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Sunday, August 30th, 2026 — 11:00 a.m.

Matriculation Sunday

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Series LXXVII №. 1

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

O Gott, du frommer Gott, Op. 65, No. 50

Siegfried Karg-Elert (1877–1933)

Nun danket alle Gott, Op. 65, No. 59

Karg-Elert

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Dean: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

The Dean: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

✠ Introit

Northfield

Jeremiah Ingalls (1764–1828)

How long, dear Saviour, O how long
Shall this bright hour delay,
Fly swifter 'round the wheel of time,
And bring the welcome day.

from *The Christian Harmony* (1805)

1. Sing praise to God who reigns a-bove, the God of all cre -
 2. The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but through all grief dis -
 3. Thus, all my toil-some way a-long, I sing a-loud thy
 4. Let all who name Christ's ho-ly name give God all praise and

a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
 tress - ing, an ev - er pres-ent help and stay, our peace and
 prais - es, that earth may hear the grate-ful song my voice un -
 glo - ry; let all who own his power pro-claim a - loud the

our sal - va - tion. With heal-ing balm my soul is filled and
 joy and bless - ing. As with a moth-er's ten-der hand, God
 wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, both
 won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, for

ev-ery faith-less mur-mur stilled: To God all praise and glo - ry.
 gent-ly leads the cho-sen band: To God all praise and glo - ry.
 soul and bod-y bear your part: To God all praise and glo - ry.
 Christ is Lord, and Christ a - lone: To God all praise and glo - ry.

WORDS: Johann J. Schütz, 1675; trans. by Frances E. Cox, 1864 (Dt. 32:3)
 MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesänge*, 1566; harm. by Maurice F. Bell, 1906

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✠ **Collect** (*in unison*)

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Kyrie *from Missa in F* *Claudio Monteverdi (1567–1643)*

Kyrie eleison,	<i>Lord, have mercy,</i>
Christe eleison,	<i>Christ, have mercy,</i>
Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>

Assurance of Pardon

<i>The Dean:</i>	If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
<i>All:</i>	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>

Lesson Romans 12:9–21 *Live in harmony*

Lector: A lesson from the epistle to the Romans, chapter 12, verses 9–21:

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in afflictions, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

<i>Lector:</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People:</i>	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>

Anthem

Die Himmel erzählen die Ehre Gottes, SWV 386

Heinrich Schütz (1585–1672)

Die Himmel erzählen die Ehre Gottes,
und die Feste verkündiget seiner Hande Werk.

Ein Tag sagt's dem andern,
und eine Nacht tut's kund der andern.

Es ist keine Sprache noch Rede,
da man nicht ihre Stimme höre.

Ihre Schnur gehet aus in alle Lande,
und ihre Rede an der Welt Ende.

Er hat der Sonne eine Hütte in derselben gemacht;
und die selbige gehet heraus

wie ein Bräutigam aus seiner Kammer,
und freuet sich, wie ein Held
zu laufen den Weg.

Sie gehet auf an einem Ende des Himmels
und läuft um bis wieder an dasselbige Ende,
und bleibt nichts vor ihrer Hitz' verborgen.

Ehre sei dem Vater und dem Sohn
und auch dem Heil'gen Geiste,
wie es war im Anfang, jetzt und immerdar,
und von Ewigkeit zu Ewigkeit. Amen.

*The heavens describe the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands.
One day tells it to another,
and one night makes the next aware of it.*

*There is no speech or language
in which their voice is not heard.
Their tale is sent forth into all the lands,
and their story to the ends of the earth.*

*He has made a tabernacle for the sun within them;
and it goes forth
like a bridegroom out of his chamber,
and rejoices like a hero
to run its course.*

*It emerges from one end of heaven
and circles around again to the same point,
and nothing remains hidden from its heat.*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and also to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and always,
and for ever and ever. Amen.*

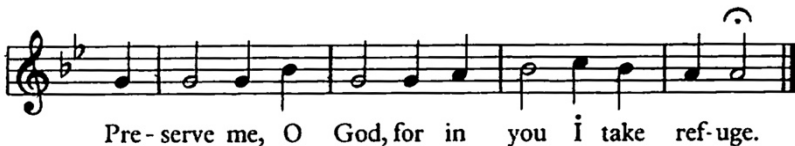
Psalm 19:1–6

The Psalter

Psalm 26:1–8

Your love is before my eyes

The antiphon is sung twice, first by choir alone, and then by choir and congregation.



*Cantor: Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.*

*People: Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and mind.*

*Cantor: For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in faithfulness to you.*

*People: I do not sit with the worthless,
nor do I consort with hypocrites;*

Cantor: I hate the company of evildoers,
and will not sit with the wicked.

People: *I wash my hands in innocence,
and go around your altar, O LORD,*

Cantor: singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.

People: *O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell,
and the place where your glory abides. ♪*

✠ **Gloria Patri** *from Magnificat in B-flat major* *Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)*

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.

✠ **Gospel Lesson** Matthew 16:21–28 *The rebuke to Peter*

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew,
chapter 16, verses 21–28:

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon "Shadow and Light" The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill
Dean of the Chapel



1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - cra - ted,
 2. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,
 3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days;
 for my King. Take my lips, and let them be
 long - er mine. Take my heart, it is thine own;

let them flow in cease - less praise. Take my hands, and
 filled with mes - sag - es from thee. Take my sil - ver
 it shall be thy roy - al throne. Take my love, my

let them move at the im - pulse of thy love.
 and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold.
 Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure - store.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.
 Take my-self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal, 1873 (Rom. 12:1)

MUSIC: Louis J. F. Hérold, 1839; arr. by George Kingsley, 1839

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Call to Prayer

Lead me, Lord (*sung by all*)

LEAD ME, LORD



The Lord's Prayer

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.

Response

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Cast thy burden upon the Lord; and He shall sustain thee.
He will never suffer the righteous to fall; for He is at thy right hand.
Thy mercy, Lord, is great and far above the heavens.
Let none be put to shame that wait upon Thee.

Psalms 16:8 and 108:4

Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory

All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord

Kenneth Jennings (1925–2015)

All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord –
praise him and magnify him forever.

You angels of the Lord, you heavens, all you powers of the Lord, bless the Lord –
praise him and magnify him forever.

You sun and moon, you stars of heaven, you showers and dew, bless the Lord –
praise him and magnify him forever.

You winds of God, you fire and heat, you winter and summer, bless the Lord –
praise him and magnify him forever.

You dews and frost, you frost and cold, you ice and snow, bless the Lord –
praise him and magnify him forever.

You night and days, you light and darkness, you lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord –
 praise him and magnify him forever.
 Let the earth, you mountains and hills, all green things that grow on the earth, bless the Lord --
 praise him and magnify him forever.
 You wells and springs, you rivers and seas,
 you whales and all who move in the waters, bless the Lord –
 praise him and magnify him forever.
 All you birds of the air, all you beasts and cattle, all you children of mortals, bless the Lord –
 praise him and magnify him forever.
 You people of God, you priests of the Lord, you servants of the Lord, bless the Lord –
 praise him and magnify him forevermore.
 You spirits and souls of the righteous, you pure and humble of heart, bless the Lord;
 let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit –
 praise him and magnify him forever. Amen.

Benedicite, omnia opera, adpt.

✦ **Presentation of the Gifts** *(sung by all)*

MOSCOW



To Thee, great One in Three, the high est prais - es be,
 hence ev - er - more; thy sov reign ma - jes-ty may we in
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni-ty love and a - dore.

✦ **Offertory Prayer**

Unison

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2. With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing,

the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face.

The ser - vice is end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of our wor - ship in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren of each tribe and race.

The seed of the teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;

shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

God's grace did in - vite us, and love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for God's king - dom and an - swer the call.
give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.

WORDS: Omer Westendorf, 1964
MUSIC: Welsh folk tune; harm. by Leland Sateren, 1972

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Contemporary Worship 4: Hymns for Baptism and Holy Communion

✦ Benediction

✦ Response from "Peace I leave with you"

Walter L. Pelz (b. 1926)

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:
not as the world giveth give I unto you.

John 14:27

✦ Postlude Rondo in G

John Bull (c. 1562–1628)

Freely arranged for modern organ by Richard Ellsasser

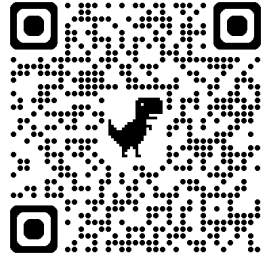
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The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.
The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.*

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