

Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle

Washington, District of Columbia



...all of you are children of the light...

Mass for the 250th Anniversary of Independence Day

July 5, 2026

Saturday (Vigil) 5:30 pm, 9:00 am

11:00am

Cardinal Robert McElroy
Archbishop of Washington

Celebration of the Eucharist

*Please take a moment before the liturgy to silence your phone
and remove as many distractions as possible from your attention.*

PRELUDE

Epistle Sonata

W.A. Mozart

PRELUDE (11:00)

Aria

Flor Peeters

CHORAL PRELUDE O God of Love, O Prince of Peace

O God of love, O Prince of Peace, make wars throughout the world to cease.

Our greed and violent ways restrain, Give peace, O God, give peace a-gain.

Remember Lord, your works of old, the wonders that your people told.

Remember not our sin's deep stain, Give peace, O God, give peace a-gain.

When distance hides war's dreadful cost, whenever faith in truth is lost.

When we ignore war's death and pain, Let us seek peace, find peace again.

Whom shall we trust but you, O Lord? Where rest but on your faithful word?

None ever called on you in vain, Give peace, O God, give peace a-gain.

ENTRANCE HYMN

WORSHIP 584

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

GLORIA

STORRINGTON MASS

WORSHIP 257

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on

earth peace to peo - ple of good will. *To verses*

will. A - men, a - men, a - men. *Last time*

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

WORSHIP 1004

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fulness of peace forever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Robert Twynham

GOSPEL

HOMILY

NICENE CREED

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PREPARATION

Kingsfold

Robert Powell

MOTET (11:00)

Simple Gifts Shaker Tune/arr. Copland

*‘Tis the gift to be simple, ‘tis the gift to be free, ‘tis the gift to come down where
we ought to be. And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
‘Twill be in the valley of love and delight.*

*When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed.
To turn, turn ‘twill be our delight, ‘til by turning, turning we come round right.*

*‘Tis the gift to be gentle, ‘tis the gift to be fair, ‘tis the gift to wake and breathe the
morning air; And every day to walk in the path we choose,
‘Tis the gift that we pray we may ne’er come to lose. R/*

*‘Tis the gift to be loving, ‘tis the gift best of all, like a quiet rain,
it blesses where it falls; And if we have the gift, we will truly believe
‘tis better to give than it is to receive. R/*



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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER ACCLAMATIONS

WORSHIP 353, 356, 355

COMMUNITY MASS

Richard Proulx

*When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death O Lord, until you come again.*

GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT

(Written for the Bicentennial Eucharistic Congress 1976 in Philadelphia.)

Refrain

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart With gift of fin - est wheat; Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, The bread of life to eat."

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 Tune: BICENTENNIAL, CM with refrain; Robert E. Kreuz, 1922–1996
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POST-COMMUNION This is My Song WORSHIP 997

RECESSIONAL O Beautiful for Spacious Skies WORSHIP 996

POSTLUDE Fanfare Aaron Copland

Summer Choir

The **Schola Cantorum** is on its summer hiatus until mid-September. A **Summer Choir** of auditioned volunteers will sing occasionally throughout the summer at 11:00am. If you have significant adult choral experience and would like to participate in the summer choir please contact Tom Stehle to set up an audition. For more information. tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org.