

# EVENSONG

March 8, 2026

*THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT*

FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING



SUNG BY: THE 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 north aisle (to the left), in the area with a rug. Please use the QR code on page 10 to make a contribution.*

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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*

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ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Chant de Paix*  
Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

INTROIT

*Call to Remembrance*  
Richard Farrant (c. 1525-1580)

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies and Thy loving kindness which hath been ever of old.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth: But according to Thy mercy think Thou on me, O Lord, for Thy goodness.

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

OPENING SENTENCE (*Officiant*)

PRECES

John Bertalot (1931-2026)

*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 30

1 O Trin - i - ty of bless - ed light,  
2 To thee our morn - ing song of praise,  
3 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light,

O U - ni - ty of prince - ly might,  
to thee our eve - ning prayer we raise;  
to Christ re - vealed in earth - ly night,

the fier - y sun now goes his way;  
O grant us with thy saints on high  
to God the Ho - ly Ghost we raise

shed thou with - in our hearts thy ray,  
to praise thee through e - ter - ni - ty.  
our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Words: Latin, 6th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866). St. 3, Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. John Chandler (1806-1876).  
Music: *O lux beata Trinitas*, plainsong, Mode 8; acc. Alec Wyton (b. 1921).

¶ *Please be seated.*

I WILL always give thanks unto the LORD; \* his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD; \* the humble shall hear thereof and be glad.

3 O praise the LORD with me, \* and let us magnify his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD and he heard me; \* yea he delivered me out of all my fear.

5 They had an eye unto him and were lightened; \* and their faces were not ashamed.

6 Lo, the poor crieth and the LORD heareth him; \* yea and saveth him out of all his troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD tarrieth round about them that fear him, \* and delivereth them.

8 O taste and see how gracious the LORD is; \* blessed is that man that trusteth in him.

9 O fear the LORD ye that are his saints; \* for they that fear him lack nothing.

10 The lions do lack and suffer hunger; \* but they who seek the LORD shall want no manner of thing that is good.

11 Come ye children and hearken unto me; \* I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 What man is he that lusteth to live, \* and would fain see good days?

13 Keep thy tongue from evil, \* and thy lips that they speak no guile.

14 Eschew evil and do good; \* seek peace and ensue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD are over the righteous, \* and his ears are open unto their prayers.

16 The countenance of the LORD is against them that do evil, \* to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry and the LORD heareth them, \* and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, \* and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

19 Great are the troubles of the righteous; \* but the LORD delivereth him out of all.

20 He keepeth all his bones, \* so that not one of them is broken.

21 But misfortune shall slay the ungodly; \* and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

22 The LORD delivereth the souls of his servants; \* and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

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

Genesis 44:1-17

*The first reading is taken from the Hebrew Scriptures.*

¶ *Please stand as you are able.*

MAGNIFICAT

*in B-flat*

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

Romans 8:1-10

*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

*in B-flat*

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 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)*

Bertalot

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

**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.**

**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 Third Sunday in Lent

ALMIGHTY GOD, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 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 10.*

### AT THE OFFERING, Anthem

*O Crux Ave*  
Rihards Dubra (b.1964)

*O Crux ave, spes unica, hoc passionis  
tempore. Auge piis justitiam reisque dona  
veniam.*

O hail the cross our only hope in this  
passiontide. Grant increase of grace to  
pious and pardon to the condemned.

## 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 46

1 The du - teous day now clos - eth, each flower and tree re -  
2 Now all the heaven - ly splen - dor breaks forth in star-light  
3 Though long our mor - tal blind - ness has missed God's lov - ing -

pos - eth, shade creeps o'er wild and wood: let  
ten - der from myr - iad worlds un - known; and  
kind - ness and plunged us in - to strife; yet

us, as night is fall - ing, on God our Ma - ker  
we, this mar - vel see - ing, for - get our self - ish  
when life's day is o - ver, shall death's fair night dis -

call - ing, give thanks to him, the Giv - er good.  
be - ing for joy of beau - ty not our own.  
cov - er the fields of ev - er - last - ing life.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930) and others. Music: *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*, melody att. Heinrich Isaac (1450?-1517); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639*  
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.*

*The Friends of Cathedral Music* welcome you!

Please don't be a stranger—come by our greeter table to introduce yourself.

We have lots of information to share with you about:

- the music programs at St. Paul's
- our Cathedral choristers
- upcoming music events happening at the Cathedral
- other concerts where our singers are performing.

We look forward to meeting you!

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## LENT FORMATION OFFERINGS

Sunday Forum at 9 am, through March 22 in the Guild Room

### **“Seeking the Sacred in Our Day-to-Day World”**

The season of Lent calls upon us to enter into a period of self-examination in which we face, hopefully with honesty and compassion, the nature of our relationship with God and the sacred within our midst. What gives us life? What distracts us? What are we missing as we go about our busy lives, often on autopilot? During this Lenten forum series, utilizing the wisdom found in *An Altar in the World, A Geography of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor, as well as the wisdom of those present, the Rev. Canon Allisyn Thomas will help guide our exploration to help us understand “no physical act is too earthbound or too humble to become a path to the divine.” While it is not necessary to have a copy of the book, it will help deepen the exploration.

Thursday Book Study at 6:30 pm, five sessions starting February 26, via Zoom

**Trace: Memory, History, Race, and the American Landscape** by Lauret E. Savoy.

Through personal journeys and historical inquiry, this PEN Literary Award finalist explores how America’s still unfolding history and ideas of “race” have marked its people and the land. In distinctive and illuminating prose that is attentive to the rhythms of language and landscapes, she weaves together human stories of migration, silence, and displacement, as epic as the continent they survey, with uplifted mountains, braided streams, and eroded canyons. Gifted with this manifold vision, and graced by a scientific and lyrical diligence, she delves through fragmented histories—natural, personal, cultural—to find shadowy outlines of other stories of place in America.

Moderators from across the diocese will lead discussions via Zoom on Thursday nights from **6:30 to 8 pm, February 26-March 26**. [Sign up \(Click here\)](#)

Five session Inquirers’ Class, Tuesdays at 7 pm, in person, starting February 24

What is an Episcopalian?

If you are new to the Episcopal Church or would like a refresher, join the cathedral clergy for our Lent series of classes. Classes will be in person from 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Tuesday evenings February 24-March 24. This class will prepare you to come before Bishop Susan for confirmation, or reception into the Episcopal Church, or reaffirmation of your baptism, at the Great Vigil of Easter on April 4. The class will be video-based, so there is no printed text to purchase. For more information contact one of the clergy or [SIGN UP \(Click here\)](#)

For Personal Devotions

St. Paul’s Cathedral Daily Lenten Reflections. We will once again publish a booklet of reflections by members of the parish for each day of Lent, focusing on the Daily Office Scripture readings. Copies will be available in the porches starting on Ash Wednesday, or you can find the reflections on our website.

Stations of the Cross, Fridays at 6 pm

On Friday evenings of Lent we offer the ancient meditation of walking the Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral. This 40-minute service takes us on the journey from the condemnation of Jesus by Pontius Pilate to his final repose in the tomb provided by Joseph of Arimathea. You can find an online version of this meditation at [stpaulcathedral.org/lent/](http://stpaulcathedral.org/lent/)

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*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.*

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- ❖ 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.*



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