

EVENSONG

February 23, 2025

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING



SUNG BY: THE CATHEDRAL CHORISTERS & CATHEDRAL SCHOLA

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We welcome all to this service. If you are here this evening to experience the service as a “sound bath” we invite you to find a space on the floor at the front of the south aisle (to the left), in the area with a rug. Please use the QR code on page 11 to make a contribution.

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As a courtesy to others, please silence electronic devices.

St. Paul's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on unceded Kumeyaay land. We value the knowledge, culture, and worldview of Indigenous people. We commit to the vital work of educating ourselves, increasing community awareness, and promoting reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbors. As we examine actions and practices that perpetuate harm against Indigenous communities, we pledge to work toward a meaningful and respectful relationship as we follow their example in honoring this sacred land. *Approved by the Cathedral Chapter, May 2023*

The people gather and prepare for worship during the following voluntary.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Brother James' Air
Dale Wood (1934-2003)

INTROIT

O nata lux
Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi, dignare clemens supplicum laudes precesque sumere. Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis, nos membra confer effici tui beati corporis.

O Light Incarnate, Light of Light, Jesus, Redeemer of the world, take thy supplicants praise, and in thy might and mercy hear the prayers they make. Thou who didst deign for lost mankind, to veil in flesh thy deity. As members of thy body, Lord, bind us to thy humanity.

¶ Please stand as you are able at the tolling of the bell.

OPENING SENTENCE (*Officiant*)

PRECES

John Sanders (1933-2003)

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.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

¶ Please remain standing as able for the hymn.

OFFICE HYMN 43

1 All praise to thee, my God, this night, for
 2 For - give me, Lord, for thy dear Son, the
 3 O may my soul on thee re - pose, and
 4 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
 all the bless - ings of the light: keep me, O keep me,
 ill that I this day have done; that with the world, my -
 with sweet sleep mine eye - lids close; sleep that shall me more
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
 King of kings, be - neath thine own al - might - y wings.
 self, and thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
 vi - gorous make to serve my God when I a - wake.
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at the distance of one measure.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711). Music: *The Eighth Tune*, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585); adapt. *Hymnal 1982*.

¶ *Please be seated.*

Psalm 145 *Exaltabo te, Deus.*

chant: Thomas Hanforth

I WILL magnify thee, O God my King, * and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.
 2 Every day will I give thanks unto thee, * and praise thy Name for ever and ever.
 3 Great is the Lord and marvelous worthy to be praised; * there is no end of his greatness.
 4 One generation shall praise thy works unto another * and shall declare thy power.
 5 As for me I will be talking of thy worship; * thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;
 6 So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvelous acts, * and I will also tell of thy
 greatness.
 7 The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed; * and men shall sing of thy
 righteousness.
 8 The Lord is gracious and merciful, * long-suffering and of great goodness.
 9 The Lord is loving unto every man; * and his mercy is over all his works.
 10 All thy works praise thee O Lord, * and thy saints give thanks unto thee.
 11 They shew the glory of thy kingdom; * and talk of thy power;
 12 That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom, * might be known unto men.
 13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, * and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.

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.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 66:7-14

The first reading is taken from the Hebrew Scriptures.

¶ *Please stand as you are able.*

MAGNIFICAT *in C*

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

The Magnificat is Mary's song (Luke 1:46-55) responding to the declaration that the child she is to bear will fulfill the promises of the Hebrew Scriptures.

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 forever.

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.

¶ *Please be seated.*

SECOND READING

John 10:7-16

The second reading is taken from the New Testament which tells of the life and teaching of Jesus and the witness of the early Church.

¶ *Please stand as you are able.*

NUNC DIMITTIS

Stanford

The Nunc Dimittis is the song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32) who, before he dies, sees the Infant Jesus and holds him in his arms.

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.

¶ Please remain standing.

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(led by the Officiant and choir)*

**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.**

SALUTATION

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LESSER LITANY (choir)

Sanders

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(led by the Officiant and choir)*

**Our Father, who 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 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 SUFFRAGES

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 COLLECTS

The Collect for the Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same 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 Mission

KEEP WATCH, DEAR LORD, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. **Amen.**

¶ Please be seated for the anthem.

Offerings at Evensong directly support ministries at the Cathedral. See page 11.

AT THE OFFERING, ANTHEM

Christ, whose glory fills the skies
Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.
Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return,

Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes and warm my heart.
Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom and sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

[Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)]

THE WELCOME

¶ Please stand as you are able.

CLOSING PRAYERS

DISMISSAL

The grace ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

¶ Please remain standing.

HYMN 375

Unison or harmony

1 Give praise and glo - ry un - to God, the Fa - ther of all bless - ing;
 2 The host of hea - ven prais - eth thee, O Lord of all do - min - ions;
 3 What God hath wrought to show his power he ev - er - more sus - tain - eth;

his might - y won - ders tell a - broad, his gra - cious - ness con -
 and mor - tals then, on land and sea, be - neath thy sha - dow - ing
 he watch - es o'er us ev - ery hour, his mer - cy nev - er

fess - ing. With balm my in - most heart he fills, his
 pin - ions, ex - ult in thy cre - a - tive might that
 wan - eth. Through all his king - dom's wide do - main, his

com - fort all my an - guish stills. To God be praise and glo - ry.
 do - eth all things well and right. To God be praise and glo - ry.
 right - eous - ness and jus - tice reign. To God be praise and glo - ry.

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Cantor Let us bless the Lord.
Choir Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Herr Christ, der einge Gottes-Sohn, BWV 601
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

If you choose not to remain for the Organ Voluntary, please leave quietly out of respect for those who would like to stay and pray for a while. Thank you.

You may give online now by using your phone's camera to scan the quick response code:



or text stpaulcathedral to 73256 using your cell phone. Thank you!

Today we celebrate Migration with Dignity Sunday

DIGNITY, NOT MASS DEPORTATION

An Urgent Statement of the Episcopal Migration Caucus
December 16, 2024

In the wake of calls for mass deportation of immigrants from the United States beginning in January of 2025, the Episcopal Migration Caucus entreats The Episcopal Church to redouble efforts toward protection and justice for persons who have migrated to the United States seeking safety and freedom. We call upon every Episcopalian to stand up for Gospel values and oppose and prepare for the incoming U.S. administration's planned mass deportations.

The Episcopal Migration Caucus, a new grassroots group of lay and ordained Episcopalians, feels deeply concerned about the devastating impacts mass detention and deportation will have on immigrant families and communities in The Episcopal Church and across the world.

We implore all Episcopalians to *take action now to prepare and protect immigrant families and communities*. We also invite all Episcopal communities and ministries to take part in the caucus's **Migration with Dignity Action Week in the season of Epiphany**, starting Monday, January 20, and culminating in a **Migration with Dignity Sunday** in parishes across the church (or observed another Sunday in Epiphany). Actions such as prayer vigils, protests at ICE/CBP offices and detention facilities, donation drives, educational events, and fundraisers are encouraged during the week of action and beyond. (Migration with Dignity Sunday liturgical resources and an MWD action toolkit are in development; [email the caucus](#) to receive materials when available.)

We believe that ALL Episcopal parishes, seminaries, and communities will be affected in some way by the sudden, sweeping removal of noncitizen immigrants. In recent years, the church has seen exponential growth in immigrant-based parishes and in dioceses in the Caribbean and Latin America. Noncitizens, both newly arrived and long-term residents, are essential to the fabric of our increasingly diverse church, serving as lay leaders, clergy, staff, seminarians, and seminary faculty. We know that Episcopalians work in law enforcement, the military, government, and prisons, and they face a greater risk of moral injury. We are concerned for all those who will be more vulnerable to harm, especially children in constant fear of separation from loved ones, deportation, or imprisonment.

Many caucus members, citizens and noncitizens alike, work directly with recently arrived immigrants in our Church's provincial, diocesan, and parish ministries. We count many new arrivals as well as long-term noncitizen families as friends, neighbors, fellow parishioners, and beloved clergy and teachers. Based on announced policy plans and our lived experience of the previous Trump administration, we expect to soon see a marked increase in immigration detention, lives uprooted, families broken apart, and communities further traumatized.

Specifically, we anticipate:

- increased racial profiling and collusion between local police and ICE,
- workplace, neighborhood, and even church and school raids,
- “collateral” arrests (including those with legal permanent residency [green cards]),
- rounding up noncitizens using local police forces and National Guard troops,
- the resumption of family separation at the U.S./Mexico border and in the interior,
- increased deaths near the border and in detention facilities,
- removal of Temporary Protected Status (TPS),
- increased criminalization of dissent, protest, and humanitarian efforts, and
- the jailing of immigrants (including women, children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities and infirmities) in private, for-profit detention centers, internment camps and local jails.

These are horrendous and unacceptable actualities that deny the dignity and basic human and constitutional rights entitled to every person on U.S. soil, regardless of immigration status. The Episcopal Church, at all levels, must preemptively strengthen and expand webs of support for migrating and deported persons across the entire church, worldwide. We suggest:

- deep listening to immigrants in every parish, ministry, and community, followed swiftly by actions to support their expressed needs in ways that align with [Migration with Dignity](#) principles, to which the church committed at the 81st General Convention,
- hosting or seeking out “know your rights” and community defender trainings,
- creating preparedness plans for churches, ministries, schools, seminaries, and workplaces,
- forming collaborative alliances with other faith-based and secular groups working to protect immigrants’ rights and dignity,
- educating congregations and organizing or participating in community events designed to dispel myths and foster understanding,
- developing sanctuary ministries, as encouraged [by General Convention resolution 2018-C009](#), or creating sanctuary spaces in church buildings (with legal counsel),
- creating or joining rapid response networks, such as one forming through the [Episcopal Migration Response Network](#),
- advocating for immigrant rights through The Episcopal Church’s [Office of Government Relations](#) and by asking your representatives to support bills like the [New Way Forward Act](#),
- contributing funds to legal aid organizations, bond funds, [Episcopal Migration Ministries](#), advocacy groups, and legal defense funds for movement organizers and protestors,
- strengthening ties between Episcopal dioceses in the U.S., dioceses in countries with large immigrant populations in the U.S., and Anglican partners around the world,
- providing legal and material support for persons anticipating or experiencing detention or deportation,
- offering pastoral care to all enmeshed in the immigration system, including employees, and
- documenting and reporting human and constitutional rights violations.

Resources for many of these actions and links to church policies that support them can be found on the [Episcopal Migration Ministries](#) and [Office of Government Relations](#) websites.

While we do not know for sure what will unfold in January and the coming years, we know that a “wait and see” approach will unnecessarily imperil beloved children of God. Together, we can take meaningful action *now* to save lives, keep families together, welcome newcomers, and build resilient communities.

We urge Episcopalians to shine the light of hope in three ways: PRAY, ACT, and ADVOCATE. PRAY for all migrants now at great risk; ACT to support migrants in our churches and communities; and ADVOCATE among local, state, national, and international governments to stop mass deportation and treat all with dignity. We summon all Christians to stand in solidarity with forced migrants in honor of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus, who depended on the mercy and care of neighbors in their perilous journey.

In the unlikely event of an emergency requiring us to evacuate the cathedral please follow the directions of the ushers and vergers and remain as quiet and calm as possible.

Please locate an exit nearest you.

The exit doors are:

- ❖ South porch doors at Nutmeg Street and Fifth Avenue*
- ❖ North porch doors to Fifth Avenue Courtyard*
- ❖ South transept east and west doors to Nutmeg Street*
- ❖ Northeast hallway door to Fifth Avenue breezeway*
- ❖ West chapel (to the left of chapel altar) stairs leading down to landing.*