

EVENSONG

*THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
PROPER 12*

July 26, 2026
FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING



SUNG BY: THE CATHEDRAL SCHOLA
OFFICIANT & DEAN: THE VERY REV. ALLISYN THOMAS
LECTOR: MARK LESTER
ASSISTING: THE REV. MICHAEL KILPATRICK
The Rev. Canon Brooks Mason, *Canon Liturgist*
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Gabriel Arregui, *Guest 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.

For the link to the webpage with the announcements and bulletins, use this QR code:

Services are regularly streamed and recorded and you can find them:

<http://www.stpaulcathedral.org/watch>

If you’re interested in more information about the cathedral’s ministries, we would like to hear from you: <http://stpaulcathedral.org/im-new/>



This service is being streamed live and if you don’t wish to be seen on camera, please ask an usher for appropriate seating.

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

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.*
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*Flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Malcolm Bauer by his husband Charles Fruth.*

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Aria
Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

INTROIT

Almighty and Everlasting God
Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Almighty and everlasting God,
mercifully look upon our infirmities,
and in all our dangers and necessities
stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

OPENING SENTENCE *(Officiant)*

PRECES

Philip Radcliffe (1905-1986)

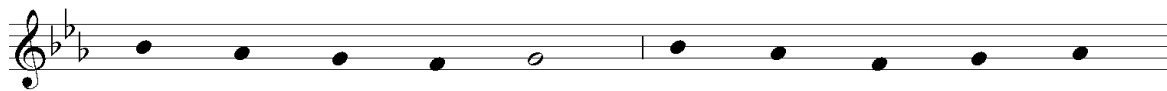
<i>Officiant</i>	O Lord, open thou our lips.
<i>Choir</i>	And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
<i>Officiant</i>	O God, make speed to save us.
<i>Choir</i>	O Lord, make haste to help us.
<i>Officiant</i>	Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
<i>Choir</i>	as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
	Amen.
<i>Officiant</i>	Praise ye the Lord.
<i>Choir</i>	The Lord's name be praised.

¶ Please remain standing as able for the hymn.

OFFICE HYMN 26



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in you the
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of



Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through



blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

This melody may be sung in rhythmic form:

Words: Greek, 3rd cent.; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); para. of *O Gracious Light* Copyright © The Church Pension Fund.
Music: *Conditor alme siderum*, Mode 4; acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956) Copyright © Bruce Neswick. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

¶ Please be seated.

Psalm 8. *Domine, Dominus noster.* (choir)

Chant: Gerre Hancock

O LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world; * thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens!

2 Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies, * that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I consider thy heavens, even the work of thy fingers; * the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained;

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? * and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5 Thou madest him lower than the angels, * to crown him with glory and worship.

6 Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands; * and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet:

7 All sheep and oxen; * yea, and the beasts of the field;

8 The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea; * and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD our Governor, * how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

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

Joshua 24:1-15

The first reading is taken from the Hebrew Scriptures.

¶ *Please stand as you are able.*

MAGNIFICAT in D

Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)

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

Acts 28:23-31

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 D*

Brewer

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 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)*

Radcliffe

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, 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 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 12

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; 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 11.

AT THE OFFERING, Anthem

Before the Ending of the Day
Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray,
that with thy wonted favour thou
wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
from nightly fears and fantasies;
tread under foot our ghostly foe,
that no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done,
through Jesus Christ thine only Son,
who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

¶ 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.

People **Amen.**

¶ Please remain standing as able.

HYMN 24

1 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended, the dark - ness
 2 We thank thee that thy Church, un - sleep - ing while earth rolls
 3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land the dawn leads
 4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall nev - er, like earth's proud

falls at thy be - hest; to thee our morn - ing hymns a -
 on - ward in - to light, through all the world her watch is
 on an - oth - er day, the voice of prayer is nev - er
 em - pires, pass a - way; thy king - dom stands, and grows for

scend - ed, thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.
 keep - ing, and rests not now by day or night.
 si - lent, nor dies the strain of praise a - way.
 ev - er, till all thy crea - tures own thy sway.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893)

Music: *St. Clement*

Cantor Let us bless the Lord.

Choir **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Improvisation
 Gabriel Arregui

§ *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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