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PRELUDE – Organ Voluntary

THE ENTRANCE RITE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – #401 “The God of Abraham praise”

Leoni

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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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.

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 – S 277

New Plainsong Mass - David Hurd (b. 1950)

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

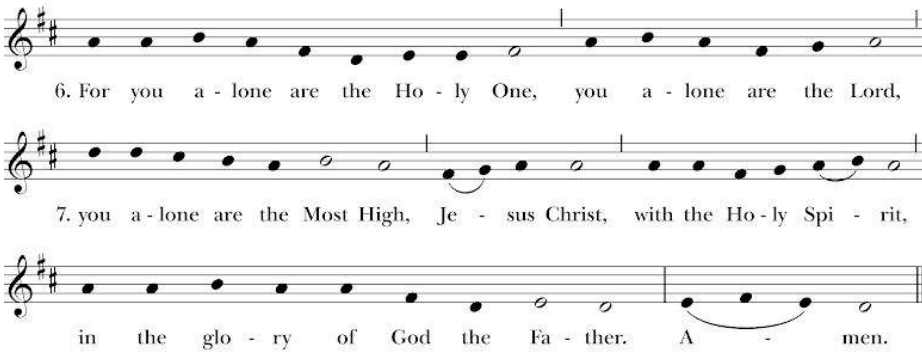
2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,

we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,

on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

4. you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us;

5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the people

God be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 32:7-14

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; * in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 **Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.**
- 3 For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 **Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight.**
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment.
- 6 **Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.**
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 **Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 **Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.**
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.

THE EPISTLE

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Reader A reading from the First Letter to Timothy.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN – #393 “Praise our great and gracious Lord”

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THE GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

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

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

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

THE SERMON

The Very Reverend Rebecca A. Barnes

THE NICENE CREED – *All Stand, as able*

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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

Tell out my Soul: Prayers of the People for Stewardship Season

Celebrant: As we prepare to bring our gifts to the altar, let us raise our voices in prayer and praise, thanking God for the opportunity to tell out our souls in joy.

Leader: I ask your prayers for the Church, God's greatest gift to us. For all who worship and serve this day. For the wisdom and teaching of our bishops, priests, deacons, and laypeople. I ask your prayers for our Diocese as we prepare for our Diocesan Convention and discern the next steps in our common life. Tell Out my Soul,

The Greatness of our House of Prayer.

Leader: I bid your prayers for our Nation and for all nations; for all refugees, for an end to terror and war, for a spirit of Goodwill. We pray for our national institutions that they will work together in justice. Tell Out my Soul,

The Greatness of the Promise of Liberty.

Leader: I ask your prayers for our neighbors, for the mission of our church and the ways we change the world with our gifts. Tell Out my Soul,

The Greatness of our Love.

Leader: I invite your prayers for those who are sick, who are isolated, who are in despair. We pray for caregivers and healers who care for those we love. Please pray for those on our parish prayer list: Miles, Clark, Geri, Dominic, Steve & Tracy, Juanita, Lisa and family, Andrea, Barbara, Larry and Diane, Byron, Chris, Joe, Carl, Lori, Larry, Carol, Renee, Sharon, Elaine, Don, Anne, Jim, Judy, and Shirley, and those who we name now either silently or aloud. Tell Out my Soul,

The Greatness of our Compassion.

Leader: I ask your prayers for the dead and the dying, and for those who mourn. We pray for Tabatha, and those whose anniversaries of death we mark this week, and those we name now with our voices or in our hearts. Tell Out my Soul,

The Greatness of our stories.

Leader: I invite your celebrations, remembrances, and the naming of our many blessings, innumerable and filled with Grace. May we be inspired to share our wealth, works, and wisdom with our neighbors and our Church as we Tell out of Soul,

The Greatness of the Lord.

Celebrant: Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and inspire us with gratitude and abundance as we share our many gifts with You and the world You made. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant may introduce the Confession with these words

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

***God of compassion, have mercy upon us.
Heal our relationship with all creation.
Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect
of the creatures who share the earth with us.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent
for what we have done to harm them,
and for what we have not done to help them.
Fill us with your Spirit,
that we may care for one another and for all creatures,
according to your will and in the fullness of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.***

The Celebrant alone says

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

THE PEACE - *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM – Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep
Keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
Nothing can thy power withstand
None can pluck me from thy hand

I would bless thee every day
Gladly all thy will obey
Like thy blessed ones above
Happy in thy perfect love

Loving Shepherd, ever near
Teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
Suffer not my steps to stray
From the straight and narrow way

Where thou leadest I would go
Walking in thy steps below
Till before my Father's throne
I shall know as I am known

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C – BCP page 369

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

SURSUM CORDA

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant, proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

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

By your will they were created and have their being.

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

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

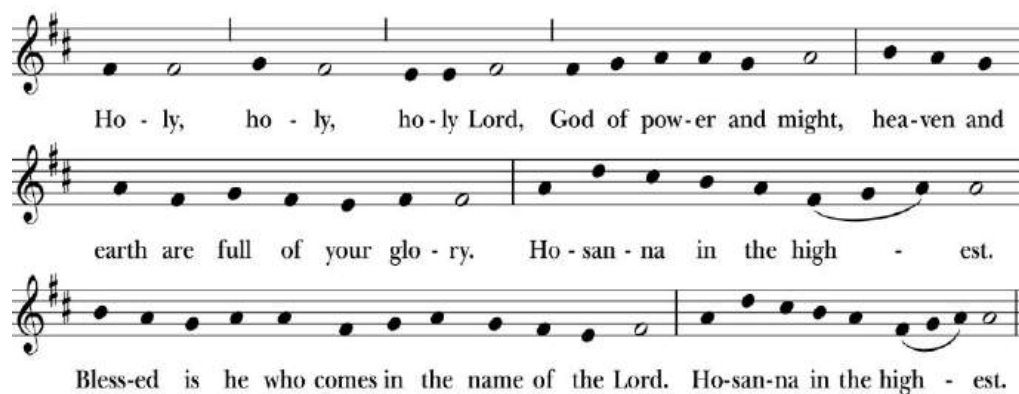
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS – S124

Hurd



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

The Celebrant continues

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE GREAT AMEN

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THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Contemporary*)

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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

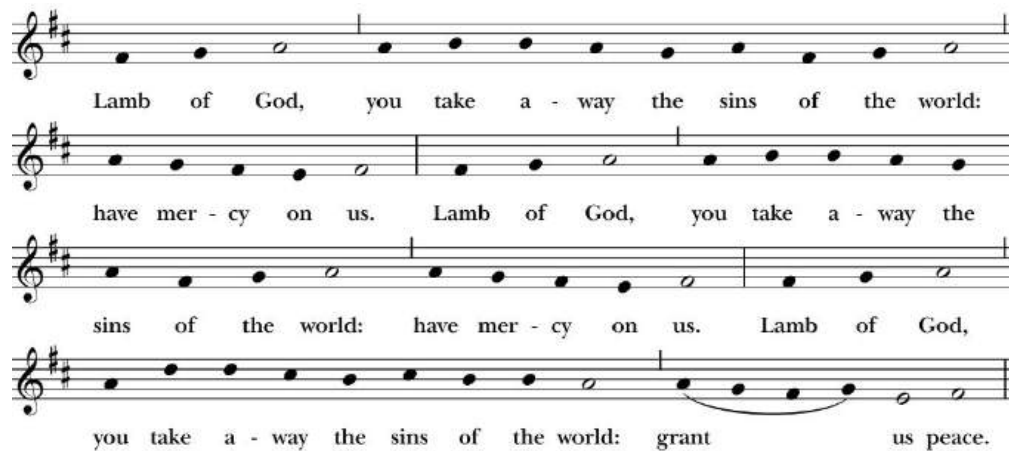
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A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,

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

Then may be sung or said



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

COMMUNION ANTHEM – My eyes for beauty pine

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

My eyes for beauty pine
My soul for Goddes grace:
No other care nor hope is mine
To heaven I turn my face

One splendour thence is shed
From all the stars above:
'Tis named when God's name is said
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love

And every gentle heart
That burns with true desire
Is lit from eyes that mirror part
Of that celestial fire

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,

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

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING


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HYMN AT THE RETIRING PROCESSION – #569 “God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest” *Russia*

DISMISSAL


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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

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September 17th "Feed 716" Lunch Ministry

Friends of the Night People is asking for help with their Wednesday, September 17th "Feed 716" lunch program at St. Paul's Ministry Center. Volunteers will work from 11:30 a.m. until approximately 1:30 p.m. Friends of the Night will drop off the sandwiches and sides. Volunteers will put lunches together in bags to give out. Guests come to the ministry center to pick up their lunch. Please let Teresa know if you can help on Wednesday, September 17th from 11:30 a.m. to approximately 1:30 p.m. teresa@spcbuffalo.org or **716-855-0900 ext: 222** Thank you!

Coming Attractions!

From Chris Casto for the Social Justice Action Team

Mondays September 15, 22 October 6, 13, 20, 27 at 7:00 PM - study of Laudato Si (further details in the eNews or leaflet)

Saturday September 20, 10 AM to 4 PM - Doors Open Buffalo (further details in the eNews or leaflet)

Saturday September 20 through November 22 - And Who is My Neighbor...? photograph exhibit (further details in the eNews or leaflet)

Saturday September 27, 2 PM - Every Child Matters at Good Shepherd, Irving (further details in the eNews or leaflet)

Thursday October 9, 6:00 PM - dinner and a movie - The Philadelphia Eleven - details and registration
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Saturday October 27, 1:00 to 4:00 PM - Spaghetti Dinner at St Paul's Cathedral sponsored by The Bishop Holley Chapter of The Union of Black Episcopalians - details soon

Celebrating the Season of Creation at St. Paul's

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

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

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

Holy Hikes of Western New York: The Cathedral will launch a new ministry Holy Hikes of Western New York which will hold its inaugural hike on Saturday, September 13 at 10AM. The hike (really more of a walk) will be held at the Tiff Nature Preserve [<https://www.tiff.org/>] which is just 5 minutes from downtown on the Outer Harbor. Join us as we will hit the trail to celebrate the Eucharist in nature. Holy Hikes is an eco-Ministry of The

Episcopal Church that is committed to rebuilding Communion between all of God's Creation. It's founder and director, Fr. Justin Cannon says, "I feel closest to God in nature and also in the Holy Eucharist. Through Holy Hikes people across the country are bringing these two together in profound ways." We will hike rain or shine. All are welcome; carpooling will be available.

The Annual Blessing of the Animals in Honor of St. Francis: The annual blessing of the animals service will be held on the Feast of St. Francis, October 4 at 4PM. Bring you furry and feathery animal companions (fins and scales are welcome too). All pets must be on a leash or in a carrier. Please invite your friends and family to join in!

Organ Project - Phase 1 Announcement

On behalf of the Vestry and the Organ Committee, I am pleased to announce that St. Paul's has entered into a contract with the R.A. Colby Organ Co. of Johnson City, Tennessee for the first phase of our organ restoration and rebuilding project.

This initial phase will involve retrofitting the organ console in the gallery to be a three-manual digital organ utilizing Walker Digital components. The console will be moved at the end of September. We anticipate this first phase work will be completed by Easter. This step is similar to what many other parishes in the Episcopal Church have done, namely, The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, St. Thomas, 5th Avenue, and Trinity Wall Street (all in NYC), as well as the National Cathedral in Washington, DC. The digital components being incorporated in this phase will enable us to move forward on an overall pipe organ restoration and can be sold or retained and reprogrammed for use in our instrument.

We will then move into the next phases of our restoration project which will include a national search for an organist/choirmaster and procuring proposals from several companies for a full restoration of our historic pipe organ, especially, the Hope-Jones solo and pedal divisions. As most organ companies have a several year waiting time, this will allow us to focus on a capital campaign and grant writing to raise needed funds for the full restoration and rebuilding project.

Though now based in Tennessee, the Colbys are not strangers to Buffalo; their roots are here in Western New York. Robert Colby and two business partners founded the Delaware Organ Company in Tonawanda, NY, a forerunner of what is now the Colby Organ Co. They have also done extensive work at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Delaware Ave., Buffalo. Of the work done there, Garrett Martin, Organist and Director, noted:

"The Colby team approached our instrument with extraordinary care and artistic sensitivity. Their enhancements honored the character of the original pipework while bringing color and vitality to its voice. The new consoles are beautifully crafted and equipped with 21st-century technology and functionality, opening up fresh possibilities for performance and profoundly enriching our worship."

Other recent projects undertaken by the Colby company include: Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Miami, FL; United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD; Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, IL; Coral Ridge Presbyterian, Fort Lauderdale, FL; Cathedral Church of St. Luke, Orlando, FL; St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Salisbury, NC. Corinth Reformed Church, Hickory, NC; St. John's Episcopal Cathedral, Jacksonville, FL; and the Castro Theater, San Francisco, CA.

I, the Vestry, organ committee, and music committee of St. Paul's look forward to the work ahead and are deeply committed to the very finest restoration of our historic pipe organ. Music is integral to Anglican/Episcopal liturgy and worship. It is our goal to have an organ befitting our cathedral - a national historic landmark, and one that will enhance our liturgy and music as we seek to worship God and lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving in this beloved sacred space.

– Dean Rebecca

Stewardship Campaign for 2026

Submitted by Michael Bonilla

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

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

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

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

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

Doors Open Buffalo 2025

St. Paul's will be participating in Doors Open Buffalo 2025 sponsored by Explore Buffalo. This event provides local organizations the opportunity to showcase their building. In previous years, the Cathedral has had anywhere from 800 to 1,000 guests come through, and we've been told St. Paul's is a tour favorite!

Doors Open Buffalo 2025 will take place on Saturday, September 20th. St. Paul's (and Explore Buffalo) will host visitors from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We're asking for volunteers to cover 2-hour shifts with (at least) three people per shift.

- Shift #1: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (this shift is covered)
- Shift #2: Noon to 2:00 p.m.
- Shift #3: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please let Teresa Carter know which shift you'd like to cover via email: teresa@spcbuffalo.org or [716-855-0900 x 222](tel:716-855-0900). We hope you can help!

SJAT Note

From Bob Ludwig for the Social Justice Action Team

This is an early notice that Every Child Matters will take place on the last Saturday in September, the 27th starting at 2pm. Paul Cesana, the clerk of the vestry of The Church of the Good Shepherd, Irving, writes, "As in the past we plan to begin with the recitation of the Great Thanksgiving hopefully in Seneca, and we plan to have the Seneca Singers and Dancers following the Speaker, and then proceed with the free meal that this year we plan to offer based on traditional Seneca food and beverages. As in the past, we will conclude with a Reconciliation Service in our church, led by Rev. Roland Cooper, our Vicar." We will know more when the invited speaker has confirmed. Please hold this date in your calendars and prepare to carpool. St. Paul's Cathedral always attends in good numbers.

SJAT Note

From Bill Siener for the Social Justice Action Team

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

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

Prayer and Pastoral Care

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



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

Dear St. Paul's family and friends,

As Christians we are story tellers. We have an ancient narrative, one that describes the beginning of time and the relationship between God and God's Creation. We see this story grow through the prophetic tradition until our story recounts the life and gifts of the Son of God. But the story doesn't end with the Resurrection just as it did not end with the Cross, it continues on in each of us today as we encounter and are transformed by the Good News.

Luke's Gospel is bookended by the animated story-telling of two women named Mary. Early in the Gospel, Mary the mother of Jesus, tells us of her encounter with the Divine who informs her that she will bear a child who will change the world. She proclaims her joy: "Tell out my soul! The Greatness of the Lord!" At the end of the Gospel, another Mary, Mary Magdalene, visits the tomb to discover it empty and receives instructions from the Risen Christ to go tell the others. She carries this Good News with jubilation to the Disciples.

What is your Good News; the idea, dream, challenge placed in your heart by God, that needs to be shared? What is the ministry to which you are called which will change the world, sharing your talents, gifts, and love with your neighbors?

Our Stewardship Campaign this year focuses on these stories – the ones inside you, the ones you are still writing, the ones we tell about those who have gone before us. We are all a part of this ongoing narrative – the ongoing Creation. As you pray about how you will share your gifts with us this year, think about how God is calling you to tell out your soul, to spread the Good News far and wide. Hear the stories that we share weekly throughout the campaign that relate the creative spark in us with the ways in which we are called to serve God and love our neighbor.

Tell out my soul! The Greatness of the Lord!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Rebecca A. Barnes'.

The Very Rev. Rebecca A. Barnes
Dean and Rector



Tell Out My Soul

Incarnational Transformation

An Interview By the Very Rev. Julia McCray Goldsmith

I chose “Tell Out My Soul” as a hymn for my ordination two years ago. It’s such an important biblical text and prayer, and it has a special meaning for me as a Latina. In Latin America we are devoted to Mary but don’t necessarily pray the Magnificat so much. It’s such a statement of hope, abundance and strength, though. Mary strengthens me.

While I was in formation for the priesthood, I used to pray to God to stop me if I was taking the wrong path. Ordination felt like a radical transformation: it required a lot of trust, just like being the mother of God was an act of trust for Mary. Growing up in Costa Rica, a nun in my Catholic school said Mary always brings us to places and then takes us away from places. She moved in faith, and so have I.

I came to the US to study music at Indiana University. When I was finishing my bachelor’s degree I found myself pregnant. I couldn’t go back to CR because I would have been subjected to so much shame. But even though it was really hard to continue, people surrounded me and became family to me and my daughter. I experienced more of the same love and solidarity at Christ Church Cathedral in Indianapolis, which was my very first professional job as a musician.

Music has the power to transform our communities. I’m pretty sure that whatever Good News I bring has to do with Latin American music. Latino people have a gift to share culture and spirituality. It’s an incarnated spirituality that takes the form of hospitality, sharing meals, motherhood, community, and solidarity. It’s different from European music in that it’s an oral tradition learned by ear. That’s incarnational, too: the music is told through our voices and learned through our ears. tens.org



Questions for Reflection:

How do you pass down stories from one person or generation to another in your cultural context?



The Rev. Yuriria (Yuri) Rodríguez, is a priest from the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis, currently serving as curate at Church of the Nativity in Lawrence. She is a native Costa Rican singer, artist, and educator, who specializes in Latin American music and culture.





BULLETIN INSERTS

September 14, 2025 – Pentecost 14 (C) The Nicene Creed: Week 1

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

“The Nicene Creed [is] the sufficient statement of the Christian faith.”
— ‘Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral’ (1979 Book of Common Prayer, p. 877)

“In our canons, the formal definition of “doctrine” is “the church’s teaching as set forth in the Creeds and in An Outline of the Faith, commonly called the Catechism.”
— The Episcopal Church Canon III.10.4.c.2

“Doctrine shall mean the basic and essential teachings of the Church and is to be found in the Canon of Holy Scripture as understood in the Apostles and Nicene Creeds and in the sacramental rites, the Ordinal and Catechism of the Book of Common Prayer.”
— The Episcopal Church Canon IV.2

2025 is the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, which established the Nicene Creed as the symbol and measure of the Church’s faith.

The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus had left his followers struggling to understand and articulate what had happened and its meaning. Paul and the other authors of what became the New Testament pointed the way. Those writings contained creed-like statements, e.g., 1 Corinthians 15:1-8. But even that needed interpretation. How could they make sense of the things Jesus had done and the things Jesus had said about humanity, God – and himself?

The Gospels and the other writings accepted as scripture, inspired by the Holy Spirit, include language that identifies Jesus with the God of Israel, including things He said Himself. His followers were convinced that his death and resurrection had reconfigured everything, bringing salvation from sin, death, and decay with the promise of a hitherto unimagined transformation of human persons and the world. Finding language to express that in ways that enabled people to experience that salvation and transformation was important. Was Jesus some sort of divine being sent by God at the mysterious heart of all reality? Was he something more?

They had the scriptures, they had the church’s language of prayer and worship, and they had the baptismal formulae that were already the seeds of a creed and which believers were expected to affirm. With all of that, theologians of the church struggled for decades – centuries – to make sense of and find a satisfactory way to articulate who he was and why he mattered. Some ways of articulating that were deemed unsatisfactory, misguided, or even dangerous. This struggle and the debates it provoked became more public and more intense once Christianity was declared legal by the Edict of Milan in 313.

Things came to a head with a priest in the city of Alexandria named Arius, who taught that, while Jesus was in some sense divine, he was still a divine creature of God. The God behind it all could not be apprehended and would surely not deign to be identified with the messy, chaotic material world by taking on mortal flesh. But his bishop, Alexander, preached otherwise – that Jesus was indeed the incarnation of that very God. Arius condemned his bishop’s teaching. In response, the bishop disciplined and exiled Arius. But this set up an intense controversy. The Council of Nicaea was called by the Roman Emperor Constantine to address disputes about how to understand the person of Jesus and, thus, God, creation, humanity, and salvation.

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Witness to Injustice: KAIROS Blanket Exercise

If you are committed to Indigenous Peoples Rights, Native or non-Native, this exercise is for you!

This powerful group exercise uses participatory education and discussion to raise awareness of the historic relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in the part of the world now known as the United States. Through the use of meaningful quotes, and blankets that represent Turtle Island (the Western Hemisphere), we explore a shared history that most people never learn.

This experiential exercise is a unique, participatory history lesson (developed in collaboration with Indigenous Elders, knowledge keepers and educators) that fosters truth, understanding, respect and reconciliation among Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

It is a way to engage in a conversation about the European colonization of Turtle Island and deepen our understanding of the denial of Indigenous peoples' nationhood throughout U.S. history.

Where & When

Monday, September 15, 2025
5:30 - 8:30 pm
St. Joseph University Parish
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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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