

VETERANS EVENSONG

November 15, 2026
Five o'clock in the evening
The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sung by the Cathedral Schola and Cathedral Choristers
Officiant: The Rev. Canon Richard Hogue, Jr.
Speaker: CDR Corey Thornton, CHC, USN
Lectors: Jen Jow, John Clemens
The Very Rev. Allisyn Thomas, *Dean*
The Rev. Canon Brooks Mason, *Canon Liturgist*
Bruce Neswick, *Interim Director of Music*
Michael Lawrence, *Interim Organist*
Canon Lucinda Parsons, *Head Usher*
Joe Rodriguez, *Usher*

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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.

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 18 to make a contribution.

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 flowers are given to the Glory of God
with remembrance and thanksgiving by Steve Mater.

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Solemn Melody* Henry Walford-Davies (1869-1941), arr. Noel Rawsthorne

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

HYMN 718 *(sung by all)* *National Hymn*



Words: Daniel Crane Roberts (1841-1907)
Music: *National Hymn,* George William Warren (1828-1902)

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

OPENING SENTENCE

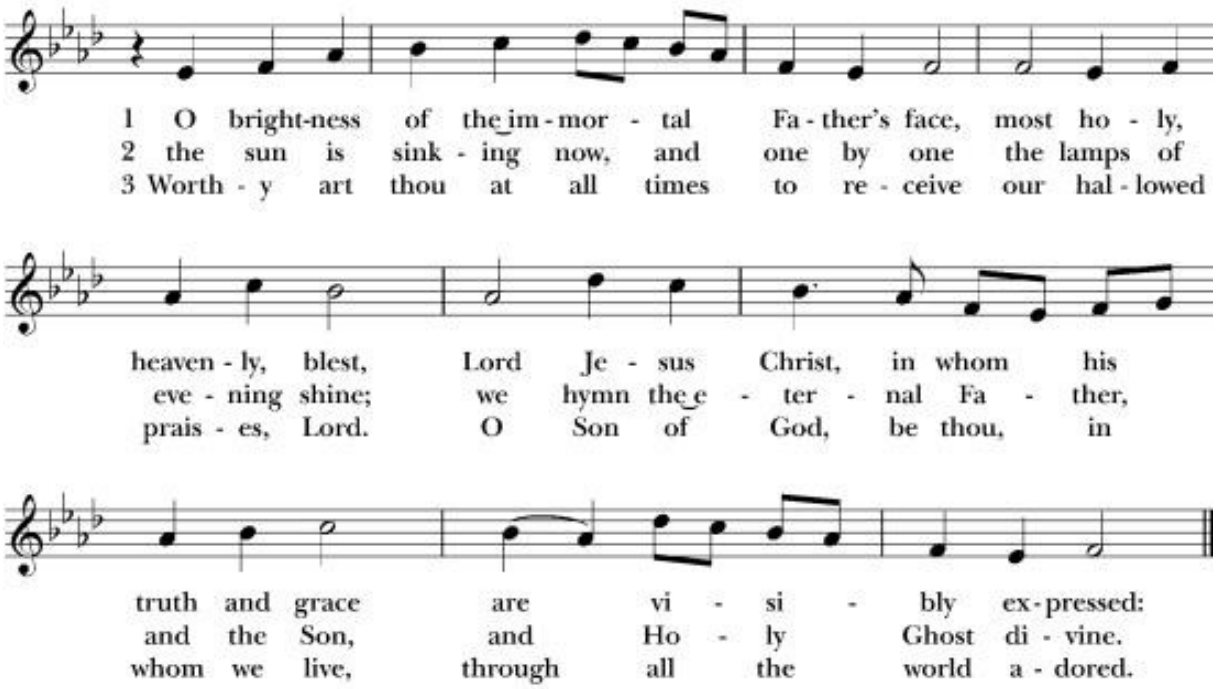
Officiant
Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

PRECES AND RESPONSES — Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

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 following hymn.*

PHOS HILARON HYMN 37 *Evening Hymn*



Words: Greek, 3rd cent.; tr. Edward W. Eddis (1825-1905); para. of *O Gracious Light*
Music: *Evening Hymn,* Gerald Near (b. 1942)

§ *Please be seated.*

PSALM 47 *(choir) Omnes gentes, plaudite* Chant: after Martin Luther

1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.

2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.

3 He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.

4 He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

5 God has gone up with a shout, *
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

7 For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.

8 God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.

9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.

10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.

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 26:1-8

The first reading is taken from the Old Testament which declares that the history of Israel, and of the whole world, is guided by God.

The First Lesson is read, the Reader first saying
A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

On that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:
We have a strong city;
he sets up victory
like walls and bulwarks.
Open the gates,
so that the righteous nation that keeps faith
may enter in.
Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace—
in peace because they trust in you.
Trust in the Lord for ever,
for in the Lord God
you have an everlasting rock.

For he has brought low
  the inhabitants of the height;
  the lofty city he lays low.
He lays it low to the ground,
  casts it to the dust.
The foot tramples it,
  the feet of the poor,
  the steps of the needy.
The way of the righteous is level;
  O Just One, you make smooth the path of the righteous.
In the path of your judgements,
  O Lord, we wait for you;
your name and your renown
  are the soul's desire.

The Reader may say
Here ends the reading.

§ *Please stand as you are able for the Magnificat.*

THE SONG OF MARY *Service in A* Herbert Sumsion

The Magnificat is Mary's song of thanksgiving (Luke 1:46-55) as she responds to the declaration that the child she is to bear will fulfill the promises of the Old Testament.

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 13:1-10

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. It also shows the meaning of Christ for our life today.

The Second Lesson is read, the Reader first saying
A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain!
It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. Pay to all what is due them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

The Reader may say
Here ends the reading.

§ *Please stand as you are able.*

THE SONG OF SIMEON *Service in A* Sumsion

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)*

The Creed grew from statements of belief made by the first Christians at their baptism. The church continues to confess its faith in the Holy Trinity—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

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)* Sumsion

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(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.

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 following collects, or others appointed, are sung by the Officiant.

THE COLLECT FOR THE NATION

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, who hast made all peoples of the earth for thy glory, to serve thee in freedom and peace: Grant to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with thy gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE 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.

THE 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 remain standing as able. All sing the following hymn.*

HYMN 608 *Melita*



Words: William Whiting (1825-1878), alt. Music: *Melita,* John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

§ *Please be seated at the introduction to the sermon.*

SERMON The Reverend Corey Thornton

¶ *Please remain seated for the anthem.*

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ANTHEM *They that go down to the sea in ships* Herbert Sumsion

They that go down to the sea in ships: *
and occupy their business in great waters;

These men see the works of the Lord: *
and his wonders in the deep.

For at his word the stormy wind ariseth: *
which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They are carried up the the heav'n, and down again to the deep: *
their soul melteth away because of the trouble.

They reel to and fro and stagger like a drunken man: *
and are at their wits' end.

So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble: *
he deliv'reth them out of their distress.

For He maketh the storm to cease: *
so that the waves thereof are still.

Then they are glad because they are at rest: *
and so He bringeth them up unto the haven where they would be.

[text: Psalm 107:23-30]

WELCOME

§ *Please stand as you are able.*

CLOSING PRAYERS

Deacon
ALMIGHTY GOD, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

O JUDGE OF THE NATIONS, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

THE 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 you are able for the following hymn.*

HYMN 719 *Materna*



Words: Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929), alt. Music: *Materna*, Samuel Augustus Ward (1848-1903)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Fugue on *America* Eugene Thayer (1838-1889)

§ *The clergy, altar party, and people depart.*

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

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The Rev. Corey Thornton, Commander, U. S. Navy Chaplain Corps

Fr. Corey hails from Clatskanie, Oregon. He moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma to attend college and earned BA and MDiv degrees from Oral Roberts University. He served as a Full Gospel Church pastor and chaplain before being ordained a deacon in 2011 and priest in 2012 in the Episcopal Church. He was ordained in the Diocese of Hawaii by The Rt. Rev. Robert L. Fitzpatrick.

Fr. Corey received a commission to serve as an Active Duty chaplain in the U. S. Navy in 2004. Since then, he has served in locations around the globe: North Carolina, Hawaii, Japan, Rhode Island, California, and Italy. In 2013, he earned an MA in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U. S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. He is currently canonically resident in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego and is stationed at 3rd Marine Air Wing, Miramar, CA. He has been married since 1997 to Sarah Thornton. They have three adult daughters.

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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