

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025



4:00 PM Evensong

Choral Evensong and Eucharist at the High Altar In Celebration of the Witness of LGBTQIA+ Christians

The Very Reverend Winnie Varghese, *Officiant*
The Most Reverend Sean Rowe, *Preacher & Presider*
The Cathedral Choir

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Opening Voluntary

Prelude on an Old Folk Tune Amy Beach (1867–1944)

All stand, as able.

Opening Sentences

Opening Preces & Responses *Sung by the Precentor & Choir.*

Jessica French (b. 1991)

O Lord, open thou our lips:
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us:
O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.*

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

Hymn

Sung by All.

1 Christ, might - y Sa - vior, Light of all cre - a - tion, you make the
 2 Now comes the day's end as the sun is set - ting: mir - ror of
 3 There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer, joy - ful - ly
 4 Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - pli - ca - tion: that you may
 5 Though bo - dies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vi - gil, for ev - er



day - time ra - diant with the sun - light and to the night give
 day - break, pledge of re - sur - rec - tion; while in the hea - vens
 chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise you, with all cre - a - tion
 grant us par - don for of - fens - es, strength for our weak hearts,
 rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus, in light or dark - ness



glit - ter - ing a - dorn - ment, stars in the hea - vens.
 choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.
 join - ing hearts and voic - es sing - ing your glo - ry.
 rest for ach - ing bo - dies, sooth - ing the wear - y.
 wor - ship - ing our Sa - vior now and for ev - er.

Words: Mozarabic, 10th cent.; tr. Alan G. McDougall (1895–1964); rev. Anne K. LeCroy (b. 1930)

Music: *Innisfree Farm*, Richard Wayne Dirksen (b. 1921)

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The People are seated.

Psalm 139:1–18

Sung by the Choir.

Domine, probasti

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.
 You trace my journeys and my resting-places
 and are acquainted with all my ways.
 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
 but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
 You press upon me behind and before
 and lay your hand upon me.
 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
 it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
 Where can I go then from your Spirit?
 where can I flee from your presence?
 If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
 if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
 If I take the wings of the morning
 and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
 Even there your hand will lead me
 and your right hand hold me fast.
 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
 and the light around me turn to night,"
 Darkness is not dark to you;
 the night is as bright as the day;
 darkness and light to you are both alike.

For you yourself created my inmost parts;
 you knit me together in my mother's womb.
 I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
 your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
 My body was not hidden from you,
 while I was being made in secret
 and woven in the depths of the earth.
 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
 all of them were written in your book;
 they were fashioned day by day,
 when as yet there was none of them.
 How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
 how great is the sum of them!
 If I were to count them,
 they would be more in number than the sand;
 to count them all, my life span
 would need to be like yours.
 Oh, that you would slay the wicked, O God!
 You that thirst for blood, depart from me.
 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.

Chant: James Turle (1802–1882)

A Reading From the Acts of the Apostles

(8:26–40)

THEN an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.
In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Lector Here endeth the reading.

A period of silence is kept.

All stand, as able.

Magnificat

Sung by the Choir.

Norfolk Service

David Hurd (b. 1950)

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 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.

Luke 2:29–32, Gloria Patri

The People are seated.

A Reading From the Holy Gospel According to Matthew

(5:1-16)

WHEN Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of
righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for
in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were
before you.

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste,
how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for
anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot
be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the
bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it
gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light
shine before others, so that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Lector Here endeth the reading.

A period of silence is kept.

Lectura del Santo Evangelio Según San Mateo

(5:1-16)

AL ver la multitud, Jesús subió al monte y se sentó. Sus discípulos se le acercaron, y él tomó la palabra y comenzó a enseñarles, diciendo:

«Dichosos los que tienen espíritu de pobres,
porque de ellos es el reino de los cielos.

«Dichosos los que sufren,
porque serán consolados.

«Dichosos los humildes,
porque heredarán la tierra prometida.

«Dichosos los que tienen hambre y sed de la justicia,
porque serán satisfechos.

«Dichosos los compasivos,
porque Dios tendrá compasión de ellos.

«Dichosos los de corazón limpio,
porque verán a Dios.

«Dichosos los que trabajan por la paz,
porque Dios los llamará hijos suyos.

«Dichosos los perseguidos por hacer lo que es justo,
porque de ellos es el reino de los cielos.

«Dichosos ustedes, cuando la gente los insulte y los
maltrate, y cuando por causa mía los ataquen con toda
clase de mentiras. Alégrese, estén contentos, porque
van a recibir un gran premio en el cielo; pues así también
persiguieron a los profetas que vivieron antes que ustedes.

«Ustedes son la sal de este mundo. Pero si la sal deja de
estar salada, ¿cómo podrá recobrar su sabor? Ya no sirve
para nada, así que se la tira a la calle y la gente la pisotea.

«Ustedes son la luz de este mundo. Una ciudad en lo alto de
un cerro no puede esconderse. Ni se enciende una lámpara
para ponerla bajo un cajón; antes bien, se la pone en alto
para que alumbre a todos los que están en la casa. Del
mismo modo, procuren ustedes que su luz brille delante de
la gente, para que, viendo el bien que ustedes hacen, todos
alaben a su Padre que está en el cielo.

Lector Aquí termina la Lectura.

All stand, as able.

Nunc Dimittis

Sung by the Choir.

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David Hurd

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.

Luke 2:28–32, Gloria Patri

Homily

The Most Reverend Sean Rowe

XXVII Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church

The Apostles' Creed

Monotone

All stand and, facing east, join in singing

BE-LIEVE 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.

The Lesser Litany, Lord's Prayer

Jessica French

Sung by the Precentor & Choir.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

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

Then All sing

OUR Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done on 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

Jessica French

Sung by the Precentor & Choir.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the State.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects*The First Collect, of the Day.*

OLORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the
 prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and
 grant that they may both perceive and know what
 things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power
 faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one
 God, now and for ever.

Choir Amen.*The Second Collect, for Protection.*

OGOD, who art the life of all who live, the light of the
 faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the
 repose of the dead: We thank thee for the timely
 blessings of the day, and humbly beseech thy merciful
 protection all the night. Bring us, we pray thee, in safety to
 the morning hours; through him who died for us and rose
 again, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

Choir Amen.*The Third 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.

Choir Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Prayers composed for this service by the Rev. Deacon Jean Marie Angelo, Grace Church Ossining

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

We ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world. For Sean, our presiding bishop, for Matthew and Allen, our bishops in the Diocese of New York. For the leadership of our LGBTQ Concerns Committee and our Greater New York Area Episcopal Trans Task Force and for all ministers in God's church. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all LGBTQ+ people and our allies. We thank God for the unique identities and expressions of love within the community and we celebrate the rich diversity of God's creation. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray, especially, for the strength to challenge the views and laws that would oppress us and foster misunderstanding and fear. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are still navigating their sexual orientation or gender identity, and for peace, kindness, and self-acceptance. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for our youth, many of whom navigate hostile environments in school, home, or in faith communities. We ask that they find safe haven, and know that they are loved. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for our elders, many of whom live in isolation. May we do all we can to reach out to them and let them know they are part of our family. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for joy, strength, and resilience for LGBTQ+ individuals. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We give thanks for the many agencies, organizations, and medical centers that help our community. We give thanks for the many activists who have paved the way. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died. We remember, especially, those who have suffered violence and mistreatment. May we work in faith to reach new understanding and live in love. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Officiant concludes

MOST gracious and holy God, hope is a song in a weary throat: Give to us a song of hope, and a world in which we can sing it. Give to us a song of faith and people to believe in it. Give to us a song of kindness and a place where we can live it. Give to us a song of hope and love. And let the People say, Amen.

This concluding prayer is adapted from the poem "Dark Testament" by the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant Let us pray.

Then all say together

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, the 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.

The People are seated.

The Welcome

Anthem

Sung by the Choir.

The Call

Gail Randall (b. 1955)

COME, my Way, my Truth, my Life; such a Way, as gives us breath: Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death. Come my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light as shows a feast: Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move: Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in Love.

George Herbert (1593–1633)



The collection at this service will go towards The Trevor Project, which provides 24/7 crisis services to LGBTQ+ young people, as well as advocacy, research, and public education resources.

All stand, as able.

Benedicamus & Grace

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Officiant says

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.

Hymn

Sung by All.

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be;

fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee:

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
 Thee we would be al - way bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 pray, and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811–1887)

Closing Voluntary

March in B-flat Major

Anna Amalia (1723–1787)



**The Choir processes out, and the altar is prepared while the organ is played.
 Those who do not wish to remain for the celebration of Holy Communion should please exit in silence.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant says the preface, concluding

...who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant prays in the name of the assembly.

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic prayer, which concludes

...world without end. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say

Celebrant and People



OUR Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on 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.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept. The Celebrant invites the People to Holy Communion. As the ministers receive the Sacrament, the People come forward.

Sung first by the Cantor, then by All.



"Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst."

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The Communion

The Holy Communion is distributed under the forms of both Bread and Wine. In the interest of public health, the Cathedral does not practice intinction, that is, the dipping of the Bread into the Wine. It is the faith of the Church that Jesus gives himself in the Sacrament whether it is received in only one kind or both. Gluten-free Wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All say together.

FTERNAL God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

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