



VESPERS

*Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Ordination of
the Rev. William J. Gohl Jr., Bishop of the Delaware-Maryland Synod*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020

B Bishop **S** Soloist **L** Lector **C** All

*If you wish to follow the service using printed music for the chanted portions, you can find
Evening Vespers beginning on page 309 in the front of Evangelical Lutheran Worship.*

Prelude

Organ Voluntaries

Cantor James Harp

Chorale Prelude on TE LUCIS ANTE TERMINUM - Marcel Dupré

Chorale Prelude on ST. CLEMENT - Alec Rowley

Preludio SINE NOMINE - Herbert Howells

Words of Welcome

The Rev. Emily Scott, Pastor

St. Mark's Lutheran Church and Dreams + Visions, Baltimore

Dialogue

S Jesus Christ is the light | of the world,


C **the light no darkness can | overcome.**

S Stay with us, Lord, for | it is evening,

C **and the day is | almost over.**

S Let your light scat- | ter the darkness

C **and illu- | mine your church.**



1 O Light whose splen - dor thrills and glad - dens
 2 As twi - light hov - ers near at sun - set,
 3 In all life's bril - liant, time - less mo - ments,

with ra - diance bright - er than the sun,
 and lamps are lit, and chil - dren nod,
 let faith - ful voice - es sing your praise,

pure gleam of God's un - end - ing glo - ry,
 in eve - ning hymns we lift our voic - es
 O Son of God, our life - be - stow - er,

O Je - sus, blest A - noint - ed One:
 to Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son, one God.
 whose glo - ry light - ens end - less days.

Text: Greek hymn, 3rd cent.; para. Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: ST. CLEMENT, Clement C. Scholefield, 1839-1904

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Thanksgiving for Light

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ And also with you.

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☑ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

☐ We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning you called light into being,

and you set light in the sky

to govern night and day.

In a pillar of cloud by day

and a pillar of fire by night

you led your people into freedom.

Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ:

may your Word be a lamp to our feet

and a light to our path;

for you are merciful,
and you love your whole creation,
and with all your creatures we give you glory,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

☩ Amen.

Psalmody

Psalm 141

☩ O LORD, I call to you; come | to me quickly;
hear my voice when I | cry to you.

Let my prayer rise before | you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the | evening sacrifice.

Set a watch before my | mouth, O LORD,
and guard the door | of my lips.

Let not my heart incline to any | evil thing.

let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers, nor eat of | their
sweet foods.

Let the righteous strike me; their rebukes, as oil upon the head, are not to |
be refused.

Yet my prayers are continually against the deeds | of the wicked.

Let their rulers be thrown down up- | on the stones,
that they may hear my words, for | they are sweet.

Just as one who tills the earth | breaks the rock,
so let their bones be scattered at the mouth | of the grave.

But my eyes are turned to | you, Lord GOD;
in you I take refuge; strip me not | of my life.

Guard me from the trap that they have | laid for me
and from the snares of | evildoers.

Let the wicked fall into | their own nets,
while I a- | lone pass through.

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Psalm Prayer

▮ Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O God, and let your lovingkindness descend upon us, that with purified hearts we may sing your praises with the church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever.

☛ Amen.

Office Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW #705



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

First Lesson

Isaiah 58:1-12

▮ Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,

to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgements,
they delight to draw near to God.
'Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?'
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,
and oppress all your workers.
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

Solo Laudate Dominum from "Solemn Vespers" - Wolfgang A. Mozart
Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.
For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Praise the Lord. (Psalm 117)

Second Lesson

Matthew 16:13-20

📖 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev. Angela Shannon

*The Rev. Angela Shannon serves as Pastor of All Saints (Bowie) in the Metropolitan Washington, DC Synod;
and is the Vice President of the African Descent Lutheran Association.*

Responsory

B Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,

C but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

Magnificat

My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

ELW #573



1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; my spir - it
2 For you a - lone, O God of might, have done a -
3 Your arm is strong; your strength is great. You scat - ter
4 You feed the hun - gry as your own; the wealth - y
5 Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or



leaps, by joy pos - sessed. You keep me in your kind re -
maz - ing things for me. Your mer - cy flows; your name like
those of proud in - tent and cast them down from high es -
leave with emp - ty hands. You give your help to Is - ra -
to the in - car - nate Word, and praise the Pow'r of God most



gard; all gen - er - a - tions call me blessed.
light re - mains in time per - pet - ual - ly.
tate; then give the low your nour - ish - ment.
el; your gra - cious prom - ise al - ways stands.
high, from age to age by all a - dored.

Text: Stephanie K. Frey, b. 1952, alt., based on the Magnificat

Music: ICH HEB MEIN AUGEN SEHNLICH AUF, Heinrich Schütz, 1585–1672

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Litany & Prayers

B In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

Ⓔ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us | pray to the Lord.

Ⓒ **Lord, have mercy.**

Ⓔ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us | pray to the Lord.

Ⓒ **Lord, have mercy.**

Ⓔ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us | pray to the Lord.

Ⓒ **Lord, have mercy.**

Ⓔ For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us | pray to the Lord.

Ⓒ **Lord, have mercy.**

Ⓔ For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us | pray to the Lord.

Ⓒ **Lord, have mercy.**

Ⓔ For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us | pray to the Lord.

Ⓒ **Lord, have mercy.**

Ⓔ For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us | pray to the Lord.

Ⓒ **Lord, have mercy.**

Ⓔ For all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us | pray to the Lord.

Ⓒ **Lord, have mercy.**

Ⓔ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A time of silence follows.

Ⓔ Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you, through Christ our Lord.

Ⓒ **To you, O Lord.**

Ⓔ Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your 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 your love's sake.

C Amen.


B Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of the one who died and rose again, our great high priest, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

B We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Blessing & Threefold Amen

Sending Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

ELW #864

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.

Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

Postlude

Improvisation on PRAISE, MY SOUL

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About the Rev. Angela Shannon



There are those who think that some people are born “old souls,” a reference to someone who manifests wisdom beyond their years early in life. The Rev. Angela Shannon embodied that old soul moniker as a child, and developed it further in her chosen professions, first as a social worker, and later as minister, a true ambassador for

Christ. Preaching was not her first vocation but being the grandchild of a grandmother who brooked no nonsense from anyone, even one who called themselves Pastor, she felt her calling to the ministry early in life.

Pastor Shannon, who considers herself an evangelist above all titles in ministry, graduated from the Lutheran School of Theology in 1996. Her first call was as pastor to Augustana Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas, where in her first year the congregation grew steadily generationally, creating a pascal of activists and ministers who now serve the world. In the twenty-three years of serving in the Lutheran Church, Pastor Shannon has served in capacities of mission, outreach, and evangelism, as well as in roles of interim pastor, where she has mastered helping congregations and organization move through conflicts with tools in her arsenal of reconciliation and healing.

Seminary gave her the educational fortitude of being a theologian, however, her devotion to pastoral care came from the work she has done throughout her life. As a social worker, she honed her abilities of discernment in crisis situations, and through her travels, she has witnessed that God is not an American. She often tells people, “Traveling changes our understanding of what it means to be Christian in a multi-religious context. It also teaches us compassion and how to articulate the Hope that leis within us with conviction and authenticity.”

More than just taking on the mantel of pastor, Pastor Shannon is a person who mentors those whose calling might seem faint for lack of a trusted sounding board that speaks to them. She is that and more, always

surrounding herself with the generations behind her. As she was mentored and nurtured by her elders, she continues to give back to the community by working with its young people. Along with her ministerial duties, she unwaveringly supports women's issues, especially for Black women in the ministry. She understands that ministry for Black women is fraught with landmines that demoralize and disenfranchise some and she navigates through the system to bring clear guidance and direction on how to solve these problems in these conflicting times. She determines that only by addressing the issues clearly and forthrightly, systems cannot and will not be dismantled. Passionate about her work, Pastor Shannon doesn't wear her heart on her sleeve. Instead she presents a stalwart presence that says to others that her ultimate trust is in God, not systems.

She learned to swim just four years ago. To her astonishment, it has become her passion. Ask her about swimming and her eyes sparkle. In the water, she learned new ways to pray and speak with God. "Swimming requires a deeper level of trust than walking on terra firma!" Her latest challenge is learning to swim in open water. She hopes to teach swimming to the water averse in the next few years.

One of her most enduring legacies will be that she gave of time and efforts to strengthen and encourage young Black girls and women to believe in themselves by taking care of themselves. Several years ago, she was introduced to GirlTrek, a national health movement that activates thousands of Black women to be change makers in their lives and community – through walking. Pastor Angie takes walking seriously and credits it for building her capacity to endure and survive the roadblocks and obstacles thrown in her path because it is not just the physical, but the emotional, and spiritual depletion that thwarts our ability to handle the day-to-day conflicts that comes our way.

Pastor Shannon is an oblate of the Order of St. Benedict which has been foundational in helping her to call congregations in deeper community.