The people’s responses are in **bold**.

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

*St. Bede’s Voluntary*  
Angela Kraft Cross (b. 1958)

The people stand as able as the procession enters.

**HYMN • 286**

*Who Are These like Stars Appearing*  
*Sung by all.*  
*Zeuch mich, zeuch mich*

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1. Who are these like stars appearing, these, before God’s throne who stand?
2. These are they who have contended for their Savior’s honor long.
3. These, like priests, have watched and waited, offering up to Christ their will,
4. These are they whose hearts were riven, sore with woe and anguish tried,
5. These, like priests, have watched and waited, offering up to Christ their will,

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1. Each a golden crown is wearing; who are all this glorious band?
2. wrestling on till life was ended, following not the sinful throng;
3. soul and body consecrated, day and night they serve him still.
4. who in prayer full oft have striven with the God they glorified;
5. soul and body consecrated, day and night they serve him still.

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1. Alleluia! hark, they sing, praising loud their heavenly King,
2. these, who well the fight sustained, triumph by the Lamb have gained.
3. Now in God’s most holy place, blest they stand before his face.
4. now, their painful conflict o’er, God has bid them weep no more.
5. Now in God’s most holy place, blest they stand before his face.
THE OPENING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

PRECES

Margaret Burk (b. 1990)

Officiant  O Lord, open thou our lips;
Choir  And our mouth shall show 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 Spirit.
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.

The candles are lighted as the choir sings.

PHOS HILARON

Matthew Glandorf (b. 1972)

The Phos hilaron is an ancient lamp-lighting hymn. Meaning “gladdening light” in Greek, it is among the earliest-known hymn texts recorded outside of the Bible that is still in use today.

O Gladsome light, O grace
Of our Creator’s face,
The eternal splendor wearing;
Celestial, holy, blest,
Our Savior, Jesus Christ,
Joyful in your appearing.
As fades the day’s last light,
We see the lamps of night,
Our common hymn outpouring;
O God of might unknown,
You, the incarnate Son,
And Spirit, blest adoring.
To you of right belongs
All praise of holy songs,
O Son of God, life-giver;
You, therefore, O Most High,
The world does glorify
And shall exalt forever.

(3rd cent. Greek; paraphrase Robert S. Bridges, 1844–1930)

The people are seated.

PSALM • 150

Sung by the choir.  chant: George Talbot (1875–1918)

Hallelujah!
Praise God in his holy temple;
    praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him for his mighty acts;
    praise him for his excellent greatness.
Praise him with the blast of the ram’s-horn;
    praise him with lyre and harp.
Praise him with timbrel and dance;
    praise him with strings and pipe.
Praise him with resounding cymbals;
   praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
Let everything that has breath
   praise the Lord.
Hallelujah!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
   as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Wisdom 5:1-5, 14-16

The righteous will stand with great confidence in the presence of those who have oppressed them and those who make light of their labors. When the unrighteous see them, they will be shaken with dreadful fear, and they will be amazed at the unexpected salvation of the righteous. They will speak to one another in repentance, and in anguish of spirit they will groan, and say, “These are persons whom we once held in derision and made a byword of reproach—fools that we were! We thought that their lives were madness and that their end was without honor. Why have they been numbered among the children of God? And why is their lot among the saints?” Because the hope of the ungodly is like thistledown carried by the wind, and like a light frost driven away by a storm; it is dispersed like smoke before the wind, and it passes like the remembrance of a guest who stays but a day. But the righteous live forever, and their reward is with the Lord; the Most High takes care of them. Therefore they will receive a glorious crown and a beautiful diadem from the hand of the Lord, because with his right hand he will cover them, and with his arm he will shield them.

Here ends the reading.

The people remain seated as the choir sings.

MAGNIFICAT

Evening Service in A major, Op. 12; Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

The Magnificat is the Blessed Virgin Mary’s song of thanksgiving in response to the fact that she will bear the Son of God, fulfilling 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 for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
   as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

(Luke 1:46-55)
I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The people remain seated as the choir sings.

NUNC DIMITTIS

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 Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

(Luke 2:29-32)

The people stand as able.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
    and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
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

Officiant   The Lord be with you.
Choir       And with thy spirit.
Officiant   Let us pray.
Choir       Lord, have mercy upon us.
            Christ, have mercy upon us.
            Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD’S PRAYER  

Said by all.

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

Officiant   O Lord, show 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 officiant sings a series of prayers, appointed for the day, each followed by a choral Amen.

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. Amen.

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship thee, all nations obey thee, all tongues confess and bless thee, and men and women everywhere love thee and serve thee in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The collects conclude with:

Officiant    Let us bless the Lord.
Choir        Thanks be to God.

The people are seated.

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ANTHEM

And I Saw a New Heaven            Sung by the choir.     Edgar Bainton (1880–1956)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;
and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city,
new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying,
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people,
and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,
neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

(Revelation 21:1-4)

The people stand as able. Additional prayers and petitions may be said at this point, concluding with The General Thanksgiving.
THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Said by all.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The officiant blesses the people, and the people respond, Amen.

HYMN • 618

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Sung by all.

Lasst uns erfreuen

1. Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim and
2. O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim,
3. Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets
4. O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echo

thrones, raise the glad strain, Alleluia! Cry
phim, lead their praises, Alleluia! Thou
blest, Alleluia, Alleluia! Ye
ing, Alleluia, Alleluia! To

out, dominions, prince-doms, powers, virtues, archangels, angels'
bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the
ho-ly twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant raise the
God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in

choirs, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Lord, song, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
One,

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Hymne d’action de grâces “Te Deum”

Jean Langlais (1907–1991)
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PARTICIPANTS  
Officiant: The Reverend Patrick L. Keyser, Associate Priest for Worship; Musicians: The Boys Cathedral Choir, Michael McCarthy, Canon for Music and Director of Institutional Planning, Thomas M. Sheehan, Organist and Associate Director of Music.

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