



(Please silence all cell-phones & digital devices until after the Service! Thank you.)

PRELUDE – “Poco Adagio” from Sonata for Transverse Flute without Bass (1747)

CPE Bach (1714-1788)

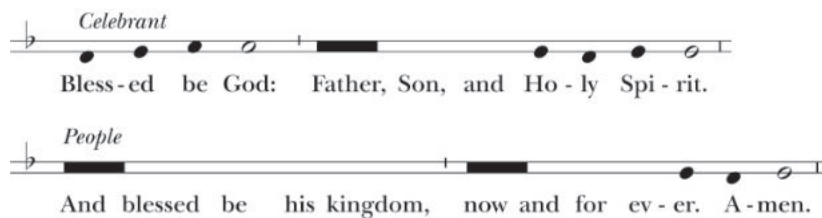
THE ENTRANCE RITE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – #518 “Christ is made the sure foundation”

Westminster Abbey

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

S 76



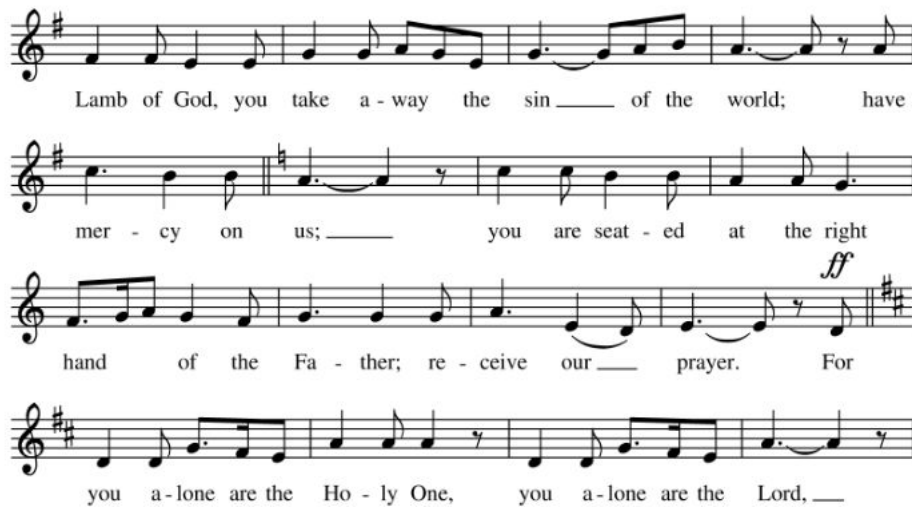
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

Music for the Holy Eucharist Rite II - Peter Crisafulli (b. 1946)





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

*People: **And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Reader A reading from the Book of Habakkuk.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrong-doing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous--
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost,

and station myself on the rampart;
 I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
 and what he will answer concerning my complaint.
 Then the Lord answered me and said:
 Write the vision;
 make it plain on tablets,
 so that a runner may read it.
 For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
 it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
 If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
 it will surely come, it will not delay.
 Look at the proud!
 Their spirit is not right in them,
 but the righteous live by their faith.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God

PSALM 37:1-10 – *Read at 8AM; chanted by the choir at 10:15*

Setting by Henry J. Gauntlett (1805-1876)

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.**
- 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the Lord, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.**
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.**
- 7 Be still before the Lord *
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.**

Reader A reading from the Second Letter to Timothy.

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN – #671 "Amazing grace! how sweet the sound"

New Britain

THE GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

THE NICENE CREED – *All Stand, as able*

BCP page 358

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Strong in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the needs of the world saying: *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for our Dioceses as we prepare for Diocesan Convention and for those standing for election, that we may be disciples who live faithfully and serve God with a spirit of power and love. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For this Cathedral community, that we may grow in our reliance on God in every area of our lives and be open to following wherever God leads us. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For those who work for peace, that they may seek new ways to defeat the evils that confront the human family. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For healing of the earth's climate, that the Spirit will open hearts to the seriousness of the challenge and give courage to those who are working to find solutions. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For a vision of hope, that all who face poverty, violence and desolation may be renewed by the Spirit of God and become a source of light and promise to others who are struggling.
Holy One, hear our prayer.

For all who are recovering from storms, fire, and flood; for those who are threatened by injustice and violence; and those in need of our prayers Jeanine, Miles, Clark, Geri, Dominic, Steve & Tracy, Juanita, Lisa and family, Andrea, Barbara, Larry and Diane, Byron, Chris, Joe, Carl, Lori, Larry, Carol, Renee, Sharon, Elaine, Don, Anne, Jim, Judy, and Shirley, that they may know God's presence and be renewed in faith and hope. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For all the departed, remembering especially those whose anniversaries of death we remember this week, that they may wait upon the Lord and delight in God's presence. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Blessed Mary, the God-bearer; Blessed Paul; and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord our God

Celebrant: Gracious God, hear the prayers of those whose faith is the size of a mustard seed, and grant that we who guard the good treasure, may work with all our strength for the growth of your kingdom. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant may introduce the Confession with these words

Let us confess our sin against God and God's creation.

God of compassion, have mercy upon us.

Heal our relationship with all creation.

**Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect
of the creatures who share the earth with us.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent
for what we have done to harm them,
and for what we have not done to help them.**

**Fill us with your Spirit,
that we may care for one another and for all creatures,
according to your will and in the fullness of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

The Celebrant alone says

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE - *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP page 358

Walk in Love, as Christ loved us and give himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM – Os Justi meditabitur sapientiam

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

Os justi meditabitur sapientiam,
et lingua ejus loquetur judicium.
Lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius:
et non supplantabuntur gressus ejus.
Alleluia.

The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom,
and his tongue speaks what is just.
The law of his God is in his heart;
and his steps will not be impeded.
Alleluia.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C – BCP page 369

*In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.
The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

SURSUM CORDA

S 120

The musical notation for the Sursum Corda prayer consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the People, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant, proceeds
God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.*

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Crisafulli

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry; Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Blessed is the

one who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

THE GREAT AMEN

Crisafulli



Celebrant

As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.

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 power, and the glo - ry are yours,

now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP page 364

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Crisafulli

Then may be sung or said

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: ____ have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: ____ *slower* grant us peace.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

We welcome all baptized persons, regardless of age or denomination, to receive communion here at Saint Paul's. If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward to a blessing. To show that you wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest.

COMMUNION ANTHEM – Draw us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether;
For when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together,
Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now
thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou
our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
Make us sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving,
We may true disciples be.
Alleluya! Alleluya! We will
serve thee faithfully.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP page 366

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

***Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

BCP page 339

HYMN AT THE RETIRING PROCESSION – #541 “Come, labor on”

Ora Labora

DISMISSAL

S 174

Deacon

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the pow-er of the Spi-rit.

People

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – “Allegro” from Sonata for Transverse Flute without Bass (1747)

CPE Bach (1714-1788)

*The flowers on the high altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Bette Skillman by Judy Kelly and Family.*

CATHEDRAL LIFE | OCTOBER 5TH
ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL – SPCBUFFALO.ORG

SJAT Note: Water, Water Everywhere!

From Estelle Siener for the Social Justice Action Team

Please mark your calendar for two Sundays - October 5th and 12th - when the Social Justice Action Team will hijack coffee hour, inviting you to lunch in the Walker Room. We will share soup, bread and conversation. Then join us when we transition to viewing film clips and participating in discussion and activities around water. Climate change and water are interconnected, and the films will provoke discussion around the world's water and our local water – issues and some hopeful remedies. We plan to meet for about an hour and a half. So come for the lunch and stay as long as you are able!

Celebrating the Season of Creation at St. Paul's

At our Sunday services from September 1 - October 4, we will utilize prayers and liturgical resources connecting us more deeply to the season. In celebration of the season, several events and Christian education opportunities are also being offered.

Sunday Film Series on Water: Following a course of study undertaken by the Social Justice Action Team, a series of short films will be shown this fall on Sundays in the Walker Room, immediately following coffee hour. A light lunch and discussion will be held. Stay tuned for more information

Laudato Si Book Study: In honor of the 10th Anniversary of Laudato Si, Pope Francis' encyclical on creation, a book study will be held on Mondays, September 8-October 27 (no meeting on 9/29) at 7PM on Zoom. Please use the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/4cf5fkje>, Meeting ID: **716 855 0900** Password: **4cathedral**. The program will be facilitated by Dean Rebecca Barnes and Mo. Liz Grohowski. The book may be purchased at your favorite book seller or a user friendly pdf version may be found online at: <https://tinyurl.com/4ee8h383>

Organ Project off to a Start!

From Dean Rebecca and the Organ Committee

On Monday, September 29th the three-manual Turner organ console in the Gallery was lifted out and loaded onto a truck to go to the workshop of the R.A.Colby Organ Co. in Johnson City, TN (photos of the move were taken by Bill Siener). This officially begins the first phase of our organ rebuild and restoration project. The console will be retrofitted with Walker Digital components and return to us, hopefully, in time for Easter.

This first phase follows a plan similar to other major Episcopal churches including Trinity Wall Street, The Cathedral of St. John the Divine, and the National Cathedral. It will allow us to have a functioning instrument while we move on to Phase 2 of our project which will include procuring bids from multiple organ builders and raising capital for a full pipe organ restoration and rebuild. Phase 2 of our organ project will commence in the coming months. Stay tuned for more information and updates from the organ committee and Vestry.



Stewardship Campaign for 2026

Submitted by Michael Bonilla

If you are like me and get up very early to walk a dog, you will have noticed the chill in the air. While it is a relief from the recent "dog days of summer", it is a reminder that Autumn will be here in just a few weeks.

Autumn is my favorite season of the year. Perhaps it is because I was born in October. The beautiful fall colors of nature and the abundance of God's bounty in the plentiful harvest season have always had a special meaning for me. Although it sometimes saddens me to see the beauty of summer's colors fade and wither, I am never disheartened because I have faith that after a long cold winter, beauty will return to us in the spring. It is also a time of reflection on the circle of life and a time to be thankful for all that has been gifted to us by God.

So, it seems fitting that during this season the church reflects on stewardship and how we can give back to God for what we have received in abundance from our creator. This year at St. Paul's our annual stewardship campaign will begin on Sunday, September 14 with our annual ice cream social after the ten fifteen service.

The theme of the campaign this year is "Tell Out My Soul". If that sounds familiar, it is probably because you have sung Hymn 438, Woodlands, more than once or twice as a member of this congregation. Sometimes you can't see the forest for the trees. When I looked at the text of the hymn before penning this article, I had one of those 'duh' moments that are sometimes rather embarrassing. The words of the hymn are a paraphrase of the Magnificat, the ebullient song of praise that Mary sings after the departure of the angel Gabriel who had just announced to her that she would be the God Bearer. God had gifted Mary in a way that has never happened to any other human during the long march of history. And Mary was filled with joy, and she began to sing. What did she sing about? Read the text of the hymn. You will look at it in a whole new way.

Before our campaign ends on November 23, the feast of Christ the King, you will read weekly meditations in our bulletins, you will hear others witness to the greatness of God in their lives and you will receive letters from the dean, the wardens and the stewardship committee. It is my hope that the words of others about the greatness of God in their lives will inspire you to compose your own joyful song to God. How will your joy in the greatness of the Lord be reflected in your song? How will your joy at the greatness of God be reflected in your pledge?

Coming Attractions!

From Chris Casto for the Social Justice Action Team

Mondays October 6, 13, 20, 27 at 7:00 PM - study of Laudato Si (further details in the eNews or leaflet)

Now through November 22 - "And Who is My Neighbor...?" photograph exhibit (further details in the eNews or leaflet)

Sundays October 5 and 12 - Water, Water Everywhere! (further details in the eNews or leaflet)

Thursday October 9, 6:00 PM - dinner and a movie - The Philadelphia Eleven - details and registration:
<https://tinyurl.com/nhhraeab>

SJAT Note for the Season of Creation

From Bob Ludwig for the Social Justice Action Team

From spiders to elephants, and from bats to lobsters, Ed Yong in *An Immense World* explores the sensory

equipment of the creatures who share our planet. His declared purpose is not to regard them as “stand-ins for humans or fodder for brain-storming sessions.” Rather he expresses an awe worthy of St. Francis. The creatures who populate the book are introduced by: “They have worth in themselves. We’ll explore their senses to better understand their lives.” An example of this exploration is a spider which can pull silk out of its body at different speeds (creating fibers of different thickness) or adjust webs already spun by adding, removing or tugging on specific threads. A Japanese zoologist has shown that a spider can change the structure of its web when it is hungry, lowering its ambitions by tightening the web to catch smaller prey with less nutrition in each. Yong’s quiet, self-deprecating humor in his generalizations is illustrated by how he ends a chapter to transition to a new one. For instance, at the end of Chapter 6 – where he’s been talking about arthropods (insects, spiders and crustaceans) that have hairs which detect the flow of either air or water enabling them to distinguish predators from prey, he writes, “The air around us is full of signals we [humans] don’t detect. And so is the ground below us.” Which leads to Chapter 7 – ‘The Rippling Ground, Surface Vibrations.’ NPR’s capsule review, “Yong writes in a perfect balance of scientific rigor and personal awe.” Not hard to read. A NYTimes Bestseller. Try it.

SJAT Note

From Bill Siener for the Social Justice Action Team

“And Who Is My Neighbor . . . ?” an exhibit of portraits of some of the Cathedral’s unhoused neighbors is coming to the narthex on September 20. Buffalo photographer, Joe George, has made 23 stunning images of people who, for a variety of reasons, live on the streets of the city. They will be on display for Doors Open, Buffalo, through the end of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week on November 22.

The exhibit will be open to the public on Sundays, Mondays, and Wednesdays from 12 Noon to 2 PM, and on Saturday, November 22 from Noon to 2. In order for us to be able to make the show available to the public, we need at least 2 people to act as docents/greeters each day that it is open. If you are able to give some time to explain to visitors more about one of St. Paul’s ministries in downtown Buffalo, please sign up for one or more time slots on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Walker Room, or contact Bill Siener at whsiener@gmail.com.

Prayer and Pastoral Care

We lift up the following in prayer especially Jeanine, Miles, Clark, Geri, Dominic, Steve & Tracy, Juanita, Lisa and family, Andrea, Barbara, Larry and Diane, Byron, Chris, Joe, Carl, Lori, Larry, Carol, Renee, Sharon, Elaine, Don, Anne, Jim, Judy, and Shirley. We also remember all those who have died, especially Tabatha, and those whose anniversaries of death we mark this week. We pray for them and their loved ones who remember them.

THE ST. FRANCIS PLEDGE

I Pledge to:

- PRAY and reflect on my duty to care for God’s Creation and protect those who are poor and vulnerable.
- LEARN about and educate others about the causes and moral dimensions of climate change.
- ASSESS how I as an individual, my family, parish and school contribute to climate change by energy use, consumption, and waste.
- ACT to change my choices and behaviors by reducing my carbon footprint such as being a more energy conscious consumer and less wasteful in my use of limited resources.
- ADVOCATE for the principles of nurturing the Beloved Community and stewardship of God’s creation in climate change discussions and decisions, especially as they impact those who are poor and vulnerable.



Tell Out My Soul

Truth-telling and Creativity

As a visual artist and author, I speak Truth (capital T) and love through creativity. I weave prayer and poetry into every word on the page and color on the canvas. I create to communicate with the One who gives me breath.

In my writing, photography, and painting—I hope to capture the essence of what is holy and complex, inspiring and life-giving.

This hunger for Truth-telling began at my grandmother's kitchen table, where the colors of grief, loss, remembering, and hope spilled across its surface. My painting and writing table was once my Grandmother's kitchen table.

Purple hull peas, green okra, yellow squash, and red tomatoes adorned the table – precious jewels colored by hard work and Louisiana sunshine—a meal prepared with love in the tiny kitchen of their home. The fragrance of summer filled the air, and we held hands and offered thanks. After each meal, the children would find themselves under the kitchen table, planning their next wild adventure. Occasionally, we would get quiet, listen to what the adults were saying, and giggle out loud when we heard something we shouldn't have.

I inherited that old table when my grandmother died. It is no fancy antique; it is an inexpensive furniture store table. But for me, it has become an altar of remembrance and hope. I now paint, write, and pray at my grandmother's table, the same table I once played under as a child. Each brushstroke and written word is infused with memories, carrying on the breeze the whispers of my ancestors and hopeful prayers for the future.

My Grandmother's greatest gift was teaching me to love in the truest sense of the word. And so, with each brushstroke and written word, I tell out my soul, honoring my grandmother's legacy of love, transcending the ordinary to echo the sacred in every creation. tens.org



Questions for Reflection:

What does “Truth-telling” mean to you, and how can you incorporate that into your own artistic or creative practice?



Roger Hutchison is a best-selling author, artist, award-winning nature photographer, and Episcopal lay leader recognized for his work with children and openness about his mental health journey.



THE EPISCOPAL
NETWORK FOR
STEWARDSHIP



*And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."*
Luke 1:46-47, NRSV

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We are so inspired as we look around our cathedral and observe all we have accomplished together this year. Among them is welcoming strangers in our midst by hosting Sylvia's House with 60 unhoused neighbors. We continue to support our Afghan family and celebrate with them in the graduation and admission to college of the oldest daughter. (See the "thank you" poster in the Walker Room.) In addition, we have continued the preservation of our church for the future by undertaking large building repairs. And we have taken the first steps in restoring our organ. While not always a smooth ride, it has brought us together in unity.


These uplifting events have been especially important to us this year with so much angst and dread in the world around us. We are privileged to have a church full of generous, loving, creative people who find new ways to seek and serve Christ in all people. We are making a difference in our community; we are changing the world.

Our annual campaign this year asks us to share two big things with our congregation. Firstly, we are asked to share our gifts. Those ideas, talents and passions that God has planted in you are grown in your generous heart to be shared with the world. Secondly, you are asked to share your story with us and with the world around you. That is how we grow God's kingdom and cast the net wider.

Soon you will receive a letter from the Stewardship Chair with the materials you need to consider your pledge or promise to share your time, talent, and treasure. In these coming days, we invite you to pray, to listen, and to continue sharing yourself with our community in the many ways that you do.

Tell out my soul! The Greatness of the Lord!

Sincerely,


Estelle Siener, Warden


Michael Bonilla, Warden



BULLETIN INSERTS

October 5, 2025 – Pentecost 17 (C)
The Nicene Creed: Week 4

To commemorate the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, the Rt. Rev. Matthew Gunter, bishop of Wisconsin, has written a series of reflections on the Nicene Creed and its relevance for contemporary Episcopalians. Over the coming weeks, we'll share his teachings, written mostly in a question-and-answer format.

Isn't one's faith about one's relationship with the living God and with God's children? Can't we say, "Love God and love your neighbor," and leave it at that? That is indeed Jesus' summary of the law, and that is no small thing. However, in his context (the time's tradition and teachings), Jesus had received a great deal about the nature and purposes of God as a son of Israel. While there was no written creed as such, Jesus was part of a people who held certain ideas, i.e., doctrines, about God and humanity. As a faithful Jew, he would have recited the Sh'ma found in Deuteronomy 6:4-5: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might."

There is no sufficient knowledge of God without some sort of creed. 'God' is a meaningless word until it is given meaning. To say, "Just love God with your whole heart, mind, and soul" only begs the questions, "Who, or what, is this 'God' I am to love, and what does it mean to love this 'God'?" As for loving neighbors, who counts as my neighbor? Do strangers count? What about enemies? And why *should* I love them? And in what way, to what extent, and at what cost? Why is it so hard to do? Does it matter ultimately? Is there any divine reckoning for our failure and refusal to love? What does it mean to be human? And what kind of world do we live in?

Any answers to these questions are not obvious. That they seem obvious to many of us is because our imaginations have already been formed in a society shaped by the vision of Christianity reflected in the Nicene Creed, even if we have mostly forgotten the source of that shaping. And any answer to these questions takes us into the realm of belief and doctrine. The Creed is the basic Christian foundation for answering them. One might prefer other answers or make up one's own, but one cannot talk about "god," "love," "creation," or "human beings" without some sort of belief system, i.e., a creed.

It is inadequate to appeal to a simplistic pietism, whether in its more conservative or more liberal versions, that says, "Don't bother me with doctrine, just give me Jesus." We have no direct access to Jesus other than through the Gospels, which are heavily influenced by the interpretation (doctrine) of who Jesus is and why He matters. The Creed is the Christian guide to understanding the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in light of Jesus. It affirms that, while God will always remain beyond our understanding, when we look at Jesus, we see God. And that God has so loved humanity as to enter into our physical reality with our rebellion, our sin, our brokenness, our unlove, and untruth to deliver us.

UBE

The Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) is an organization with 55 chapters in the US, Canada, Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean. In WNY, the UBE Bishop James T. Holly Chapter is named for the first African American bishop of the Episcopal Church consecrated in 1874 (85 years after the founding of the church in America). Our journey of faith propels us to advocate for the people of the church and the world who are threatened by racism, injustice, and prejudice. We appreciate the support of allies in our efforts towards equality for all of God's children!



**The Union of Black Episcopalians
Spaghetti Meal Fundraiser**

When: Sat. October 25, 2025
Time: 1:00p - 4:00p
Location: St. Paul's Cathedral
139 Pearl Street

Menu: Spaghetti (w/meatballs or meatless), salad, roll, dessert, water

Advanced Donation by 10/19:
\$18 w/meatballs
\$15 meatless
\$20 on 10/25

Dine in
or take
out

For further information contact: Latanya, UBE President
jacoblatanya@gmail.com

New or visiting today? Everything you need to participate in worship is in this bulletin and the Hymnal in the pew (red or blue). We invite you to join in praying, singing, and responding, as you are comfortable.

Restrooms are located on the lower level. From the elevator, proceed through the double glass doors and look to your right for an accessible restroom. Additional restrooms are on the same level, to the left, near the kitchen.

Children are always welcome in worship and are invited to explore! Greeters can provide activity kits, available in the back of the church. Godly Play is also offered. For details: cathedral@spcbuffalo.org.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Kathy Reiss, Delwyn Milander; Altar Guild
Frank Smigelsky, Robert Ludwig; Ushers
Estelle Siener; Coffee Hour Host
Tracy Thomas; Livestream Coordinator

Estelle Siener, Charles Casto Jr.; Readers
Latanya Jacob; Intercessor
Charles Casto Jr., Evelyn Smigelsky; Eucharistic Ministers
Alex Hamilton; Guest Organist

The Very Reverend Rebecca A. Barnes; Celebrant and Preacher

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN NEW YORK

<https://episcopalwny.org/>

CATHEDRAL CLERGY / STAFF

The Very Rev. Rebecca A. Barnes, Dean • deanrebecca@spcbuffalo.org • 646-533-1836
Teresa Carter, Administrator • teresa@spcbuffalo.org • 855-0900 ext. 222
Thomas Himmelsbach, Maintenance

CATHEDRAL WARDENS

Estelle Siener, Warden (estelle.siener@gmail.com) • Michael Bonilla, Warden (bonz5647@yahoo.com)

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

spcbuffalo.org • 716-855-0900 • Facebook and Instagram: [spcbuffalo](#)
139 Pearl Street, Buffalo, New York 14202 • Offices and Mailing Address: 4 Cathedral Park

The people of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral strive to be a beacon
of God's love in Western New York through transformative worship, inclusive fellowship,
and active service in partnership with the wider community.

Music printed and streamed with permission under OneLicense.net A-729606 and CCLI



CATHEDRAL NEWS
See weekly updates
and sign up to
receive announcements



spcbuffalo.org
Learn more
about St. Paul's
Cathedral



DONATE
to the Cathedral
and its mission
and ministry