Choral Evensong

October 25, 2026, 4 p.m.

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as incense,
and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice. ~ Psalm 141:2

Please silence all cell phones to enjoy the serenity of this evening's Evensong without distraction.

Prelude Magnificat by Randall Thompson

Choral Introit **"O Come Ye Servants of the Lord" by Christopher Tye**

O come, ye servants of the Lord,
And praise His holy name
From early morn to setting sun,
His might on earth proclaim.
His laws are just, and glad the heart:
He makes His mercies known.
Ye princes come, ye people too,
And bow before His throne.

Opening Hymn, #37 **O brightness of the immortal Father's face** *The Hymnal 1982*

Opening Sentence

Presider Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Presider Almighty and most merciful God,

People **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 humankind
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.

Presider The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen**.

Preces, *sung by the Presider and the Choir* *Traditional setting*

Presider O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

Presider O God, make speed to save us.

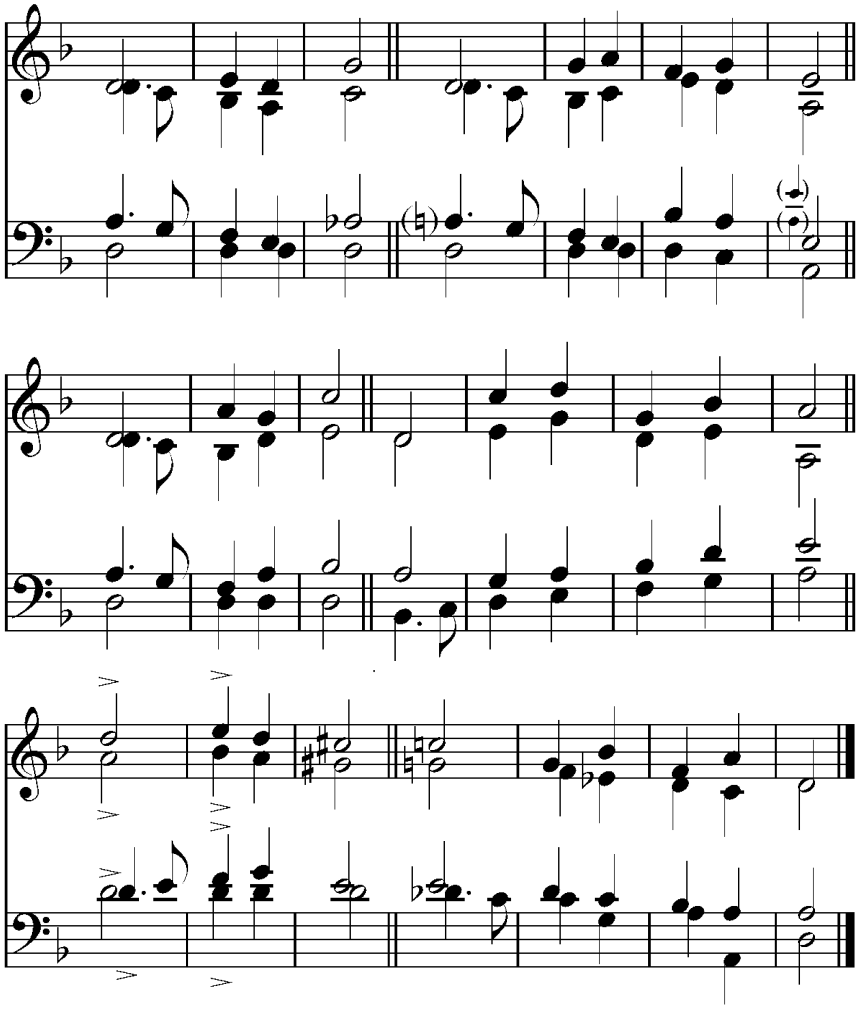
Choir *O Lord, make haste to help us.*

Presider 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.*

Presider Praise ye the Lord.

Choir *The Lord's Name be praised.*

Psalm 4: 1,3-8 *Setting by Richard Wayne Dirksen*

1. Answer me when I call, O God, defender ' of my ' cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on ' me and ' hear my ' prayer.

3. Know that God does wonders ' for the ' faithful; *
when I ' call, God ' will hear' me.

4. Tremble, then, and ' do not ' sin; *
speak to your heart in ' silence up- ' on your ' bed.

5. Offer the ap-' pointed ' sacrifices, *
and put your ' trust in ' the Most ' High.

6. Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see ' better ' times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance ' upon ' us, O ' God.

7. You have put gladness ' in my ' heart, *
more than when grain and ' wine and ' oil in-' crease.

8. I lie down in peace; at once I ' fall a-' sleep; *
for only you, God, ' make me ' dwell in ' safety.

*Glory to the Father, and ' to the ' Son, *
and ' to the ' Holy ' Spirit;

*As it was in the be ' ginning is ' now, *
and ' shall be for- ' ever. A-' men.

A Lesson – Ecclesiasticus 18:19-33 *Michele Johns*

Before you speak, learn;
and before you fall ill, take care of your health.
Before judgement comes, examine yourself;
and at the time of scrutiny you will find forgiveness.
Before falling ill, humble yourself;
and when you have sinned, repent.
Let nothing hinder you from paying a vow promptly,
and do not wait until death to be released from it.
Before making a vow, prepare yourself;
do not be like one who puts the Lord to the test.
Think of his wrath on the day of death,
and of the moment of vengeance when he turns away his face.
In the time of plenty think of the time of hunger;
in days of wealth think of poverty and need.
From morning to evening conditions change;
all things move swiftly before the Lord.
One who is wise is cautious in everything;
when sin is all around, one guards against wrongdoing.

Every intelligent person knows wisdom,
and praises one who finds her.
Those who are skilled in words become wise themselves,
and pour forth apt proverbs.

Do not follow your base desires,
but restrain your appetites.
If you allow your soul to take pleasure in base desire,
it will make you the laughing-stock of your enemies.
Do not revel in great luxury,
or you may become impoverished by its expense.
Do not become a beggar by feasting with borrowed money
when you have nothing in your purse.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Magnificat *Setting by Alec Wyton*

Antiphon:
The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation
He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.

Antiphon

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.

Antiphon

A Lesson – Matthew 18:15-20 *Michele Johns*

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector.
Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Nunc Dimittis *Setting by Christina Edelen*

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.

The Apostles' Creed

Presider Let us pray together the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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.

The Prayers, *sung by the Presider and the Choir*

Presider The Lord be with you
Choir *and with Thy Spirit.*
Presider Let us pray.
Lord have mercy upon us.
Choir *Christ have mercy upon us.*
Lord have mercy upon us.

Together
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.
Amen.

Presider O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Choir *And grant us thy salvation.*
Presider O Lord, keep this nation under thy care.
Choir *And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*
Presider Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir *And make thy chosen people joyful!*
Presider O Lord, save thy people.
Choir *And bless thine inheritance.*
Presider Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Choir *Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*
Presider O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Choir *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

Collects

Presider Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Choir *Amen.*

Presider 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.
Choir *Amen.*

Presider O God, who dost manifest in thy servants the signs of thy presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another thine abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Choir *Amen.*

Anthem **"Autumn" by Ola Gjeilo**

Feel the falling air,
The light becoming golden;
Trees their colors wear,
Deep and all-enfolding.

The autumn leaves embracing;
But soon they all must fall,
The summer green erasing,
To answer winter's call.

And here once again
Familiar paths I wander;
Through the westmark wend
The living earth I ponder.

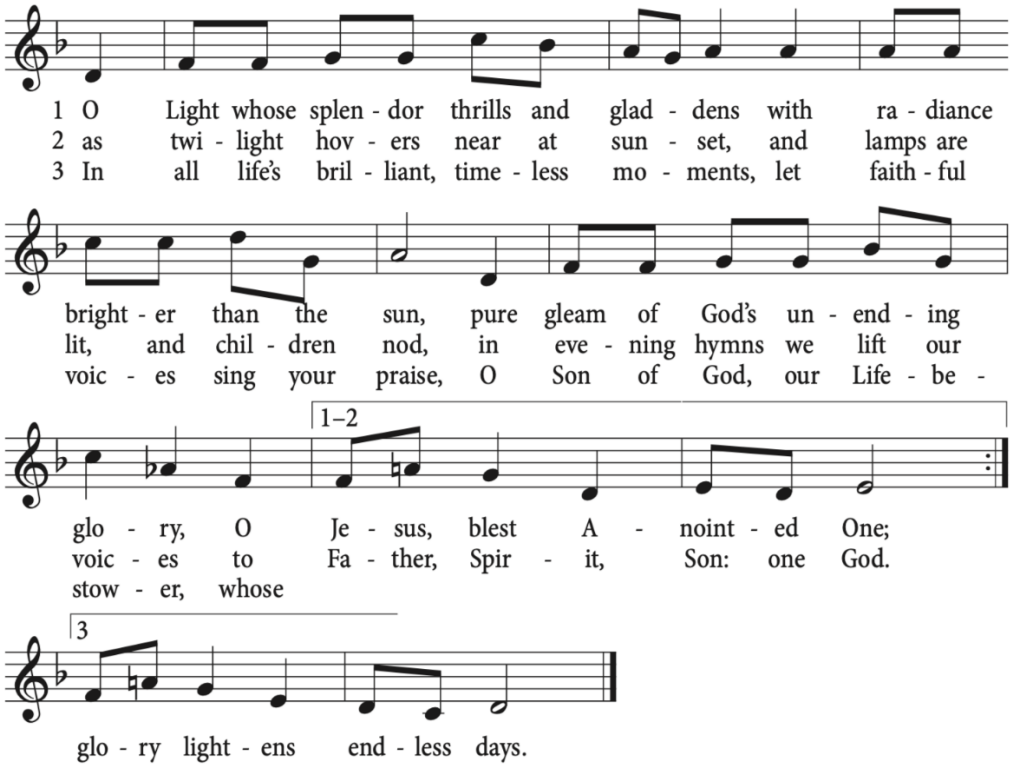
Though fading days are colder,
And soon the darkness long,
My spirit-fire grows bolder,
And in my heart a song.

Even when shadows lengthen,
I'm here where I belong.

The General Thanksgiving

Presider Let us pray. Almighty God,
People **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 men.
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 Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Offertory Hymn, #315 O light, whose splendor *Take Up The Song*



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A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Presider Let us pray. Almighty God,
People **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.**

Presider Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn: #31 Most holy God *The Hymnal 1982*

Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Sinfonia by Michael Praetorius

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