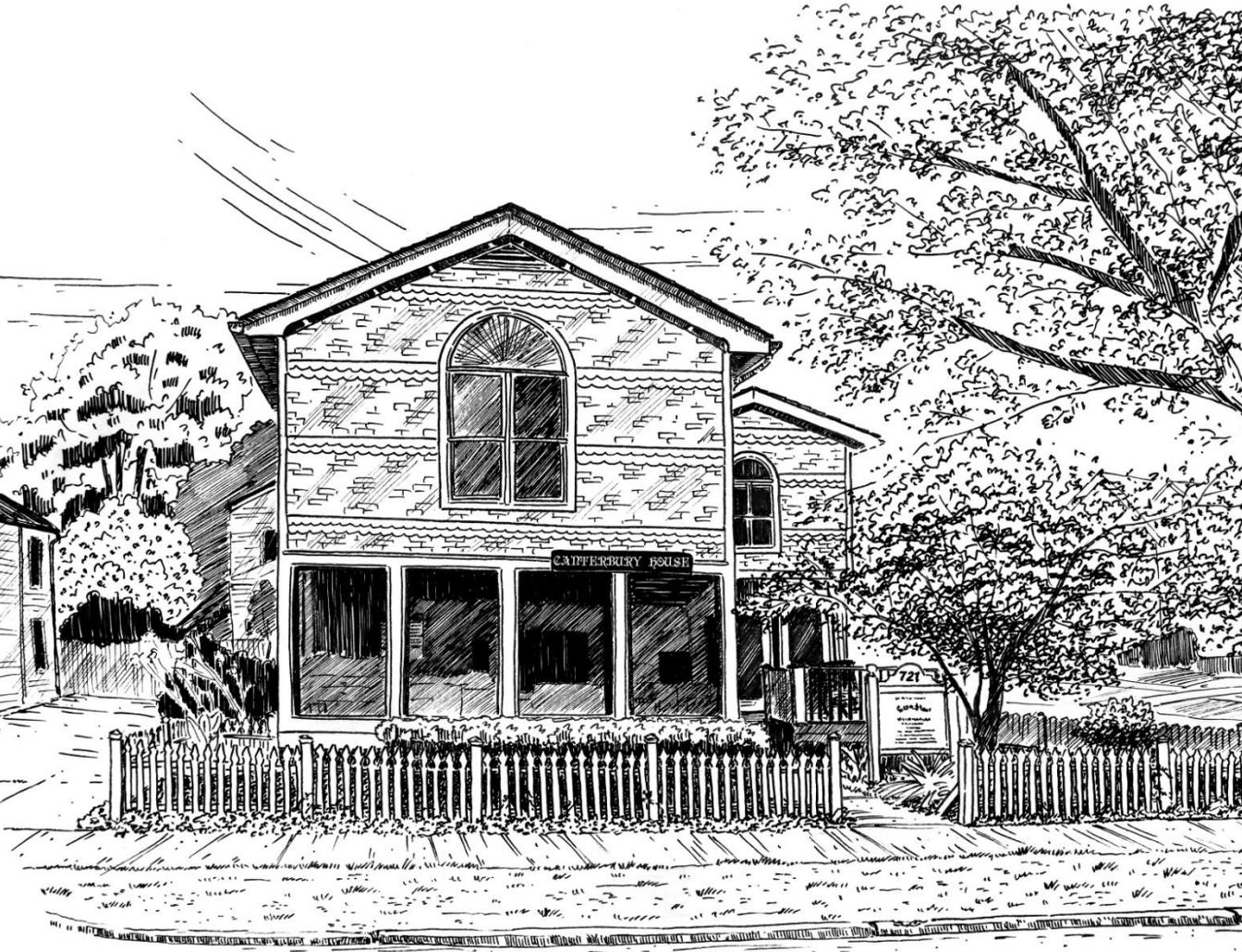


CANTERBURY HOUSE



EVENING PRAYER

About Canterbury House

Canterbury House is a student organization and ministry of the Episcopal (Anglican) Church at the University of Michigan and is a progressive alternative for Christians and all spiritual seekers. We are devoted to the spiritual growth of our members through open, respectful dialogue and by integrating the intellectual, spiritual, emotional and socially responsible dimensions of life and culture. We desire to find God without twisting arms or sacrificing reason and we openly welcome people of every religion, race, gender, sexual orientation, background and creed.

About the Service

One of the hallmarks of the English Reformation was to take the series of prayer services practiced daily in the monasteries and translate them into a service anyone could do in their daily life. The original eight services became two, morning and evening prayer, and translated from Latin into English in the first Book of Common Prayer. Evening Prayer has been the name of the Evening Office in Anglican worship since the 1552 revision of the Prayer Book. The service begins with a confession to center ourselves. This is followed by the Psalter, a time where we pray through the Psalms. Over the course of the month, the readings of the Daily Office pray all 150 Psalms (in a Benedictine monastery, all 150 Psalms are prayed every single week!). We then have readings from Scripture. After some reflection, we conclude affirming our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed and a time for prayer. While the service can be done entirely spoken, we include some hymns throughout the service.

Prelude

Welcome and Check In

As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. *Isaiah 66:13*

Gathering Hymn

Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Christ, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Invitatory

O Gracious Light

O gracious light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Psalm

Psalm 138

- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- ² I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- ³ For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- ⁴ When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- ⁵ All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- ⁶ They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- ⁷ Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- ⁸ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- ⁹ The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God; as
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Gospel Hymn

The Lesson

Reader: A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; 20but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven,

where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.
For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

'No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may be kept.

Reflection

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

Officiant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

**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.**

Then follows

V. Show us your mercy, O God
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O God, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.**

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

O God, whose servant Brigid, kindled with the flame of your love, became a shining light in your Church: Grant that we also may be aflame with the spirit of love and discipline, and walk before you as children of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Then, unless the Eucharist or a form of general intercession is to follow, one of these prayer for mission is added

Keep watch, dear God, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, O 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. **Amen.**

At this time offer additional prayers of thanksgiving or intercession either silently or aloud.

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O God, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*