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SUNG LITURGY OF THE DAY

Community Mass by Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Patricia Hills, Soprano; Bre Philippy, Alto; Paul Waara, Tenor; David Snyder, Bass
Patricia Hills, Conductor
Peter Smith, Guest Organist

Hymns, in numerical order, are in the 1982 Hymnal; service music is listed on the service leaflet and may be found in the front of the 1982 Hymnal, with "S" before the number. "BCP" with a page number, refers to The Book of Common Prayer

PRELUDE – Organ Voluntary

THE ENTRANCE RITE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#390 Praise to the Lord! the Almighty, the King of creation

Lobe den Herren

All stand as the procession enters the nave.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

S76

Celebrant



Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

People



And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

Music: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991). Copyright © 1971 Mason Martens.

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

Proulx

Glo - ry to God in the

high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther, We wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord, God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have

mer-cy on us; You are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our pray'r, re -

ceive, re - ceive our pray'r.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ with the Ho - ly

Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - men. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9-18

Reader A reading from the First Book of Kings.

Thus says the Lord:

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

8am Read responsively; 10:15am chanted by the choir

- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 **Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.**
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 **Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 **Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

THE EPISTLE

Romans 10:5-15

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN – #699 Jesus, Lover of my soul

Aberystwyth

All standing, as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

All remain standing, as able.

The ✠Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Rebecca A. Barnes

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 Let us offer our prayers in the name of our God who always makes things
work for good and is ever ready to reach out to save us, saying: *God of mercy, Hear our
prayer.*

For the Church: especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean our Presiding Bishop; Stephen our Bishop Provisional; and our Diocese as we continue our summer listening sessions in preparation for calling a new Bishop Diocesan, that God's people may never grow discouraged despite the winds and waves against them. God of mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For this Cathedral community, we may hear the voice of Jesus calling us to "not be afraid," and learn to trust in God's saving care. God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For all those facing health or economic crisis, that they will hear Christ's invitation to step forward in faith and find healing and hope as they take Christ's hand. God of mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For all who sail or who make their living on the sea, that God will protect and guide them. God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For all who experience the storms of daily life, and all those in need of our prayers, especially Lynne, Alex, Jim, Mariann, Sean & Kevin, Chuck, Clark, Chris, Joe, Larry, those on the Cathedral Pastoral Care list, those suffering from wildfires, the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and those who are living in fear of or suffering from the Ebola outbreak, that they may be held up by the strong hand of God. God of mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For all the departed, remembering especially Rob, Antonio, Thomas, and Marilyn, that God will lead them safely to the haven of eternal life. God of mercy, **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 Creator God, who has made the seas, streams and springs of water, hear the prayers we offer this day for all battered by the waves of this world and bring them and us in safely to your harbor; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

A Confession of Sin is said here if it has not been said earlier. On occasion, the Confession may be omitted.

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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 the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave 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 – Give to the winds your fears

Robert J. Powell (1932-2025)

Give to the winds your fears,
Have hope, be not dismayed,
God hears your sighs and counts your tears,
God shall lift up your head.

Through waves and clouds and storms,
God gently clears the way;
Wait his own time, so shall this night
Soon end in joyous day.

Leave to God's sovereign sway
to choose and to command,
So shalt you, wondering, own that way,
How wise, how strong his hand!

On God the Lord rely,
And safe shall you go on;
On God's work fix your steadfast eye;
So shall your work be done.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – Eucharistic Prayer A

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SURSUM CORDA

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The musical notation is arranged in four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The first staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you." and the second staff is for the People, with the lyrics "And al - so with you." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." and the fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The notation uses a simple system of dots for notes and lines for stems, with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

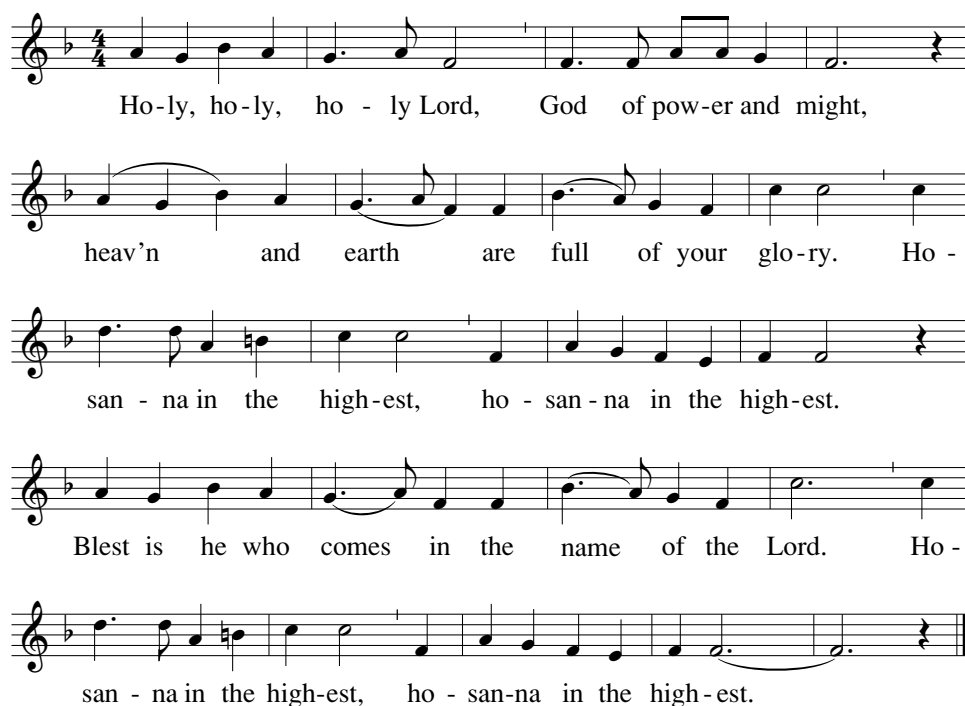
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant continues:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Proulx



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Proulx



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

The Celebrant continues

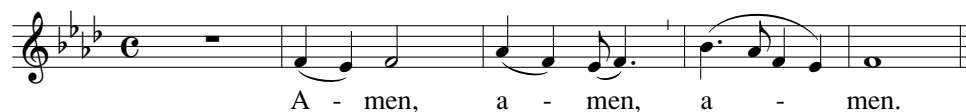
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through you Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

THE GREAT AMEN

Proulx



The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

S148

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Proulx



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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 at Saint Paul's. Communion will be distributed at the High Altar and at the Crossing. The people will be invited by row to come forward; you may return to your pew by the side aisles. Anyone needing assistance may indicate so to an usher and communion will be brought to you at the end.

The Holy Communion is distributed under the forms of both Bread and Wine. In the interest of public health, the Cathedral does not practice intinction, that is, the dipping of the Bread into the Wine. It is the faith of the Church that Jesus gives himself in the Sacrament whether it is received in only one kind or both. Gluten-free Wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.

It is our custom to receive the bread in the upturned palms of our hands, and eat it immediately. Those who wish to receive wine should partake by sipping directly from the chalice. Please use your hands, holding the base of the chalice, to gently assist the server in guiding the chalice to your lips.

If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. To show that you wish to receive a blessing, instead of the bread/wine, signal your desire by crossing your arms over your chest.

AT THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

O Lord, Increase My Faith

Henry Loosemore (c. 1607-1670)

O Lord, increase my faith
Strengthen me
And confirm me in thy true faith
Endue me with wisdom
Charity, chastity and patience
In all my adversity
Sweet Jesus, say Amen

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

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THE FINAL HYMN – #414 God, my King, they might confessing

Stuttgart

THE DISMISSAL

S174

Deacon



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

People



Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – Organ Voluntary

CATHEDRAL LIFE | AUGUST 9
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TODAY

- Bible Study – 9 a.m. lower level/Walker – coffee and discussion of scripture lessons for the week
- Coffee/Refreshments – after the 10:15 service, lower level/Walker

Holy Hikes

Holy Hikes of Western New York, a ministry of St. Paul's Cathedral, is pleased to announce its full schedule (<https://tinyurl.com/mwc53bmn>) for the 2026 season. All hikes are held on the second Saturday of the month at 10am, unless otherwise announced. In September, we will hike at Goat Island in Niagara Falls. We hike rain or shine. All are welcome; carpooling will be available from the Cathedral at 9:30am or you can join us directly at the appointed hike location.



Children's Christian Education: "Godly Play"

St. Paul's offers "Godly Play: is a Montessori-based program on Sundays at 10am in the Bishop Scaife Room on the lower level of the Cathedral. Making meaning through story, wonder, and play, the program nurtures spiritual lives by honoring the centrality, competency, and capacity of children.

Parking at St. Paul's

Street parking is free on Saturdays and Sundays. There are also several nearby parking garages. We recommend:

- **Main Place Mall Parking** (221 Pearl St., Buffalo, NY 14202, <https://www.mainliberty.com/parking>) - This is our preferred garage for those coming to St. Paul's. We suggest that you use the entrance directly across from the Rath County Office Building, 166 Pearl, (you will notice the skywalk above) which is only a 1/2 block north of the Cathedral. Weekend parking is \$6 all day. Weekday rate: \$5 for 1 hr or less; \$7 for 3hr or less; \$12 full day. Accessibility: ADA-compliant spaces and elevator access available and 24/7 surveillance, well-lit areas, and patrolled security. EV Charging: Electric vehicle charging stations available.

Need help covering parking fees? We've got you covered! Bring your ticket from the Main Place Mall Parking with you. At the end of the service just see an usher for a voucher for your card. (If you can afford to pay, we kindly ask that you please leave this limited fund for those who can't, thank you!)

Additional ramps we suggest are:

- **Adam Ramp** (343 Washington St., Buffalo, NY 14202) - 1 1/2 blocks behind the Cathedral. Weekend parking is \$6 all day. Weekday rate: \$2.50 hr/ \$10 max.

- **93 Pearl Street Garage** (93 Pearl St. Buffalo, NY 14202) - A block south of the Cathedral. Daily Parking (Mon - Fri, 6 am - 6 pm) - \$10 Max

There are also several open/uncovered Premier Parking parking lots near the Cathedral. These require payment at a kiosk; fees are higher. Please note, when there are special events at Sahlen Field and the KeyBank Center, area lots charge Event Rates which are significantly more than daily rates.

Pastoral Care Ministry at St. Paul's

Recent changes have been made to the intercessions that are offered during the Prayers of the People. Names may be submitted for those who are in acute or critical need. Names will remain on the list for six weeks. Should you wish to have them remain on the list longer, that request may be made to the Dean. We will maintain a separate Pastoral Care prayer list for those who are homebound and in nursing homes, or may request ongoing prayer. This list will remain in the announcements and on the eNews, but individual names will not be included in the intercessions. We do ask that the entire congregation remember these beloved of our community in your prayers and join with us in praying for them. We hope that this will shorten the prayers while holding in our hearts and prayers, all those in need and absent from us.

In a Pastoral Emergency, please contact—The Very Reverend Rebecca A. Barnes, Dean at [646-533-1836](tel:646-533-1836)/e-mail at deanrebecca@spcbuffalo.org; or The Reverend Elizabeth Grohowski, [212-222-8109](tel:212-222-8109). If you, or a family member, are in the hospital, a healthcare facility, or are home bound and would like to have a visit from one of the clergy or a member of our Pastoral Care Committee, please contact the cathedral office at [716-855-0900](tel:716-855-0900) or at office@spcbuffalo.org. Due to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, commonly known as HIPAA, hospitals no longer automatically provide churches with names of admitted parishioners. If you or a family member are hospitalized or in a healthcare facility, you or someone acting on your behalf will need to notify the church to assure that proper pastoral care may be offered. St. Paul's complies with all HIPAA requirements and cannot provide personal information for sick or injured members without permission of the member or his or her close family member. Additionally, if you or a loved one are hospitalized or homebound and desire regular Eucharistic visitation, please notify the parish office. Eucharistic Visitations are customarily made once per month; weekly visits may be scheduled upon request.

– Dean Rebecca

Prayer and Pastoral Care

We lift up the following in prayer especially Lynne, Alex, Jim, Mariann, Sean & Kevin, Chuck, Clark, Chris, Joe, Larry, Sharon, Elaine, Howard, Lillian, Patty, Renee, Jim, Judy, Ann, Carol, and Shirley, those suffering from wildfires, and the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and those who are living in fear of or suffering from the Ebola outbreak.

We also remember all those who have died, especially Rob, Antonio, Thomas, Marilyn, Priscilla, Neil, and Vicki, and those whose anniversaries of death we mark this week. We pray for them and their loved ones who remember them.

ACROSS THE DIOCESE AND THE CHURCH

Call to the 2026 Diocesan Convention

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

A diocese is many things. Following the practice of the Roman Empire, a diocese is a geographically contiguous subdivision of a larger administrative area. The word itself is derived from the Greek word for “administration.” In Christian use, a diocese is also a geographic subdivision of a larger area, in our case Province II of The Episcopal Church. Specifically, an Episcopal diocese is a region overseen by a bishop who administers the churches in the region. Each worshipping community represents the larger whole in the local area. We exist as a church in mutual and reciprocal relationships to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. All of us together are “the diocese.”

We meet officially as the diocese once a year in our annual meeting which we call Diocesan Convention. It’s then when all of us together take counsel for the life of our church. And while our decisions must conform to the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and the Religious Corporation Law of New York State, we make decisions for our context, our needs, and our sense of God’s call to us. Our work together creates the culture and character of the Diocese of Western New York and makes us unique among the 106 dioceses of The Episcopal Church.

I hope you will want to be part of the fellowship and culture-making that are the essence of our gathering as a diocese. Every parish is needed to shape our decisions in our collective image and to help us be the people God intends us to be. Listed below you will find all the information you need to register and to begin to prepare to make thoughtful and prayerful decisions.

I look forward to seeing you in October.

Blessings,
+Steve

Convention Theme & Keynote Speaker

This year's convention theme is: WE ARE THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

We are excited to announce that our keynote speaker will be: The Rev. Molly F. James, Ph.D.

Molly currently serves as the Interim Executive Officer of General Convention for The Episcopal Church. She holds a PhD in Theology from the University of Exeter (UK), a Masters of Divinity from Yale Divinity School and Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Tufts University. She grew up in Maine and was ordained as a priest in 2005. She has served on the Bishops’ Staff in Connecticut, as a parish priest, and a hospital chaplain, as well as an adjunct professor focusing on ethics and pastoral care. Her doctoral research focused on suffering and grief. Her work, *With Joyful Acceptance, Maybe* was published in 2013 by Wipf and Stock. Molly previously served as co-chair of Young Clergy Women International (an ecumenical organization

of clergy women under 40), and as a board member for the Society of Scholar Priests. She is currently co-chair of the Faith Communities Today research consortium, a board member for the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies, and the Yale Alumni Nonprofit Alliance. She has two children and loves cooking, reading, travel, and spending time in the splendor of God's creation.

Molly will also preach at the Convention Eucharist on Friday, October 23rd.

Convention Location

Our 189th Diocesan Convention will be held in Celeron, NY at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel on October 23 & 24, 2026.

Convention Business begins at 10am, Oct. 23rd and continues thru noon, Oct 24th.

DIRECTIONS: <https://tinyurl.com/d854dhht>

A limited number of hotel rooms have been reserved for attendees starting at \$139 for Thursday, Oct 22 & Friday, Oct. 23.

Some of the room type options are no longer available. You may need to select a different room type to reserve a room.

Rooms may be booked online or by calling the Hotel directly (716-489-2800) and ask for the 2026 WNY Diocesan Convention rate.

For booking online, choose SELECT & GO TO THE NEXT STEP when prompted in the booking app to choose your dates and room type.

Book a hotel: <https://tinyurl.com/3say4cza>

Here Am I, Send Me: The Journey of Jonathan Daniels

The Bishop Holly Chapter of the Union for Black Episcopalians (UBE) invites you to a free viewing and discussion of the award-winning film, Here Am I, Send Me: The Journey of Jonathan Daniels, with the film's creator Dr. Lawrence Benaquist. The movie and lunch will be held at the Diocesan Ministry Center on August 15, 9am-1pm.

The story of Jonathan Myrick Daniels, an Episcopal seminarian from Connecticut who answered the Rev. Martin Luther King's call for northern clergy to come to the South to advocate for racial justice and voting rights, is one we should know. Each year, on August 14th, the Episcopal Church remembers the martyred Jonathan Daniels, who gave his life during the civil rights movement. His sacrificial courage calls us to stand where Jesus stands—in solidarity with the oppressed.

Register by August 10 to attend: REGISTER HERE: <https://tinyurl.com/y2c7dmzt>

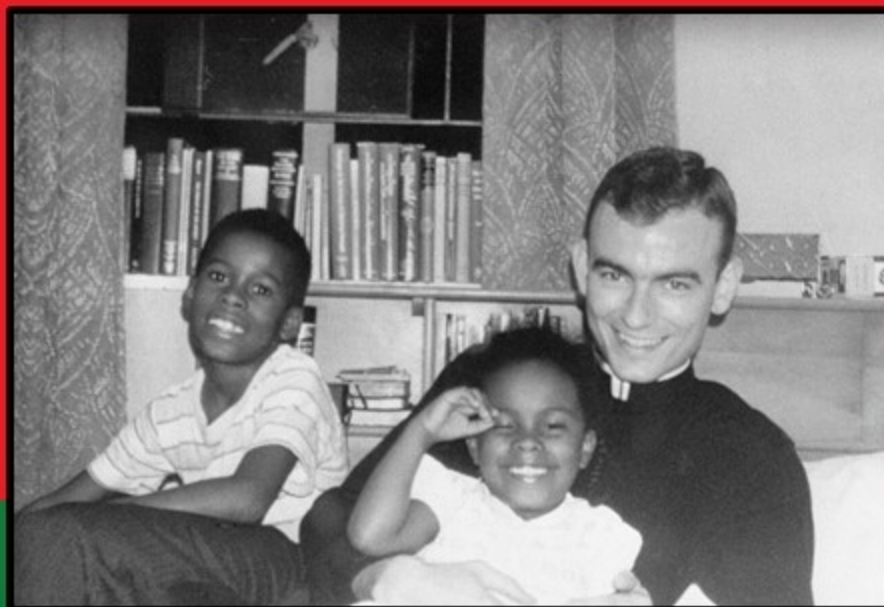


The Bishop Holly Chapter
Union of Black Episcopalians

*Make a
Morning of it!!!*

Here Am I, Send Me: The Journey of Jonathan Daniels

A film from Larry Benaquist & Bill Sullivan



Meet the
Filmmaker
Dr. Lawrence
Benaquist

Saturday, August 15, 2026

Diocesan Ministry Center

1064 Brighton Rd, Tonawanda, NY

9:00 AM Doors open w/ Coffee & Treats

9:30 AM – 11:30ish Film & Lunch

Free Event

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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.

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