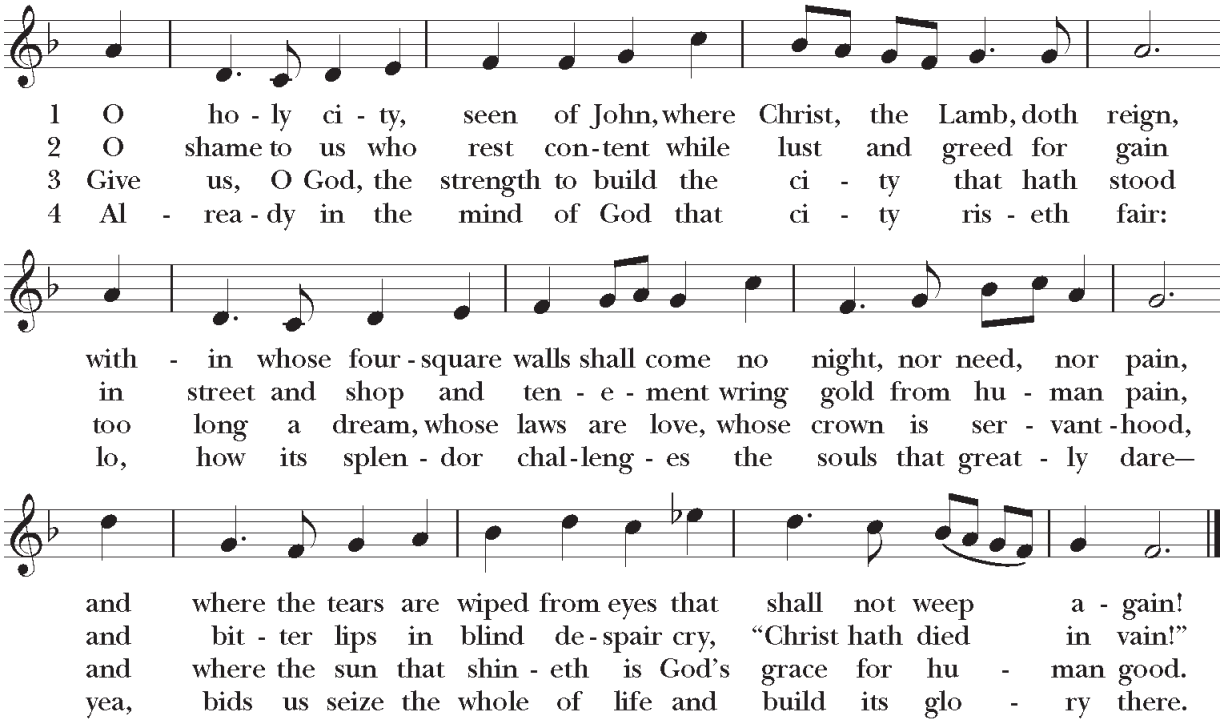
Set in my heart thy love I find;
My wandering mind to thee thou leadest;
My trembling hope, my strong desire
With heavenly fire thou kindly feedest.
Lo, all things fair thy path prepare;
Thy beauty to my spirit calleth,
Thine to remain, in joy or pain,
And count it gain whate'er befalleth.

O more and more thy love extend,
My life befriend with heav'nly pleasure,
That I may win thy Paradise,
Thy pearl of price, thy countless treasure.
Since but in thee I can go free
From earthly care and vain oppression,
This prayer I make for Jesu's sake,
That thou me take in thy possession.

All stand to sing

The Meditation Hymn: 582

music: Sancta Civitas, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)
words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969), alt.



All sit for

The Meditation Canon Maxwell

The Offertory Sentence

Anthem at the Offering

music: Edward C. Bairstow (1874-1946), Jesu, the very thought of Thee
words: St. Bernard (1090-1153), tr. E. Caswall (1814-1878)

Jesu, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;
but sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.

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
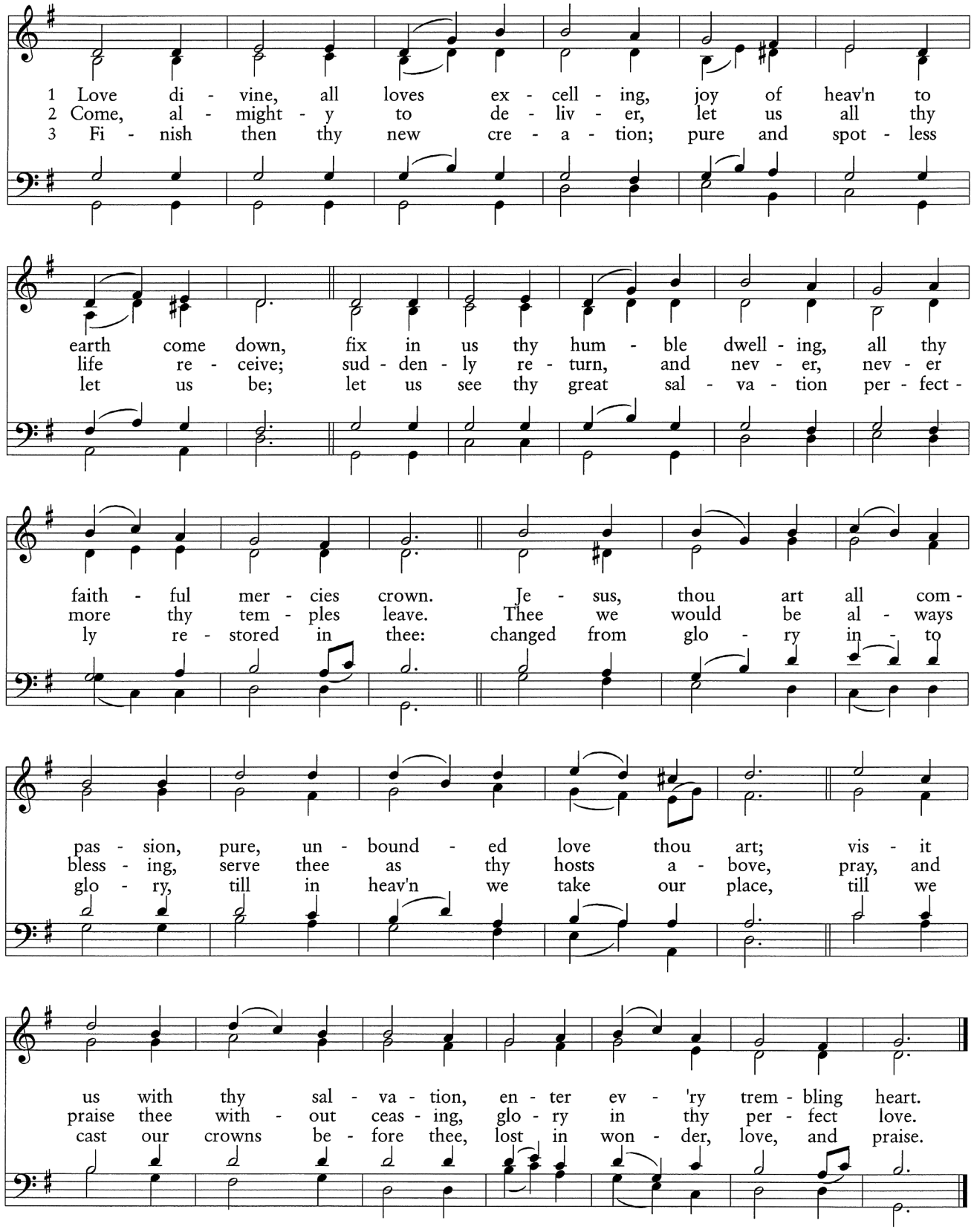
All sit for

The Parish Notices

All stand to sing

The Closing Hymn

music: Blaenwern, William P. Rowlands (1860-1937)
words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)



The Psalm in Procession: 150 Anglican chant: George S. Talbot (1875-1918)
BCP, p. 807

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.

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