Saint Paul's
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

The Holy Eucharist
The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King
November 22, 2026
8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

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

SUNG LITURGY OF THE DAY

Communion Service in C & F by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852 – 1924)

The Choir of St. Paul's Cathedral
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

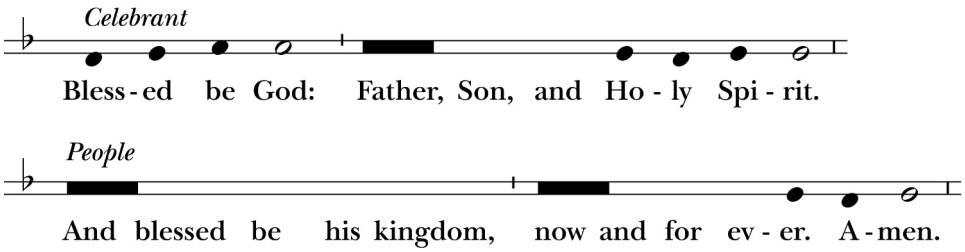
PRELUDE – Partita on "O Worship The King" Randolph Currie (b. 1943)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – #450 All hail the power of Jesus' Name! *Coronation*

All stand as the procession enters the nave.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION S76



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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

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

PSALM 95:1-7A

Setting by William Marsh (1880-1971)

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

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

4 **In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 **Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

THE EPISTLE Ephesians 1:15-23

Reader A reading from Letter to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN – #382 King of glory, King of peace *General Seminary*

All standing, as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46

All remain standing, as able.

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

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

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON The Very Rev. Rebecca A. Barnes

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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Intercessor Let us pray to Christ enthroned on high, who gathers the scattered sheep and shepherds them that they may be fruitful and exercise justice and righteousness, saying *Sovereign God, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean our Presiding Bishop; Stephen our Bishop Provisional; and our Diocese as we prepare to call a new Bishop Diocesan, that in all times and places we may bear witness to God's reign of justice, love, and peace. Sovereign God, **hear our prayer.**

For this Cathedral community, that we may recognize Christ in one another and respect the dignity of every person. Sovereign God, **hear our prayer.**

For strong faith, that in times of chaos and confusion, we may be confident that Christ will defeat all evils, including death, and lead us to fullness of life with God. Sovereign God, **hear our prayer.**

For peace, that God will guide negotiations to bring an end to warfare and violence, protect children and the elderly from harm, and strive to address the needs for food, water, and healthcare for all the human family. Sovereign God, **hear our prayer.**

For the healing of our nation, that God will heal our divisions and guide us toward a greater respect for one another, and renewed commitment to our common values. Sovereign God, **hear our prayer.**

For a spirit of gratitude, that as we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, our hearts may recognize that all the blessings we have, including our faith, freedom, health, family and opportunities are gifts from God. Sovereign God, **hear our prayer.**

For all who struggle with life's demands, particularly the poor, migrants and refugees, the homebound and those in need of our prayers especially, Christian, Yvonne, Tracy, Brian, Lynne, Jim, Clark, Chris, Joe, Larry, and those on the Cathedral Pastoral Care list, Sovereign God, **hear our prayer.**

For all who have died, remembering especially those whose anniversaries of death we mark this week, that they may be welcomed into eternal life and share in the joy of God's presence forever. Sovereign God, **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.
Glory and Praise to you, O Sovereign God.

Celebrant Gracious Shepherd, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realm. Hear the prayers we offer you this day and grant that we may know the kindness of your care and the riches of your glory, 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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM – Above all praise and all majesty Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Above all praise and above all majesty
Lord, thou reignest evermore
Above all praise and above all majesty
Lord, thou reignest evermore
Hallelujah.

OFFERTORY HYMN – #292 O Jesus, crowned with all renown *Kingsfold*

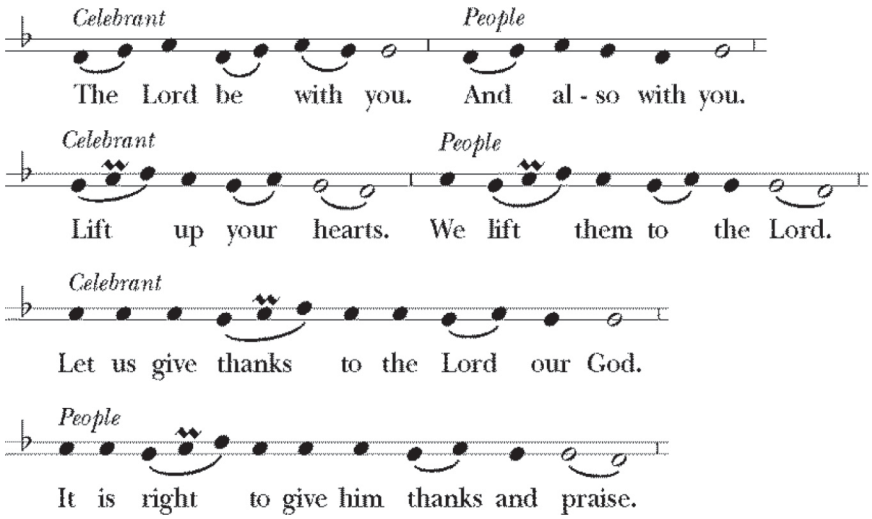
All standing, as able.

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

SURSUM CORDA

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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

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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.

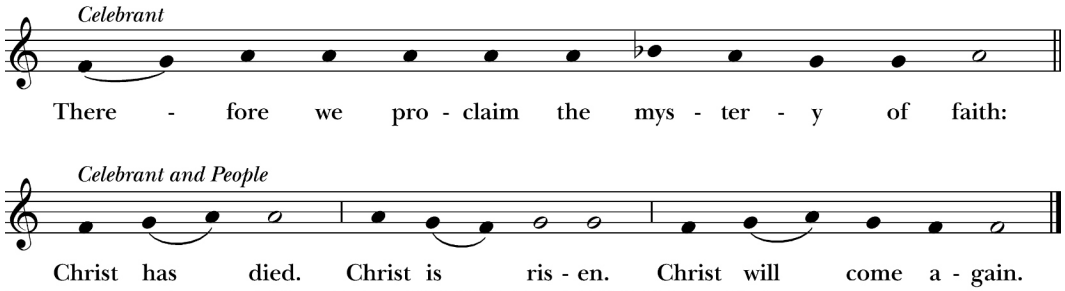
He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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:

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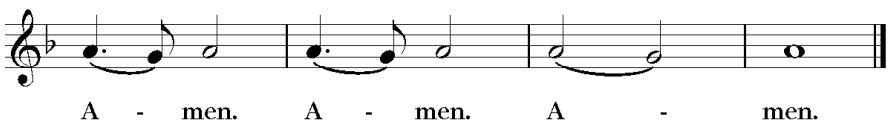
The Celebrant continues

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.

CONCLUSION OF THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND AMEN S147

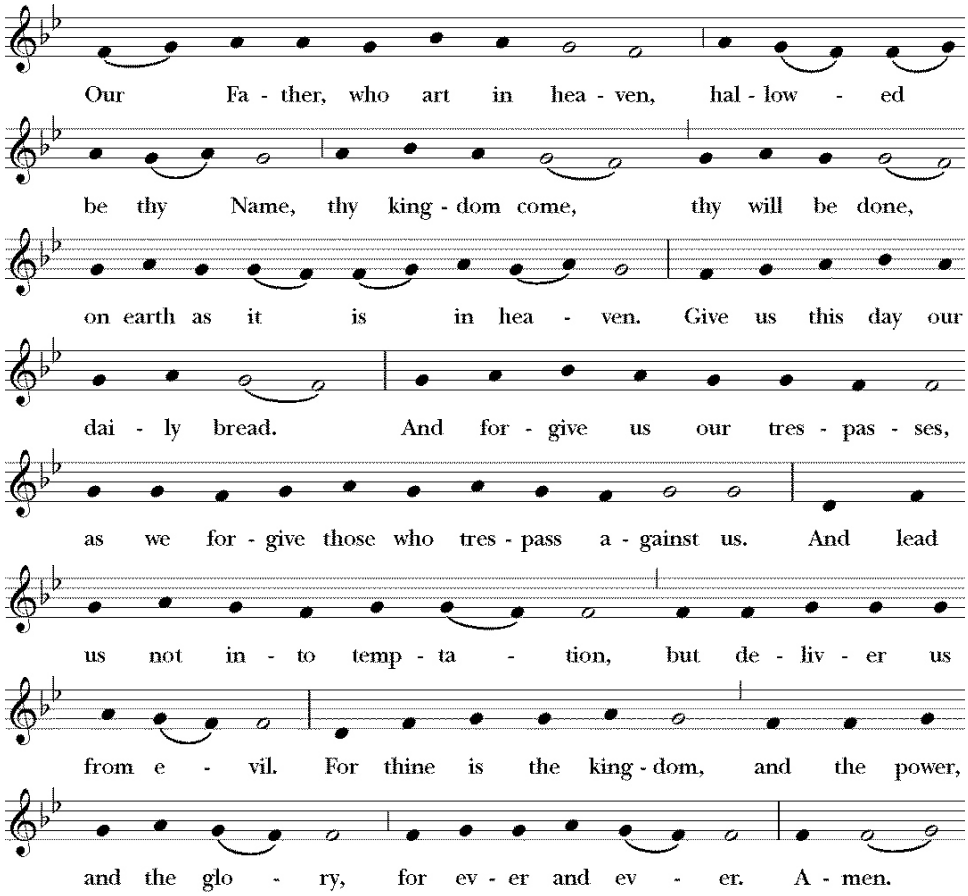


The Celebrant then continues

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

ANTHEMS AT THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The King of Love my Shepherd is arr. by Sir Edward Cuthbert Bairstow (1874 – 1946)

The King of Love my Shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine for ever

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed;
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still
Thy Cross before to guide me

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house for ever

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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.**

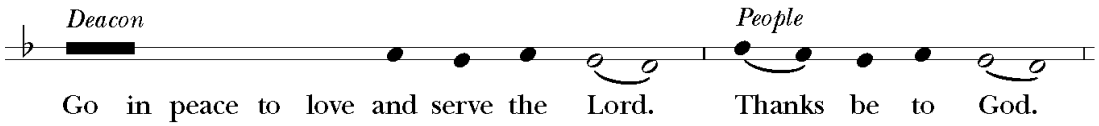
GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INGATHERING AND BLESSING OF PLEDGES

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THE FINAL HYMN – #494 Crown him with many crowns *Diadem*ata

THE DISMISSAL S174



POSTLUDE – Festival Postude "Offertorio" Domenico Zipoli. (1688-1726)

TODAY AT ST PAUL'S

- 8:00am – **The Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (said) – Richmond Chapel
- 9:00am - **Bible Study** in the Walker Room – coffee and discussion of scripture lessons for the week.
- 10:00am – ***Godly Play Sunday School Program*** - 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.
- 10:15am – **Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (Choral)
- 11:30am – **Coffee Hour** – All are welcome to enjoy refreshments and join in some fellowship time at coffee hour following immediately following the 10:15 Eucharist.

From the Dean's Desk: Organ Fundraising Campaign Launched

Through an initial generous donation given by Howard and Lillian Gondree, on Sunday, November 8, we officially launched our Organ Restoration Fundraising Campaign. The Gondrees' also offered a $5,000 matching gift. I am pleased to announce that through an anonymous donor we have met that challenge and have $20,000 raised in the first week.

A full pipe organ restoration is extremely expensive and will cost in the neighborhood of 2-3 million dollars. While we are just beginning to seek proposals, we have gone ahead and launched the giving campaign knowing that it will take a good deal of time and effort to raise the needed funds. This will be an ongoing campaign over the next several years.

The organ and music committees have been working diligently on our organ project having completed Phase I which was the installation of the digital organ. An ongoing series of recitals is also being offered and all the proceeds from the free-will offering that is taken is fully contributed to the organ fund. We are grateful to the many local musicians who have offered gratis programs to assist us in this endeavour. A subcommittee of the organ committee will also be working to raise funds through grants from foundations in the greater Buffalo area, as well as national foundations.

We ask for your generosity in helping St. Paul's to fully restore our organ. We have not had the kind of instrument a place of worship like the Cathedral needs and deserves in decades. It is our hope to complete this project over the next several years and to have an instrument that will be an outstanding enhancement to our worship and concerts life, and one of the finest in Buffalo.

– Dean Rebecca

Thanksgiving Eve - Wednesday, November 25

Thanksgiving is an important cultural holiday, but it is so much more than that! The Cathedral will hold a Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist, Wednesday (11/25) at 7PM at which we will gather and share in the greater spiritual meaning of this holiday by giving thanks (Eucharisto means thanksgiving) and express our gratitude for the good gifts God so richly provides. Come join us!

Celebration for the Feast of St. Andrew!

Join us for a festive celebration of St. Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland and Scottish influence on the Episcopal Church. The program is on November 28 at 6pm and will include prayers, remembrances, a reading of the The Declaration of Arbroath. Piping music will be provided by the McKenzie Highlanders, Celtic fiddle music by Charles Coughlin, and more.

The celebration continues at the Banshee Irish Pub [https://bansheeirishpub.com/]
(Food and Drink to be purchased on your own...)

Ministry Needs for Christmas Services

The Christmas season is upon us, just one month away. Many visitors attend the Cathedral during the holidays and many hands are needed for the various services. If you serve regularly, please let Teresa, the Cathedral administrator know of your availability. If you are interested in serving and have not done so before, please speak with Dean Rebecca about where your gifts might be most needed and how you can receive any necessary training.

Positions needing servers:

Blue Christmas – The Longest Night: December 21st at 5:00 p.m.
- Altar Guild

Lessons and Carols: December 24th at 4:00 p.m.
- Livestream – 1
- Ushers – 2 to 3
- Crucifer – 1
- Torch Bearers – 2
- Aisle Candle Lighters – 2

Christmas Eve: December 24th at 11:00 p.m.
- Livestream – 1
- Ushers – 2
- Eucharistic Minister – 1
- Thurifer – 1
- Crucifer – 1
- Torch Bearers – 2
- Altar Guild – 2
- Aisle Candle Lighters – 2

Christmas Day: December 25th at 10:15 a.m.

- Livestream – 1
- Ushers – 2
- Eucharistic Minister – 1
- Crucifer – 1
- Torch Bearers – 2
- Altar Guild – 1
- Intercessor – 1
- Readers – 2

CATHEDRAL OUTREACH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Social Justice ACTION Team is announcing its Winter Community Collection Dive to benefit:

Child + Family Services
Haven House

"Haven House is Erie County's only licensed and confidential domestic violence shelter, serving women, children and men throughout Western New York."

Haven House exists in a non-disclosed location for their safety. They have so far helped 250 women in 2026.

Upon entry to the house, they receive a new pillow, bedding and comforter.

The top requests for our drive are:

1. Brand new pillows.
2. Toys for the holiday season: from baby to 12 years old.
3. Women's winter boots in all sizes, these can be gently used.
4. Comforters. New please.

The drive will end on Dec. 17th for delivery on Dec. 18th.

Please bring your donations to the Narthex. Thank you for bringing joy & comfort to our neighbors.

Bob and Kim are open for questions. Thank you. 646-732-6830

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Advent/Christmas Adult Education Program: 'From Wilderness to Light'

Beginning Saturday, November 28 at 4pm, we will begin an adult educational offering using materials from St. George's College, Jerusalem. Join us as we travel virtually to the Holy Land and places associated with Jesus' birth. Sessions will include a short introductory film shot in a

location which illustrates the themes for Advent and Christmas, along with scripture reading and group discussion.

The schedule will be:
1 Wilderness - 'A voice calls in the wilderness'. (11/28)
2 Promise - 'He has helped his servant according to the promise'. (12/5)
3 Journey - 'Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem to be registered'. (12/12)
4 Light - 'The glory of the Lord shone all around them'. (12/19)
5 Flight - 'Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, Mary and went to Egypt'. (1/2/27)

This will be a hybrid offering. In person sessions will be held in the Walker Room at St. Paul's (lower level) or via the Cathedral Zoom link:
SPC Zoom Link: https://tinyurl.com/mvnsn4aw
Meeting ID: 716 855 0900 Password: 4cathedral
By Phone: 929-205-6099 Access code: 716 855 0900 Password: 535 007 8352

Upcoming Chirstian Ed offerings will include:

Epiphany: The Gospel of Mark with Amy-Jill Levine

Lent: *An Intimate Good: A Skeptical Christian Mystic in Conversation with Teresa of Avila* by Episcopal priest and author Laurel Mathewson. Lent program will include a book study and Lenten retreat day with the author.

Children's Christian Education: "Godly Play"

"Godly Play: a Montessori-based program is offered 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. If you are interested in learning more about Christian Education and Formation for a child in your family, please contact Kathy Reiss at kathyreiss@yahoo.com. For information about baptism and/or confirmation, please contact Dean Rebecca at deanrebecca@spcbuffalo.org

STEWARDSHIP

A final message on stewardship from your Senior Warden:

Our annual ingathering for stewardship is just a few days away and I wanted to take this opportunity to more carefully express to you all the reason I pledge each year to St. Paul's Cathedral. You may recall that at the beginning of this year's campaign I wrote something for the bulletin about 'why' we have a stewardship campaign and I differentiated the 'why' from the "what" and the 'how of a stewardship drive. The 'why' has to do more with beliefs and convictions than the 'what' and the 'how' of a campaign, which are the things we do to help it to be successful. My writing this is a 'how' I might help you in your discernment around your pledge for 2027.

In about a week or so we will celebrate Thanksgiving and annual occasion when we get together with family and friends and reflect on all of the good things that have happened between now and the last Thanksgiving. Interestingly enough, it seems that our annual in gathering for stewardship always occurs very close to the national holiday of Thanksgiving, and it makes sense as we ask ourselves to reflect on all the blessings we have received from God in the past year.

So, the theme of this brief message is thankfulness. I realize that the reason I make a pledge each year is because I am thankful for what it means to me to be a member of this cathedral parish. I am thankful that this place was here for me when as a young adult I made the decision to become a part of this worshipping community. I give thanks for the strong tradition of music in this cathedral that led me to become a member of the choir which enriched my life in ways that I can never measure. I am thankful for each and every one of you as I look out at you in the nave. You are my church family and I am thankful of the impact that each and every one of you, present and past has made on my spiritual development. Thank you for having the confidence in me to elect me to the vestry and to the office of warden. I am thankful for those who came before us and left us a legacy that enables this cathedral to continue to offer hope and hospitality in this place for over 200 years. I am thankful for the outreach of our Garden of Love and how it has helped me to see the face of Jesus in so many of those who enter our doors on Tuesday.

Let me close with the single most important thing that I am thankful for. It is behind me. At the altar each Sunday, I, along with you get to be fed with spiritual food at God's table. All the rest pales against that heavenly banquet. The best thing is, we have a weekly invitation which is never rescinded. There really are no words to express the thank fullness I feel when I receive the bread and wine. Here I must give thanks to the clergy who have served us in this cathedral past and present. All are a blessing from God.

A few weeks back, I asked you to think about your "why". I have just let you know one of the reasons I make a pledge. I hope to see you all this Sunday, those who are present every Sunday and hopefully, more of you who are not as regular in your attendance at worship. I pray that our pledges will be a true reflection of our thanks to God and our commitment to ensuring that this church will continue to be here for those seeking a church home.

IMPORTANT ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS AT ST. PAUL'S

"We've got you covered!" - Parking at St. Paul's



At St. Paul's we are deeply aware of the challenges of downtown parking. As one of the oldest churches in the Diocese, we have been on this location for 210 years, long before the advent of the automobile era, but we do not want that to hinder your participation and worship at the Cathedral.

We offer the following options:

We've got you covered - literally! Park at 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, approx. Address is 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. If you bring your ticket from the Main Place Mall Parking with you, at the end of the service ask 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!)

As a reminder, street parking is free on Saturdays and Sundays.

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

Pastoral Care Ministry at St. Paul's

In the weekly Prayers of the People, we offer intercessions for those for whom prayers have been requested who are in acute or critical need. Names 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 maintain a separate Pastoral Care prayer list for those who are homebound and in nursing homes, or may request ongoing prayer. This list is weekly announcements and eNews, but individual names are included in the intercessions. We ask that the entire congregation remember these beloved of our community in our regular prayers holding in your hearts and prayers, all those in need and absent from us.
In a **Pastoral Emergency,** please contact— The Reverend Elizabeth Grohowski, Associate for Pastoral Care at (212) 222-8109 / email at motherliz@spcbuffalo.org or The Very Reverend Rebecca A. Barnes, Dean at (646) 533-1836 / email at deanrebecca@spcbuffalo.org.

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 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. Addi-

tionally, 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.

Prayer and Pastoral Care for the Week of November 22

We lift up the following in prayer, especially Christian, Yvonne, Tracy, Brian, Lynne, Jim, Clark, Chris, Joe, Larry, Sharon, Elaine, Howard, Lillian, Patty, Renee, Jim, Judy, Ann, Carol, and Shirley.

We also remember those who have died especially Terry, Wanda, Rob and Antonio, 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

From Bishop Steve

Dear Ones,

A brief reminder that this upcoming week is the last week to forward names of possible bishop candidates to the Search and Nominations Committee. The deadline is next Wednesday, the 25th, the day before Thanksgiving. If you're thinking about someone, now is the time to be in touch. And if that someone hasn't quite decided, a word of encouragement is in order.

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And speaking of Thanksgiving...

Growing up in the household of two Vermont Congregationalists, Thanksgiving was the most important feast day of the year. We were faithful members of First Presbyterian Church in LeRoy, and so we celebrated Christmas and Easter with enthusiasm, but Thanksgiving was when we really pulled out the stops. The story of the first Thanksgiving, with the coming together of settlers and native people, was one we took to heart.

For much of my life, Thanksgiving was the time when my mother's family (the Jenkses) gathered from all over the eastern US to come together at the table. The Jenkses had large families, (I have four siblings), so the gatherings could be 25 or more. The gatherings started at my uncle's home in Alexander, NY, and then later transferred to my parents' home in LeRoy. When my parents could no longer host the gathering, my sister picked up the tradition. It's transferred to my household as well. This Thanksgiving we anticipate 20 or so of our in-laws, children, and grandchildren.

My mother's brothers were successful, community-minded adults – two physicians, a college president, a Congregational pastor – and so Thanksgiving gatherings were not only occasions

of gratitude and feasting, but opportunities for loud “conversations” about the issues of the day. My family never held back from wading in to current events, political issues, football standings – you name it. There was rarely agreement about anything, except that things could be better and ought to be, followed by the clear exhortation to do something to make it better. Thanksgiving was joyful, reverent, boisterous, argumentative, and encouraging.

I’ve often thought that my family’s Thanksgiving experience captures some of what’s best in American life. We celebrate with gratitude the bounty of our land, the gifts and opportunities that we’ve been given, the joy of family life, and we energetically and passionately hope and pray that what we enjoy will be shared by all. The question always lingers, “What will you do?”

The Collect for Thanksgiving puts it this way: Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

In this Thanksgiving season, when the cost of groceries may limit our capacity to celebrate, when so many feel that life is out of control, that disasters of war, resurgent racism, and uncontrolled technology loom over us, may we pause to give thanks for what we do have and commit ourselves to be good stewards for the sake of all.

Blessings,
Bishop Steve

Called Together: Respond to the Spirit



Do you know a priest whose pastoral heart, spiritual depth, and gifts for leadership reflect the qualities we're seeking in our next bishop? Perhaps you've encountered someone whose ability to bring people together, listen deeply, and imagine new possibilities made a lasting impression. Have you considered reaching out?

Our diocesan profile, Called Together, tells the story of who we are — our strengths, our challenges, and our hopes for the future. It’s also an invitation to clergy who might feel called to walk alongside us. But sometimes the people best suited for a new calling aren’t actively looking for one. A thoughtful conversation, a personal note, or simply sharing the profile with someone may encourage them to consider a possibility they hadn’t imagined. Our profile is entitled “Called Together” because we believe this calling is not just the work of the search committee or the prospective nominees, but it is our shared work of discernment, of listening and responding to how the Spirit is moving in Western New York.

The deadline to refer a potential candidate is **November 25,** and applications are due **December 7.** We encourage you to read and share the profile (**https://tinyurl.com/2994x6u8**), reach out to clergy you believe might be a good fit, and keep all who are discerning this call in your prayers.

As our Search Committee writes, *"Come walk with us. Live with us. Lead with us."* Who might you invite to take that first step?

Explore the diocesan profile and learn how to refer a candidate: **https://tinyurl.com/4dkurt9k**

Plenty Good Room

Making Space is an Invitation

A year ago I began practicing yoga at a studio near my home. The instructor is a grounded, gifted practitioner who sets the tone for movement, relaxation, and growth. Her class has grown in popularity and sometimes we are packed a bit close in the space. If someone comes in a little late, we all adjust our mats and make space graciously- although in my heart I grumbled at the inconvenience of it. That is, until I was stuck in traffic and arrived the very minute class was starting and opened the studio door to find the room full. I closed the door and felt frustrated. Darn traffic! I stood outside alone in my disappointment when the door open and a fellow student waved me in, mouthing the words: "we made room for you."

I felt tears selling up in my eyes as I hurried to the open space and rolled out my mat. Another person smiled and waved at me. It almost felt like too much to bear- this grace-filled way that my fellow students offered plenty good room for me to enter and find the balance I craved.

Making space for one another, without judgement, creates a powerful connection in community. I no longer grumble in my heart as a latecomer arrives because I've been there. And, I hope they feel the acceptance I felt as we slide our mats to make more room.

There is plenty good room for us to accept one another, just as we are right now. I pray that in all aspects of our life in community, and especially in our faith community, we learn to wave one another in and with a gentle smile mouth the words: "we made room for you." TENS.org

Questions for Reflection:

How might we shift a grumbling heart into a welcoming wave?



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TENS THE EPISCOPAL NETWORK FOR STEWARDSHIP

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.

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