

Choral Evensong
4:00 pm June 4th, 2023
the first Sunday of the month

The First Sunday after Pentecost
Trinity Sunday



The Cathedral Church of St. Luke
in the
City of Portland
and the
Episcopal Diocese of Maine

A Word of Welcome

We welcome you to Choral Evensong, a service of sung evening prayer, in this historic cathedral.

As is customary, much of the service is sung by the Choir alone,
but the congregation is invited to join fully in singing the Creed and the Office Hymn.

At other times, your prayerful listening is also a form of active participation.

Thank you for praying with us this evening.

This is our final Choral Evensong of our choral season. Choral Evensong resumes the first Sunday of October.

Welcome to St. Luke's Cathedral!

We are a community of faith with ancient worship and modern thought, catholic traditions and progressive theology. We proclaim a Biblical perspective for thinking people, a respect for reason, science, and a diversity of perspective. This empowers compassion and care for both the wider community and one another. Our commitment to welcome and inclusion is central to our mission modeled on the Kingdom of God and proclaimed by Jesus Christ.

St. Luke's Territorial Acknowledgement

St. Luke's Cathedral community acknowledges that we are worshiping on "unceded territory taken by force and previously occupied by the **Wabanaki people**." (*Amended City Charter, Portland, Maine*). Some of the resources that built this cathedral came from industry related to the slave trade in the 18th and 19th centuries. We join our fellow residents in honoring the Wabanaki knowledge and culture that continues to thrive in the Tribal Nations. We ask for Blessing and Peace upon all indigenous peoples that have called, and always will call, this place—known as "The Dawnland"—home.

Adult Christian Formation Opportunities are offered throughout the academic year at 9:00am (and periodically at 11:30am) on Sunday, and occasional evenings.

Children's Christian Formation (Sunday School) and Child Care are both offered each Sunday morning. Sunday School begins in the Upper Parish Hall at 9:45AM; children rejoin their families at the Peace. The nursery is open every Sunday from 9:45-11:30AM. Families are always welcome!

Please join us for our other worship services: Each Sunday, we offer a spoken, more meditative, worship experience in the Emmanuel Chapel (at the west end of the cathedral) at 7:30am. The service at 10:00am offers congregational singing, organ (and sometimes other instruments), and, during the academic year, choral music sung by the Cathedral Choir choir. Both services include preaching and holy communion. You are always welcome!

Please speak to any usher (or member of the parish) if you have any questions, or if we may be of additional service. Thank you for coming today and we hope you will make the Cathedral your spiritual home!

The Cathedral Community wishes to express our gratitude to guest cathedral musicians Ray Cornils and Harold Stover, alongside assisting organist Randall Mullin, who stepped in to offer coverage in leading the Cathedral Choir while Christian Clough recovered from his spinal surgery. We wish them well and thank them for all of their efforts.

Service Participants

<i>Officiant</i>	The Rev'd Stephen J. White, <i>Assisting Clergy</i>
<i>Assisting</i>	The Rev. Rebecca Grant, <i>Deacon</i>
<i>Music Leader & Organist</i>	Harold Stover, <i>Guest Cathedral Musician</i>
<i>Assistant Organist</i>	Randall Mullin
<i>Lector</i>	Jonathan Radtke
<i>Ushers</i>	MJ Northrop, Chester Bishop
<i>Head Verger</i>	Eleanor Roberts
<i>Live Streaming</i>	Jack Swanton, Sam Allen
<i>Contributing Ministries</i>	Acolytes, Vergers, The Flower Guild, The Altar Guild, The Cathedral Choir, The Kneeler Guild

The Cathedral Choir

Georgia Bancroft • Onnie Benoist • Phoebe Blume • Linda Carleton • Joseph Colquhoun
Ray Davis Murdoch Curry • Lynn Dalheim • Joanne Taylor deKay • Ellise Johnson • Curtis Maurand
Mac McCabe • Jamie Moore • Suezan Moore • Parker Roberts • Shana Rose • William Salomon
Connie Schmalz • Dan Schmalz • Gay Tucker • Kathy Watt • Stacie Webb • Stephen White
• Nan White

Prelude

Pastorale in F Major

Max Reger (1873-1916)

Introit

sung by the choir

O Trinity of blessed light,	To thee our morning song of praise,	To God the Father, heavenly Light,
O Unity of princely might,	to thee our evening prayer we raise;	to Christ revealed in earthly night,
the fiery sun now goes his way;	O grant us with thy saints on high	to God the Holy Ghost we raise
shed thou within our hearts thy ray.	to praise thee through eternity.	our equal and unceasing 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

Please stand as you are able for the Procession.

Officiant Thine is the day, O God, thine also the night; thou hast established the moon and the sun. Thou hast fixed all the boundaries of the earth; thou hast made summer and winter. —*Psalm 74:15,16*

The Confession of Sin

Officiant Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Please kneel as you are able. Silence may be kept.

People **Almighty and most merciful God,**
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Officiant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Preces

sung by the Officiant and choir

<i>Officiant</i>	O Lord, open thou our lips.
<i>Choir</i>	And our mouth shall show 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.

Music: Robert Jones (b. 1945)

Please sit.

Psalms

Psalm 146

sung by the choir

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger;

he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Please stand as you are able for the Gloria Patri.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

Anglican chant by Edwin George Monk (1819-1900)

Please sit.

Psalm 147

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

He counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; there is no limit to his wisdom.

The Lord lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God upon the harp.

Please stand as you are able for the Gloria Patri.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

Anglican chant by George Thomas Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

Please sit.

First Lesson

Ephesians 4.1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Here endeth the lesson.

Please stand as you are able.

Magnificat

Ralph Vaughan Williams in C Major

sung by the choir

My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

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, for ever.

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.

Words: Luke 1.46-55 (BCP 1662)

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Please sit.

Second Lesson

John 1.1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Here endeth the lesson.

Please stand as you are able.

Nunc Dimittis

Ralph Vaughan Williams in C Major

sung by the choir

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.

Words: Luke 2.29-31 (BCP 1662)

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Apostles' Creed

monotoned by all

People

**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.**

Responses

Officiant

The Lord be with you.

Choir

And with thy spirit.

Officiant

Let us pray.

sung by the Officiant and choir

Music: William Smith (ca. 1603-1645)

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Choir

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

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.

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.

Collects

for the First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

Celebrant Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.

Choir Amen.

for Peace

Officiant 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 our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Choir Amen.

for Aid against All Perils

Officiant Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Choir Amen.

Music: Robert Jones (b. 1945)

Please sit.

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem

Te Deum laudamus

Music: in F, Healey Willan (18801-1968)

We praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting. To thee all Angels cry aloud : the heavens, and all the powers therein. To thee Cherubin and Seraphin : continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory. The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee. The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee. The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee. The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee; The Father : of an infinite Majesty; Thine adorable, true : and only Son; Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter. Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father. When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man : thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death : thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge. We therefore pray thee, help thy servants : whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory everlasting. O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage. Govern them : and lift them up for ever. Day by day : we magnify thee; And we worship thy Name : ever world without end.

Words: *Te Deum Laudamus*, Latin Christian hymn, ca. 387 or earlier

Please stand as you are able.

The General Thanksgiving

People Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world
by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.


A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

People Almighty God,
who hast given us grace at this time with one accord
to make our common supplication unto thee;
and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son
that when two or three are gathered together in his Name
thou wilt be in the midst of them:
Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us;
granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth,
and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

An Offering to support the ministries of the Cathedral of St. Luke will be collected during the singing of the Office Hymn.

Office Hymn

sung by all, in four-part canon



1. I bind un - to___ my - self___ to - day___ the strong Name of___ the Trin - i - ty,
by in - vo - ca - tion of the same, the Three in___ One, and One in Three.

The hymn continues on the next page.

2. I bind this day to me for ev - er, by power of faith, Christ's In - car - na - tion;
 3. I bind un - to my - self the power of the great love of cher - u - bim;
 4. I bind un - to my - self to - day the vir - tues of the star - lit heaven,
 5. I bind un - to my - self to - day the power of God to hold and lead,
 his bap - tism in the Jor - dan riv - er; his death on cross for my sal - va - tion;
 the sweet "Well done" in judg - ment hour; the ser - vice of the ser - a - phim;
 the glo - rious sun's life - giv - ing ray, the white - ness of the moon at even,
 his eye to watch, his might to stay, his ear to heark - en to my need;
 his burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb; his rid - ing up the heaven - ly way;
 con - fess - ors' faith, a - pos - tles' word, the pa - triarchs' prayers, the pro - phets' scrolls;
 the flash - ing of the light - ning free, the whirl - ing wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks,
 the wis - dom of my God to teach, God's hand to guide, God's shield to ward;
 his com - ing at the day of doom: I bind un - to my - self to - day.
 all good deeds done un - to the Lord, and pu - ri - ty of vir - gin souls.
 the sta - ble earth, the deep salt sea, a - round the old e - ter - nal rocks.
 the word of God to give me speech, God's heaven - ly host to be my guard.

6a. Christ be with me, Christ with - in me, Christ be - hind me, Christ be - fore me,
 6b. Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et, Christ in dan - ger,
 Christ be - side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me,
 Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.

The hymn concludes on the next page.

7. I bind un - to my - self the Name, the strong Name of the Trin - i - ty,
by in - vo - ca - tion of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.
Of whom all na - ture hath cre - a - tion, e - ter - nal Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Word:
praise to the Lord of my sal - va - tion, sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord.

Words: Att. Patrick (372-466); tr. Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895). Music: *St. Patrick's Breastplate*, LMD, Irish melody;
adapt. Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924); St. 6, *Deirdre*, LMD, Irish melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.
People **Amen.** — *Romans 15:13*

Please remain in your place for the retiring procession.

Postlude

Toccata in d minor

Max Reger (1873-1916)