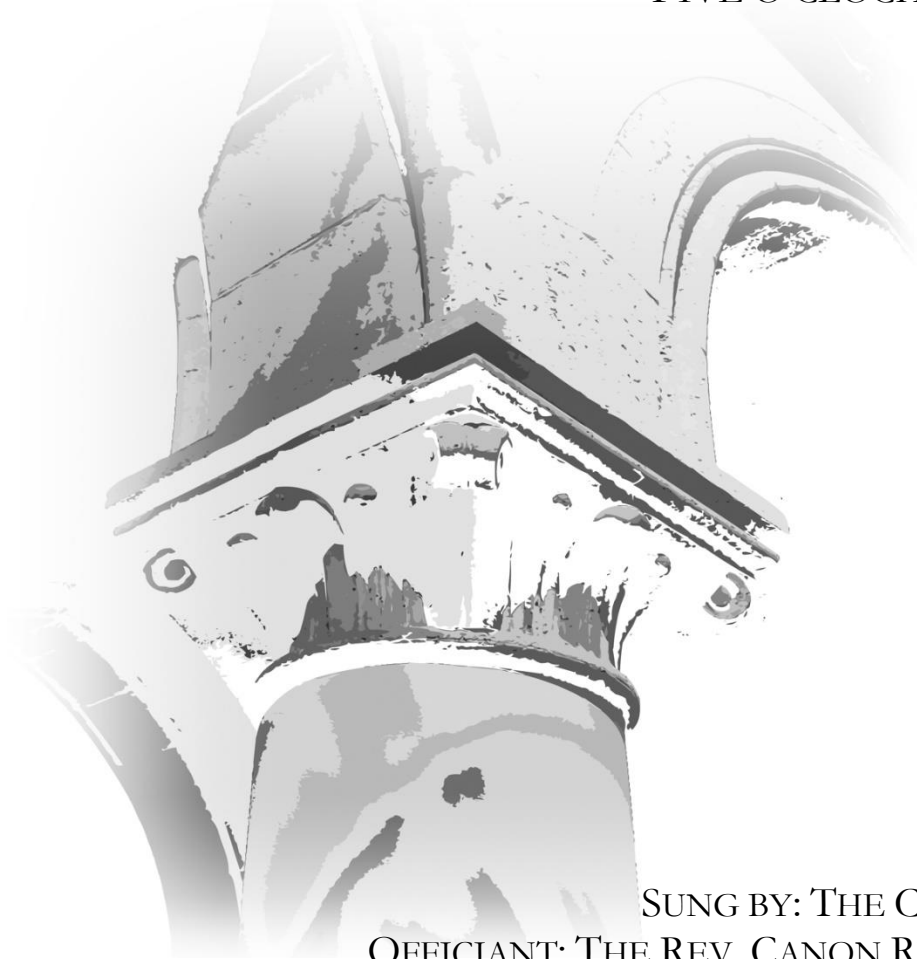


EVENSONG

*THE VISITATION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*

May 31, 2026

FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING



SUNG BY: THE CATHEDRAL SCHOLA
OFFICIANT: THE REV. CANON RICHARD HOGUE, JR.

LECTOR: BOB LONGSTRETH

The Rev. Canon Brooks Mason, *Canon Liturgist*

Seonjeong Park, *Interim Choir Director*

Michael Lawrence, *Interim Organist*

Canon Lucinda Parsons, *Head Usher*

Bob Longstreth, *Usher*

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 11 to make a contribution.

Assisted hearing devices are available from an usher.

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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

*Flowers are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of The Very Reverend Penny Bridges on the occasion of her retirement.*

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Wir glauben all an einen Gott, BWV 1098
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

INTROIT

Bogoroditse Devo
Alfred Schnittke(1934-1998)

*Bogoróditse Děvo, ráduysĩã,
Blagodátnaya Marĩye, Ghospód s Tobóyu.
Blagoslověnnna Tĩ v zhenáh,
i blagoslověn Plod chrěva Tvoyegó,
yáko Spása rođilá yesĩ dush náshih.*

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos,
Mary full of grace, the Lord is with Thee.
Blessed art Thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb,
for Thou hast borne the Savior of our souls.

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

OPENING SENTENCE (Officiant)

PRECES

John Barnard (b. 1948)

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 229

1 Spi - rit of mer - cy, truth, and love, O shed thine
 2 In - ev - ery clime, by ev - ery tongue, be God's a -
 3 Un - fail - ing Com - fort, heav - en - ly Guide, still o'er thy

in - fluence from a - bove; and still from age to
 maz - ing glo - ry sung: let all the lis - tening
 ho - ly Church pre - side; O shed thine in - fluence

age con - vey the won - ders of this sa - cred day.
 earth be taught the deeds our great Re - deem - er wrought.
 from a - bove, Spi - rit of mer - cy, truth, and love.

Words: Anon., *Psalms, Hymns, and Anthems*, 1774, alt.
 Music: Cornish, M. Lee Suitor (1942-2017)

¶ Please be seated.

Psalm 132. *Memento, Domine.* (choir) Chant: George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

LORD, remember David, * and all his trouble:

2 How he swore unto the LORD, * and vowed a vow unto the Almighty God of Jacob:

3 I will not come within the tabernacle of mine house, * nor climb up into my bed;

4 I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eyelids to slumber; * neither the temples of my head to take any rest;

5 Until I find out a place for the temple of the LORD; * an habitation for the Mighty God of Jacob.

6 Lo, we heard of the same at Ephratah, * and found it in the wood.

7 We will go into his tabernacle, * and fall low on our knees before his footstool.

8 Arise, O LORD, into thy resting-place; * thou, and the ark of thy strength.

9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; * and let thy saints sing with joyfulness.

10 For thy servant David's sake, * turn not away the face of thine anointed.

11 The LORD hath made a faithful oath unto David, * and he shall not shrink from it:

12 Of the fruit of thy body * shall I set upon thy throne.

13 If thy children will keep my covenant, and my testi-monies that I shall teach them; * their children also shall sit upon thy throne for evermore.

14 For the LORD hath chosen Sion to be an habitation for himself; * he hath longed for her.

15 This shall be my rest for ever: * here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.

16 I will bless her victuals with increase, * and will satisfy her poor with bread.

17 I will deck her priests with health, * and her saints shall rejoice and sing.

18 There shall I make the horn of David to flourish: * I have ordained a lantern for mine anointed.

19 As for his enemies, I shall clothe them with shame; * but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

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 11:1-10

The first reading is taken from the Hebrew Scriptures.

¶ *Please stand as you are able.*

MAGNIFICAT

in E-flat

Charles Wood (1866-1926) #2001

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

Hebrews 2:11-18

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 E-flat

Wood

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 as able.

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)*

Barnard

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, 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 Visitation

FATHER IN HEAVEN, by whose grace the virgin mother of thy incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping thy word: Grant us who honor the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to thy will; through the same 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 11.

AT THE OFFERING, Anthem

Ave Maria
Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

*Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum;
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
Et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, mater Dei,
Ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
Nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.*

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with you;
Blessed are you among women,
And blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and in the hour of our death. Amen.

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 as able.

HYMN 513

1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the

chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
 branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
 cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and

wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
 sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
 wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -

might: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 sign: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 pare: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)
 Music: *Bridegroom*, Peter Cutts (b.1937)

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on *Te Deum*
 Michael Lawrence

§ *Please leave quietly out of respect for those who would like to stay and listen to the organ voluntary and pray for a while. Thank you.*

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We would love to meet you!

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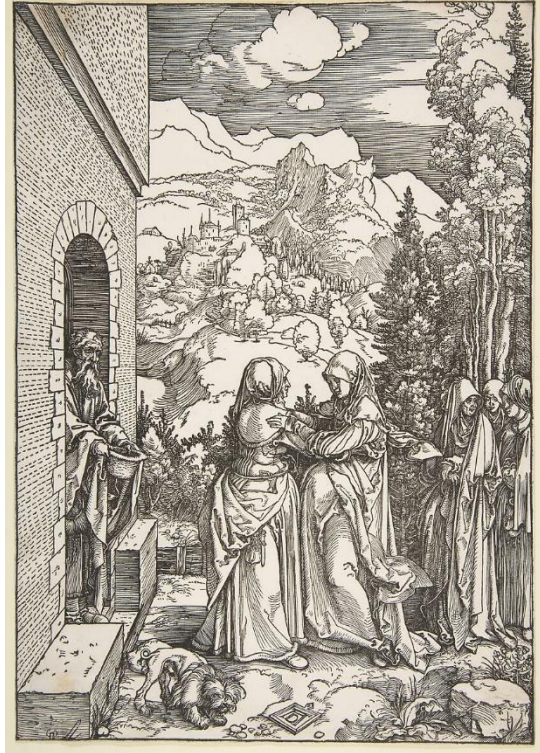
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In the unlikely event of an emergency requiring us to evacuate the cathedral please follow the directions of the ushers and vergers, and remain as quiet and calm as possible.

Please locate an exit nearest you.

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.*



The Visitation, from "The Life of the Virgin"

Albrecht Dürer (1471–1528)

Woodcut, 1503–4

<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/347405>

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Gospel of Luke, Chapter 1, records that at the time of the Annunciation, Mary learned her relative Elizabeth was miraculously pregnant. Mary went to visit Elizabeth and greeted her. At this greeting the child leaped in Elizabeth's womb. Her child was John the Baptist. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She greeted Mary as the mother of the Lord and exclaimed that Mary and the child in her womb were blessed. Mary responded with the song of praise known as the Magnificat, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

Liturgical celebration of the Visitation dates from the fourteenth century. This feast was included on July 2 as a black-letter day in the 1662 BCP. The Visitation is now celebrated as a Feast of our Lord on May 31.

-An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/>