

FESTAL EVENSONG
WITH
THE SEATING OF THE NINTH BISHOP
OF LONG ISLAND



18 OCTOBER 2026 AT 4:00 PM

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

sung by the Cathedral Choristers
& the Cathedral Choir

THE CATHEDRAL OF THE
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ABOUT THE SERVICE OF CHORAL EVENSONG

This uniquely Anglican liturgy of Choral Evensong is little altered from that of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, but the content has a much longer history. The Psalms were the hymns of the Jewish Temple; the Canticles, the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis*, are from the New Testament; other prayers and hymns come from the past centuries of the Christian church. All these texts have been refined through the ages to express the profound mystery of God.

For some it is music, not words alone, that carries them into the presence of God; for others it is silent meditation. For most people, however, it takes all three – words, music, and meditation – to lead them into the true spirit of worship.

This service of Evensong is a unique part of our Anglican heritage with its offering of a liturgical, architectural, and music space into which we may bring our daily anxieties and preoccupations, and hold them together with a recollection of the God whose saving acts we celebrate.

Choral Evensong as we know it today comes from the work of Archbishop Thomas Cranmer (1489 – 1556), who compiled the first Book of Common Prayer for the Church of England following the English Reformation, simplified and reduced the original form of the Monastic hours into the liturgies of *Matins* (Morning Prayer) and *Evensong* (Evening Prayer).

Choral Evensong is sung Evening Prayer; the choir sings including the Preces (prayers), the Psalm, the canticles (*Magnificat* & *Nunc dimittis*) and an anthem while the congregation participates vicariously – listening attentively to the choir's offering of music and to the proclamation of the Scriptures, while singing with vigor the hymns.

So it is that this service of Evensong, which has been called the jewel in the crown of Anglicanism, can be experienced for what it is: a worship experience that invites us, with all our senses, to express our hopes and thanksgivings to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE DIOCESAN BISHOPS OF THE DIOCESE OF LONG ISLAND

I

ABRAM NEWKIRK LITTLEJOHN
(1869-1901)

II

FREDERICK BURGESS
(1902-1925)

III

ERNEST MILMORE STIRES
(1925-1942)

IV

JAMES PERNETTE DEWOLFE
(1942-1966)

V

JONATHAN GOODHUE SHERMAN
Suffragan Bishop (1949-1966)
Diocesan Bishop (1966-1977)

VI

ROBERT CAMPBELL WITCHER
Bishop Coadjutor (1975-1977)
Diocesan Bishop (1977-1990)

VII

ORRIS G. WALKER
Bishop Coadjutor (1988-1990)
Diocesan Bishop (1991-2009)

VIII

LAWRENCE C. PROVENZANO
(2009-2026)

IX

ADAM J. SHOEMAKER
(2026-)

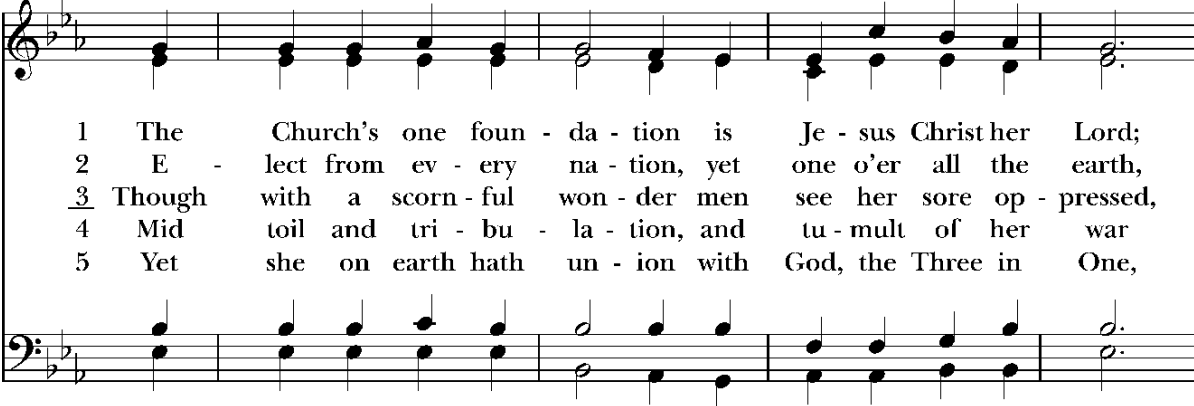
CHORAL EVENSONG

Welcome to the Cathedral of the Incarnation, the historic Cathedral Church for the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island – a house of prayer for all people. We are delighted that you have joined us today!

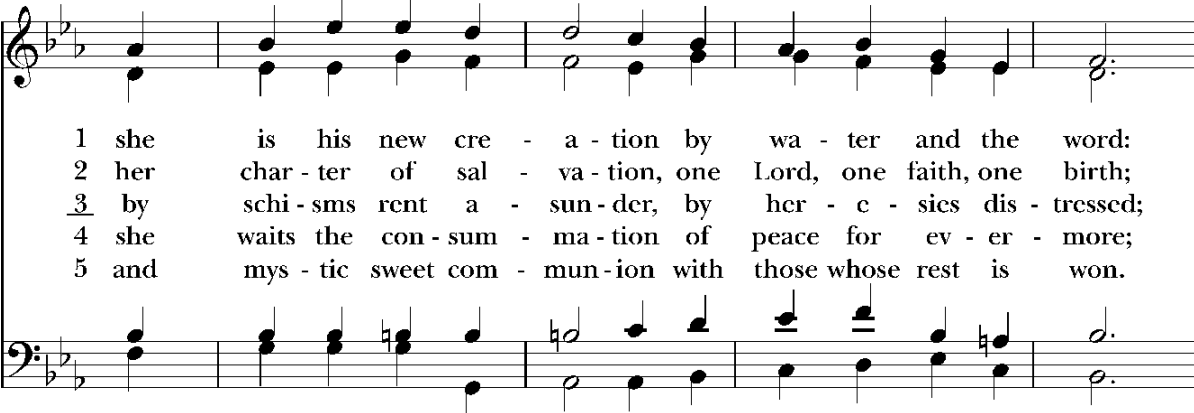
VOLUNTARY: *Cathedrales*

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

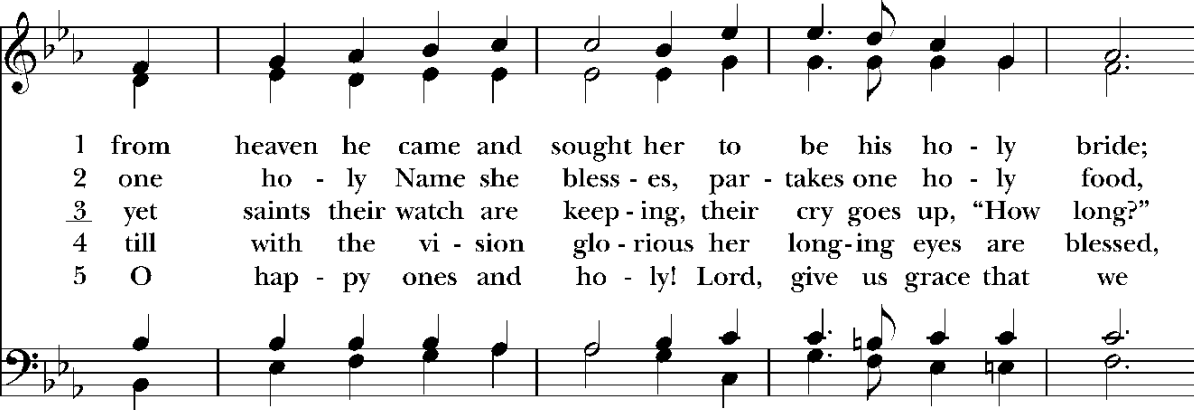
HYMN IN PROCESSION



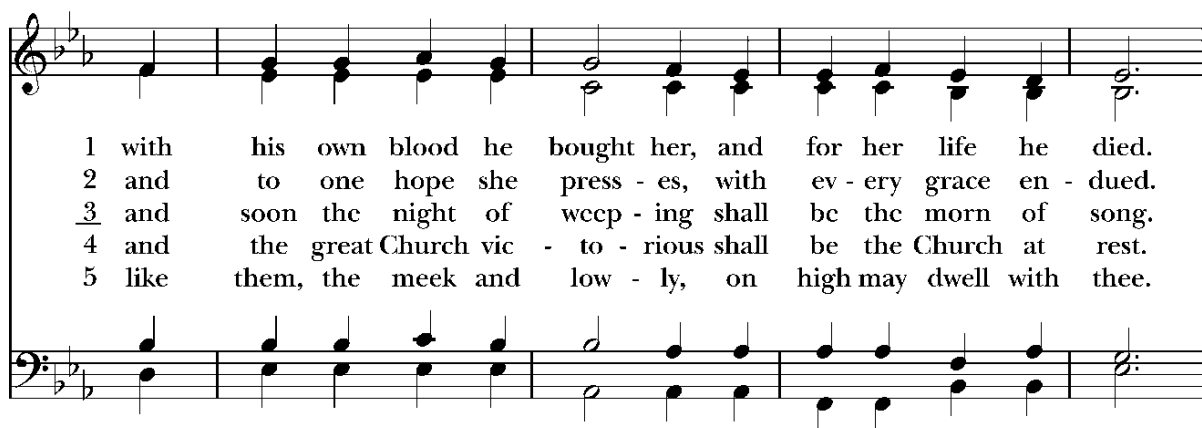
1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - c - sics dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



THE DOCUMENT OF SUCCESSION

When the clergy and people have assembled in the Cathedral, the people sit.

The Great Doors of the cathedral are closed, and the Chancellor of the Diocese reads out the Document of Succession from the Office of the Presiding Bishop and Primate.

All stand and face the Great Doors of the Cathedral at the conclusion of the Document of Succession.

The Ninth Bishop of Long Island and his attendants come to the Great Doors of the Cathedral.

The Bishop knocks upon the doors with his staff three times, saying:

Open for me the gates of righteousness and I will enter them and give thanks
to the Lord.

The Great Doors are opened and the Dean responds:

The Lord prosper you; we wish you well in the Name of the Lord.

The Bishop enters the threshold of the Cathedral.

He kneels in prayer for a time, stands, and is censed.

The Bishop then asperges those around him with baptismal water.

The Bishop says:

Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery. By the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation. Let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfections by him through whom all things were made, you Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

PROCESSION OF THE BISHOP

When the procession reaches the Quire, the people sit and the Bishop says

I, Adam Shoemaker, Bishop of Long Island, whom God has ordained to be a shepherd and a servant, come to you, desiring to the recognized and seated in the Cathedra, the symbol of office.

The Sub Dean says:

Let the will of the people here present be made known. Do you recognize and receive Adam as your Bishop?

The People respond:

We do.

The Sub Dean says:

Will you uphold him in this ministry?

The People respond:

We will.

The Bishop is escorted to the Cathedra by the Dean.

The Bishop's Chaplain, Deacon Denise Galloway, brings the Pastoral Staff of the Diocese from the High Altar to the Cathedra.

The Dean says:

In the name of the Chapter of this Cathedral, and on behalf of the people of this Diocese, I install you, Adam J. Shoemaker, in the chair appointed to your office. May the Lord stir up in you the flame of holy charity, and the power of faith that overcomes the world.

Amen.

A member of the Search Committee, Dr. Lena Mullings, hands the Pastoral Staff to the Bishop of Long Island and says:

I give into your hands this Pastoral Staff as a sign of your authority as Ordinary and chief pastor of this Diocese of Long Island. May Christ the Good Shepherd strengthen you in all things to do his will.

Amen.

The Bishop is seated on the Cathedra.

The Dean says:

It is my honor and pleasure to present the Ninth Bishop of Long Island, Adam J. Shoemaker.

The people offer their applause and the bells of the cathedral are rung.

OPENING SENTENCE (*said by the officiant*)

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as incense; And the lifting up on my hands as an evening sacrifice.

THE PRECES

Martin Neary (b. 1940)

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 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.

Officiant: Praise ye the Lord.

Choir: The Lord's Name be praised.

Following the Preces, all are seated.

PSALM 99 – *Dominus regnavit*

Chant by Edgar Day

THE LORD is King, be the people never so impatient; * he sitteth between the Cherubim, be the earth never so unquiet.

2 The LORD is great in Sion, * and high above all people.

3 They shall give thanks unto thy Name, * which is great, wonderful, and holy.

4 The King's power loveth judgment; thou hast prepared equity, * thou hast executed judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

5 O magnify the LORD our God, and fall down before his footstool; * for he is holy.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name: * these called upon the LORD, and he heard them.

7 He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar; * for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.

8 Thou heardest them, O LORD our God; * thou forgavest them, O God, though thou didst punish their wicked doings.

9 O magnify the LORD our God, and worship him upon his holy hill; * for the LORD our God is holy.

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.

Please remain seated for the Lessons and Canticles.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 42:1-9

Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law. Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images. Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

MAGNIFICAT IN B-MINOR

T. Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

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.

SECOND LESSON

John 15:9-17

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for

the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. These things I command you, that ye love one another.

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

NUNC DIMITTIS IN B- MINOR

Noble

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 (*Said by ALL, standing*)

**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 sin,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE LESSER LITANY

Neary

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 (*sung by all on a monotone*)

Officiant: Our Father,
People: **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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR MISSION

Keepest 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. Amen.

THE HOMILY

THE RIGHT REV. ADAM J. SHOEMAKER,
THE NINTH BISHOP OF LONG ISLAND

ANTHEM: *Jubilate Deo in C*

Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise;
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Text: Psalm 100

All stand for the closing prayers

THE PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (*said by the Officiant*)

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 EPISCOPAL BLESSING

The Bishop blesses the people, first saying

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

People **From this time forth for evermore.**

Bishop The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon
you, and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

HYMN 390

Lobe den Herrn

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - mighty - y, the King of cre -

2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

VOLUNTARY: *Marche Episcopale*

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

All are cordially invited to a reception immediately following Evensong.

Upcoming Diocesan Events

Episcopal Ministries: Celebration of Ministry 2026

Wednesday, October 21 | 6 pm to 9 pm • The Inn at New Hyde Park

Each year, Episcopal Ministries of Long Island brings together ministry leaders, parishioners, and community organizers from across Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk to celebrate the ways our churches are fighting food insecurity, supporting housing, and caring for young people in need.

Budget Listening Session | Thursday, October 22, 7 pm to 8:30 pm • on Zoom

Pre-Convention Meeting | Thursday, October 29, 7 pm to 9 pm • In person and on Zoom

Wisdom in the Room | Saturday, November 7, 9:30 am to 3 pm • St. Francis, North Bellmore
Calling all Children, Youth, and Young Adult Coordinators/Directors/Ministers/Volunteers!! Join us for a day of resource sharing, fellowship, and practical training for ministry leaders of churches of all sizes across the Diocese of Long Island. Whether you're new to ministry or a seasoned leader, this event will provide tools, inspiration, and opportunities to connect with peers.

160th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island

Friday and Saturday, November 13-14 • Marriott, Melville

Upcoming Cathedral Events

Sunday, November 1, 4:00pm – Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem. Op. 9*

A special concert event for All Saints' Day. The Cathedral Choir with David Preston, organ, and Martin Green, conductor. A meditation on eternal rest, drawn from Gregorian chant and shimmering French harmony—Duruflé's best-loved choral work.

Our Annual Lessons and Carols for Christmastide will be held on Sunday, December 13th at 4 PM. The Cathedral Chorister and Cathedral Choir sing this beloved service offering music for the season familiar and new including favorite carols for the congregation. A cathedral tradition not to be missed!



To view future events on our Music in the Cathedral series, please scan this QR code or visit us at incarnationgc.org/visit/concerts/index.html – we have a wide variety of events planned for this coming Fall! Follow our Facebook and Instagram pages at Cathedral of the Incarnation – Music in the Cathedral and @mic_incarnationgc respectively.



The Rt. Rev. Adam J. Shoemaker is the Ninth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island. He was ordained and consecrated bishop on Saturday September 19, 2026, at the Tilles Center in Brookville, NY.

Prior to his election, he served as rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in downtown Charleston, South Carolina for nine years. He has also served churches in North Carolina and Massachusetts and was once a missionary to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Bishop Shoemaker is an Egyptian American, born and baptized Adam Haggagi, with Christian, Jewish, and Muslim roots in his family of origin. He is the first person of North African or Arab ethnicity elected bishop in the Episcopal Church. He was raised in Huntington, New York and as a child and teenager attended St. John's, Huntington where he was confirmed by Bishop Walker. Prior to leaving for college in Boston, he also was a member of Trinity, Northport.

Bishop Shoemaker is married to the Rev. Courtney Davis-Shoemaker, whom he met and married at the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, and together they have three children: Malcolm, Aubrey, and Hannah.

A rabid sports fan, he enjoys cheering on his beloved New York Mets in the spring and summer and also the Egyptian National Football Team and the Liverpool Football Club of the British Premier League.

Bishop Shoemaker speaks advanced Portuguese and basic Spanish. He also enjoys exploring the Arabic language and culture with his large extended family in Cairo and Luxor and especially cultivating ties with his six younger brothers and sisters there.

Music Notes

As we welcome our new Bishop to his cathedral, we sing songs of praise to God and celebrate his provenance to our Diocese. The music for this Festal Evensong has been selected to evoke and enhance this sense of festivity, bringing our prayers and praises as an evening sacrifice of thanksgiving and hope (*Psalm 141*).

The Preces and Responses for this evening were written for Winchester Cathedral by Martin Neary, who was the organist and choirmaster there before moving onto Westminster Abbey. Our Cantic setting for this evening are by T. Tertius Noble, a British organist who was responsible for establishing the choirs at St. Thomas, Fifth Avenue. His *Evening Canticles in B-minor* especially showcase the chorister's voices and bring a sense of stateliness to today's celebration. The anthem, Benjamin Britten's *Jubilate in C*, is an exuberant work based on Psalm 100, a Psalm of thanksgiving.

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