

The Holy Eucharist

Voluntary: Shalom (Peace), Dan Locklair

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn #423 – "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" See red book in pews; the people stand, as able.

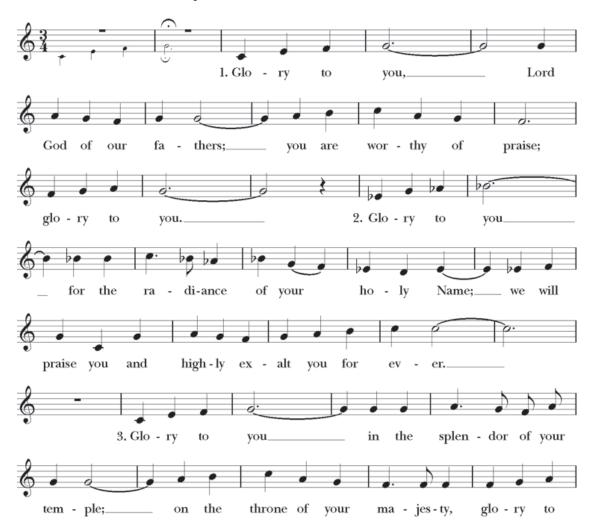
Unless printed in the bulletin, hymns are played through once by the organist before singing.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the One, Holy and Living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Song of Praise – Canticle 13, S236, Hymnal 1982





The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons The people may be seated.

First Reading – Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

After the reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 responsively by whole verse

Leader: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,*

abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

 $\textit{People} : \ \ \text{He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my stronghold,"}$

my God in whom I put my trust."

He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter* and from the deadly pestilence.

He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; * his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, * nor of the arrow that flies by day;

Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, * nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; * I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

Second Reading – 1 Timothy 6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

After the reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn #581 – "Where Charity and Love Prevail" please stand, as able

Gospel Luke 16:19-31

Before the Gospel,

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ... People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham.

The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

After the Gospel,

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

The Sermon The people sit. Dean Twila Smith

The Nicene Creed The people stand, as able; in unison

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

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Empower us, O Christ."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Empower us, O Christ.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Empower us, O Christ.

For Joe, our President, Kathy, our Governor, Byron, our Mayor, for the leaders of the nations, for all

in authority, and for our civic engagement, let us pray to the Lord.

Empower us, O Christ.

For this Cathedral, for stewardship of resources God has given us, and generosity of time and talents for God's mission and the good of others, let us pray to the Lord.

Empower us, O Christ.

For this city of Buffalo and our downtown neighborhood, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Empower us, O Christ.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Empower us, O Christ.

For all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit, including all who have been commended to our prayers: Tish, Reid, Lisa, Marge, Renee, Elaine, Jeanna, Michael, Judy, Jim, Sharon, Robert, Carol, Shirley, Jeremy, Monica, and Henry, and for our care of them, let us pray to the Lord.

Empower us, O Christ.

For our neighbors who are poor, oppressed, unemployed, and facing other needs; for prisoners and captives; and for all who remember and advocate for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Empower us, O Christ.

Let us also pray for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, including James L. Jackson Sr., Anne Wilkinson, Francis Augusta Johnson Eastman, Olive Chandler, and Erma Jaeckle; those we remember in our hearts, and for the whole communion of saints.

Presider adds a concluding collect

Confession

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,

that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Priest offers absolution

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving The people stand. The Presider, facing them, says,

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

People We lift them to the Lord.

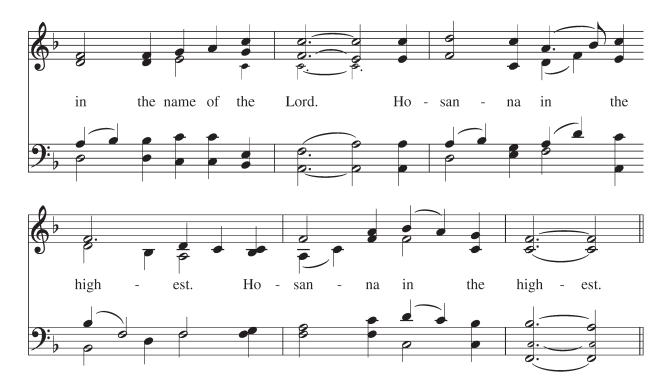
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:





Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: Presider and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

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

All 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.

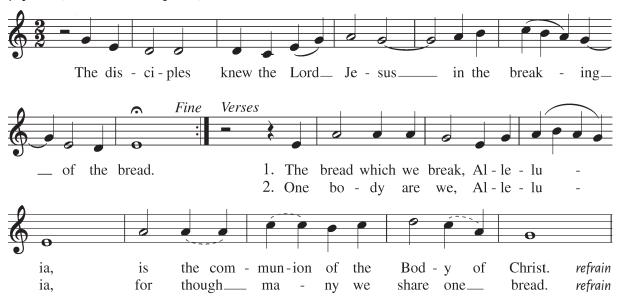
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Organists plays the refrain once, then all sing the refrain, then the verses



Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You are welcome at Christ's table. An usher will invite you to a single-file line in the main aisle for communion. To receive the bread only, simply extend one hand; to receive the bread with intinction in the wine by the priest, extend both hands. Gluten-free bread is available and you may indicate your preference to the priest.

To receive a blessing, indicate your desire by crossing your arms over your heart.

At the Distribution of Communion: Deck Thyself, My Soul, arr. Charles Callahan

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

All 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 Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,

to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn #665 – "All My Hope on God is Founded"

Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary: Festive Trumpet Tune, by David German (1954 -)

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral

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.

New to the Cathedral?

The greeters/ushers at the church entry are here to help! They can give directions to the restrooms (downstairs) and other locations, answer questions about worship and the church, and provide one of our special boxes for children (purple box) or anyone who would like to draw/color during worship.

This Week at St. Paul's

- · Monday 5:30 p.m. Music Ministry Task Force (Zoom)
- Tuesday 11:30 a.m. Garden of Love, Flickinger Center
- Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Property Committee (Zoom), 7 p.m. Pastoral Care (Zoom)
- Thursday 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Oratory Chapel (see below); 3:30 128 Pearl LLC (Zoom)
 The Holy Eucharist on Thursdays is a little less than 30 minutes, to make it easier for people to come on a lunch hour.
 We remember saints, feasts, and fasts that fall within the week this coming week, St. Michael and All Angels.
- Saturday 10-11:30 a.m. Pet Blessing, Cathedral Park see next page

Nametags

Nametags are at the back of the church and you are encouraged to wear them so that we can know each other better by name. If you do not have a nametag or would like a change in an existing one, please email teresa@spcbuffalo.org.

After Church Today!

Come for a new-style "coffee hour" after church today – a coffee cart and simple refreshments, at the back of the church. Gather at the back of the church or out on the porch for fellowship. (And sign up to help keep this new coffee spot going.) Today we'll also be recording some short videos about what you love about St. Paul's, the Episcopal Church ... and why Stewardship is important to you. Jonathon Kabalan, a graphic designer at Buffalo State, will be recording the videos. Introduce yourself and share your Cathedral story!

Pet Blessing – Saturday, October 1 – 10-11:30, Cathedral Park

We'll have a Pet Blessing 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, October 1, in Cathedral Park. This will begin with a brief time of worship (about 10 minutes), followed by blessings for individual pets, and more. Bring your pet(s) – or a photo or "stuffy" if your pet does not like social events. Info cards are available in the Narthex to share with friends and neighbors. We'll have treats for all, including Fr. Bernard's dog biscuits, and St. Francis medals. The Buffalo Animal Shelter will be on hand with pets for adoption and we'll be taking donations for Pete's Pet Food Pantry at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Buffalo (unopened packages of dog and cat food and monetary donations). There will also be a special memorial for pets who have died. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors – pets and humans welcome!

Garden of Love – see donation box in the Narthex

The Garden of Love wishes to thank everyone who has contributed a blanket or men's clothing for people who come to us on Tuesdays. Now, we are in need of sleeping bags as so many people sleep outside overnight, and it is definitely getting colder and wetter. If anyone at the Cathedral has a sleeping bag that is no longer wanted, please bring it on Sunday and place it in the large plastic box in the Narthex. Thanks so much! Please be generous! See Michael Bonilla or Judy Elliott for details or email Judy, elliottking 77@gmail.com.

Monthly Memorial Service – begins 5 p.m. Saturday, October 15

Beginning in October, we will hold a monthly memorial service at 5 p.m. on the third Saturday, in the Sanctuary area of the Cathedral. This gentle, contemplative service will include readings, prayers, and silence, near the angels at the high altar. In addition to remembering people who have died, we will hold space for other losses and grief, individual and collective.

Upcoming Forums

Several things are in the works ...

- · Do you miss the 9 a.m. forum time? Come for a "reboot" at 9 a.m. Sunday, October 9, in the Flickinger Center and on Zoom, with Dean Twila, to talk about formation ... then October 16 and October 23 with presenters on World Mission (watch for details on those).
- · Canon Mike Hadaway offers a weekly Bible study on Zoom, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays (mike@spcbuffalo.org).
- · Would you be interested in a weekly, daytime, Zoom-based group? Are you looking for fellowship and meaningful conversation? Contact Dean Twila (twila@spcbuffalo.org) with your interest and ideas!
- The Restorative Justice program, sponsored by the Social Justice Action Team, is being rescheduled.

Pastoral Care

If you know someone in need of pastoral care, please contact Judy Elliott (elliottking77@aol.com) or Canon Barbara Price (barbara@spcbuffalo.org). Canon Barbara, Judy, Del Milander, Kathy Reiss, Jessy Alexander, and Katharine Woodard provide care to our community through phone calls, visits and notes. If you have prayer requests, please email prayerrequests@spcbuffalo.org.

Giving

Gifts to the God through the Cathedral are gratefully received. You may place an offering in one of the alms basis near the front of the church (one on each side, in front of the first pews) or you may give electronically. See the "DONATE" button in the top right corner of our home page, at spcbuffalo.org. Pledge cards for 2023 will be available in October.

New or visiting today? Everything you need to follow the worship service is in this bulletin. We invite you to join in singing hymns and you will find music in this bulletin and hymn numbers for hymnals (red or blue books) in the pews. Greeters are available to assist you.

If you would like a hearing enhancement device, see a greeter.



Restrooms are available near the kitchen on the lower level.
A handicapped accessible restroom is located near the Walker Room.
Please ask a greeter for directions.

TODAY'S LITURGY PARTICIPANTS

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