Saint Paul's
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

The Holy Eucharist
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 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

Missa O Quam Gloriosum by Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

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

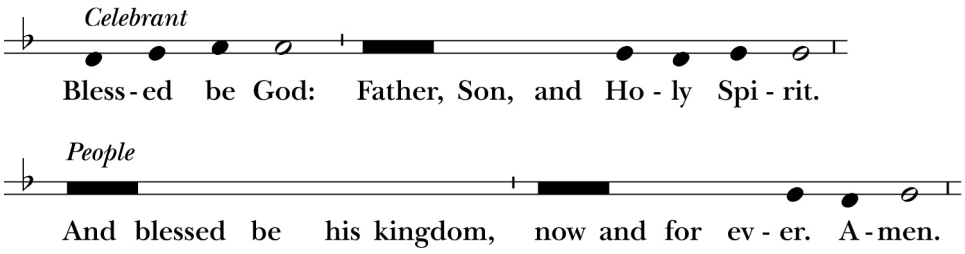
PRELUDE – Voluntary

THE ENTRANCE RITE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – #680 O God, our help in ages past *St. Anne*

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

Victoria

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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
“The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

PSALM 90:1-12 Setting by Joseph Barnby (1838–1896)

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

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10 The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

11 Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?

12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

THE EPISTLE 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN – #547 Awake, O sleeper rise from death *Marsh Chapel*

All standing, as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

All remain standing, as able.

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

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the

two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON The Very Rev. Rebecca A. Barnes

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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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Intercessor As we wait for the Master's return and do the work given us to do, let us pray on behalf of all the human family, saying: *Hear us, O Holy One*.

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 we may trust God's faithfulness and love as we live life each day.
Hear us, O Holy One.

For this Cathedral community, that God will inspire us with new visions of how to use our gifts and meet the greatest needs of the world around us in the service of God and our neighbors. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For all members of the armed forces, humanitarian aid workers, and all people who put themselves in danger to serve others, that God will strengthen and encourage them with faith, love and hope. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For those who live and work in places of danger, those recovering from natural disasters, and for victims of violence, that they may be strong in the face of adversity and keep safe in the refuge of God's hands. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For those in our nation who are deeply divided one from another, that they may see each other as God's beloved children regardless of different opinions or experiences, and that God will enable their hearts to listen deeply and speak honestly with love and compassion.
Hear us, O Holy One.

For all those without family or friends, for the homeless and unemployed, and also for those who are ill, remembering Judy, Christian, Yvonne, Tracy, Brian, Lynne, Jim, Clark, Chris, Joe, Larry, and those on the Cathedral Pastoral Care list, that God will bring light and strength to their spirits. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For all the departed, remembering especially those whose anniversaries of death we mark this week, that having rejoiced in God's gifts in this life, they may enter into the joy of the Master. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

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

Celebrant God of abundance, hear our prayers and grant that the gifts you have graciously bestowed on us may be used to your glory, so that being faithful to your purpose we may become sharers in your heavenly kingdom. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. **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 – Sleepers Wake from Cantata 140 J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

"Sleepers, wake, for night is flying,"
The watchmen on the heights are crying:
"Awake, Jerusalem at last!"
Midnight hears the welcome voices,
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Come forth, you maidens, night is past.
The bridegroom comes! Awake!
Your lamps with gladness take!"
Alleluia!
"Your lamps prepare;
Go meet him there,
That you the wedding feast may share.

OFFERTORY HYMN – #9 Not here for high and holy things *Morning Song*

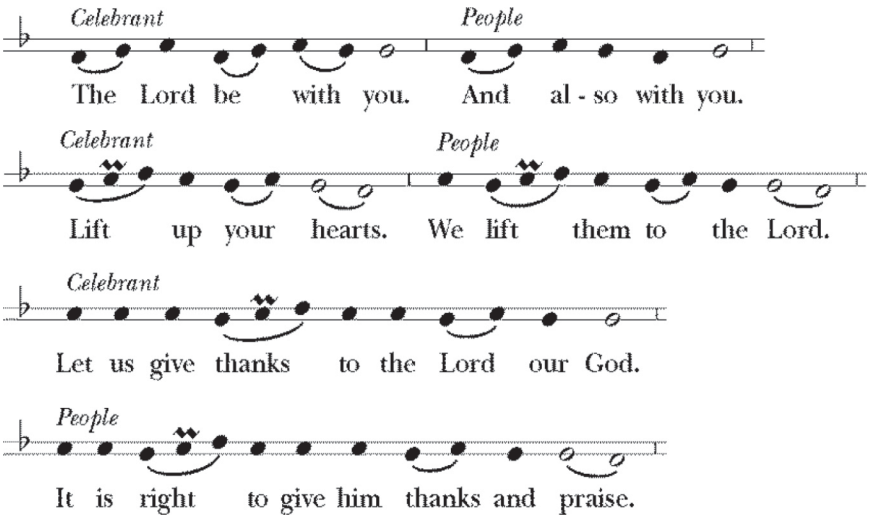
All standing, as able.

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

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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

Victoria

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.

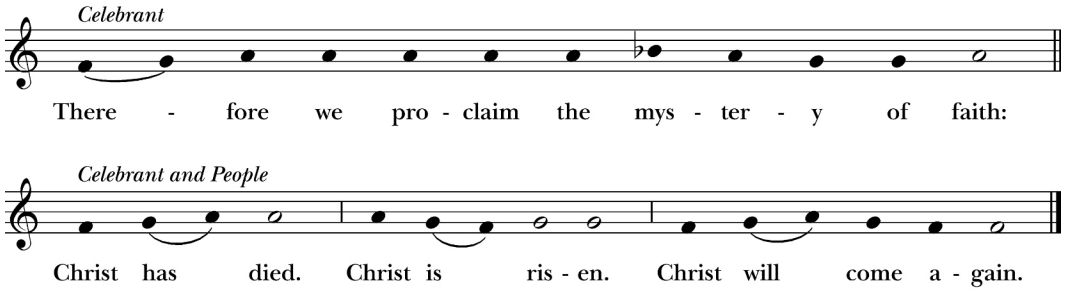
He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION S133



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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 S142

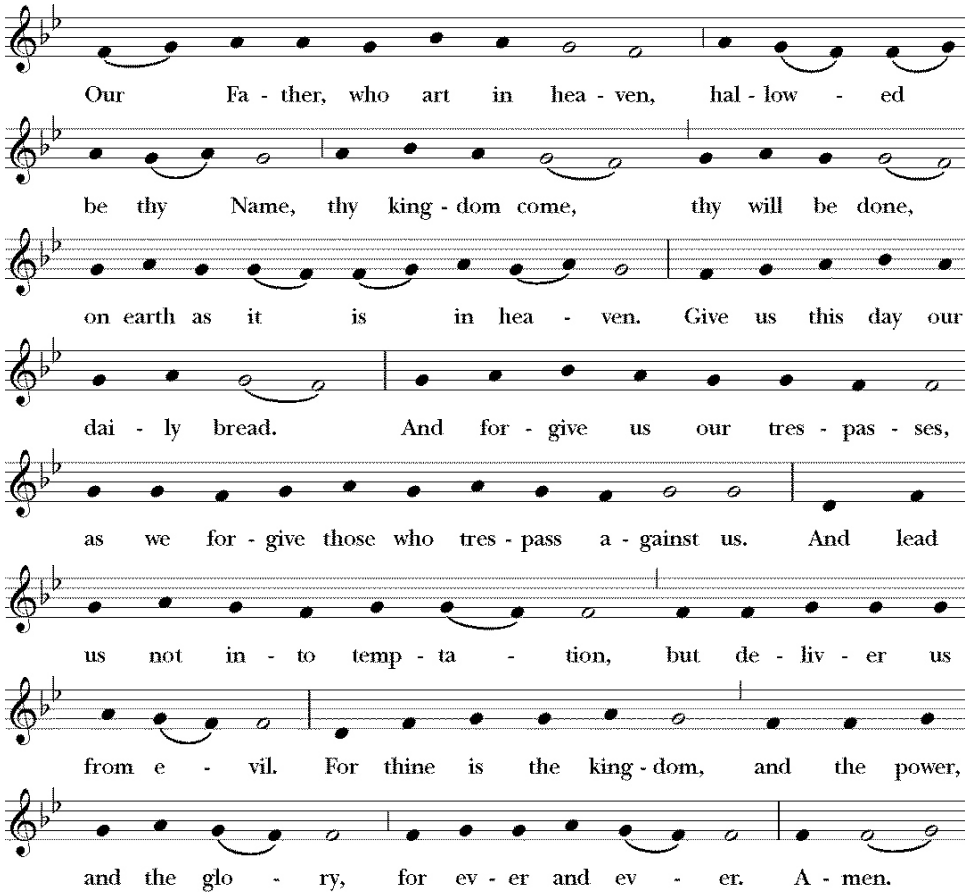


The Celebrant then continues

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

Spoken; sung by the choir during Communion

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

Agnus Dei from *Missa O Quam Gloriosum* Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

With awe approach the mysteries Jane Manton Marshall (1924-2019)

With awe approach the mysteries
and wrestle with the Word
like Jacob, bruised yet strangely blest.
Servanthood is pain.

With wisdom teach, with courage preach;
like Deborah, lead your flock
inside the culture's danger zone.
Servanthood is faith.

Reach out to those diseased, alone,
to those confused opposed;
and like a mother, heal, forgive.
Servanthood is grace.

Fill tirelessly your call's demands,
then rest, like Christ, apart,
refreshed by God's renewing strength.
Servanthood is love.

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

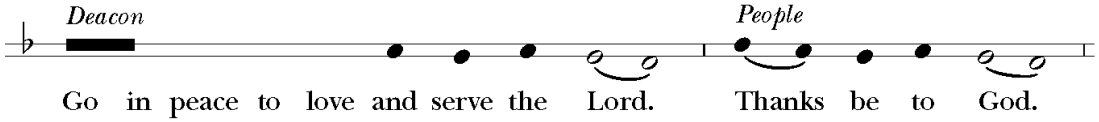
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness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

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE FINAL HYMN – #621 Light's abode, celestial Salem *Rhuddlan*

THE DISMISSAL S174



POSTLUDE – Voluntary

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...)

Regional Confirmations

Regional confirmations have been scheduled for Saturday, November 21 at 10:30am at St Paul's Cathedral in Buffalo. The Rt. Rev. Stephen T. Lane (Bishop Provisional of WNY) is presiding. This is an opportunity to be confirmed, received, or reaffirmed. If you would like to know more about Confirmation/Reception/Reaffiirmaiton (or baptism or officially becoming a member of St. Paul's), please speak with Dean Rebecca.

Are you a sustainer?

If you, like I, are a listener of public broadcasting, you were probably quite alarmed when the present administration decided to cut all funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting in 2025. Public broadcasting was always targeted by one of our political parties because it was a purveyor of truth, unlike one media outlet that is notorious for spreading falsehoods.

Through vigorous fundraising, determination, and savvy maneuvering, we are still listening to, and watching our local public broadcasting stations. The truth always prevails.

If you are wondering what this has to do with stewardship, keep reading. Public broadcasting, like St. Paul's is a not-for-profit entity. There are parallels in the way in which we operate. I am always astonished that only 10% of the listeners of classical music actually support the station. However, the classical music station relies on what is known as sustaining members, that is individuals who make a monthly pledge to the station. If you have listened to any of the fundraising on air, you will recall the great emphasis on recruiting more sustaining members.

Now back to another not-for-profit organization, our beloved cathedral. We have a very large membership roll. All you have to do to become a member is to be baptized or confirmed here and you are a member. So, how does one become a sustaining member of the parish? You make an annual pledge to St. Paul's to sustain the cathedral in its ministry for the coming year. I don't think that anyone has done the math to determine what percentage of our members are actually sustaining members. Some fall into the description of 'known to the

treasurer' which renders a member eligible to vote at the annual meeting.

During a stewardship campaign we, like public broadcasting, are hoping to increase the number of our sustainers. Shortly after the end of our stewardship drive, the Finance Committee will propose a budget to the vestry for 2027. The committee will know how much of our revenue will come from our endowments; it is also important to know how much we can count on pledges from our members. Sustaining members represent a known amount and what we get from the other members is never assured. God doesn't have any preferences as to how much he loves us so he would not approve of my designating the sustainers as 'preferred members' of this not-for-profit organization. We all get to share in God's bounty and have a place at his table every Sunday. In the secular not-for-profit world, there might be perks for your sustained membership but not in the membership of Christ's body.

So as a fundraiser in this particular not-for-profit entity, I can't offer you any perks to become a sustaining member. I can only ask you to pray and consider how much your membership at this cathedral means to you. How thankful are you for the love of God that does not distinguish between 'sustainer" and 'known to the treasurer'? How grateful are you to be able to come here every Sunday and find sustenance at the Lord's table and to bask in the love of Christ that is always assured here? I will leave that to you. All I can say, is that I am proud to be a sustainer. If you are already a sustainer, perhaps you will think of increasing your commitment to St. Paul's.

If you are not a sustainer, might this be the time when you will become one?

Michael Bonilla,
Sr. Warden/Stewardship Chair

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

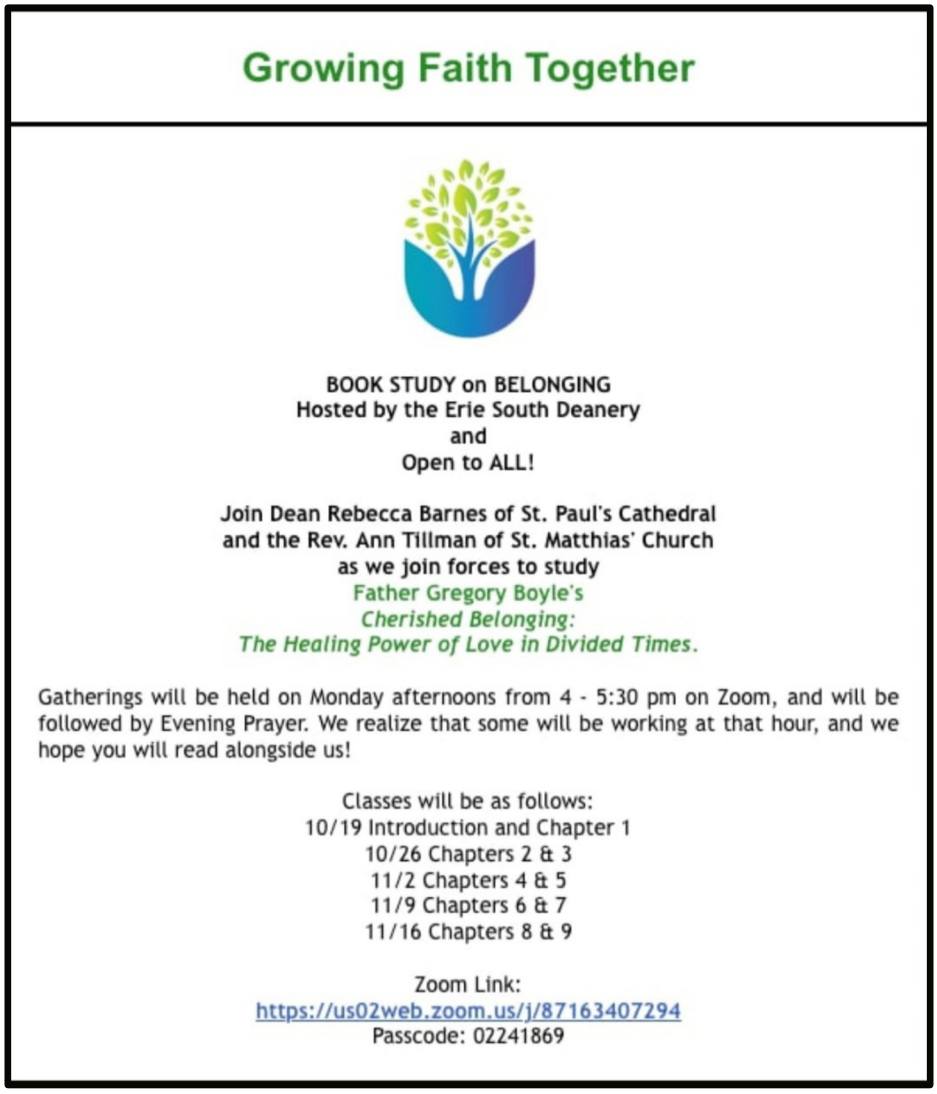
Upcoming Chirstian Ed offerings will include:

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



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. Additionally, if you or a loved one are hospitalized or homebound and desire regular Eucharistic visitation, please notify the parish office. Eucharistic Visitations are customarily made once per month; weekly visits may be scheduled upon request.

Prayer and Pastoral Care for the Week of November 15

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, the victims of the mass shootings in Erie and Oregon, 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 reminder that the deadline for submitting names to the Bishop Search and Nominating Committee is Wednesday, November 25, the day before Thanksgiving, and just two weeks away. You can download the form HERE: **https://tinyurl.com/yc7f443f**

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Today is Veteran's Day, originally known as Armistice Day, which marked the end of the Great War, WWI. It coincides with holidays and remembrances in several countries and is timed with the effective beginning of the Armistice with Germany on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. Veteran's Day honors all those who have served in the military and is distinct from Memorial Day which specifically honors those who have died while in

military service.

Veteran's Day was first marked by Woodrow Wilson in 1919, and became an annual event in 1926, when Congress asked President Calvin Coolidge to mark the event annually with a proclamation and appropriate ceremonies. Veteran's Day is a holiday for many Americans, and Federal Offices and other businesses are closed.

It is difficult for us to imagine now the convulsive impact on the Western World that World War I represented or the gratitude that many nations felt for the commitment and sacrifice of their soldiers and sailors in bringing the war to a conclusion. There was nothing glorious about WWI. It was a grinding confrontation that inflicted millions of casualties on the combatants. It impacted the populations of European countries for generations.

For the church, the war represented a conflict between nations professing to be Christian – both sides praying to the same God for victory. And war often does that, the combatants praying to the God of peace for victory.

Nation states often have a different take on issues of justice and equity than the Church does. And, among nations, war often seems necessary to achieve just ends. As citizens, we are all called to make conscientious decisions about military service. As members of the Body of Christ, we seek both justice and reconciliation and pray that the peace of Christ will spread among nations. And we pray that the members of our armed forces will be kept safe from harm.

The Episcopal Church has no prayer for Veteran's Day, but on this day we might offer the Collect for Those in Our Armed Forces:

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace,
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 consid-

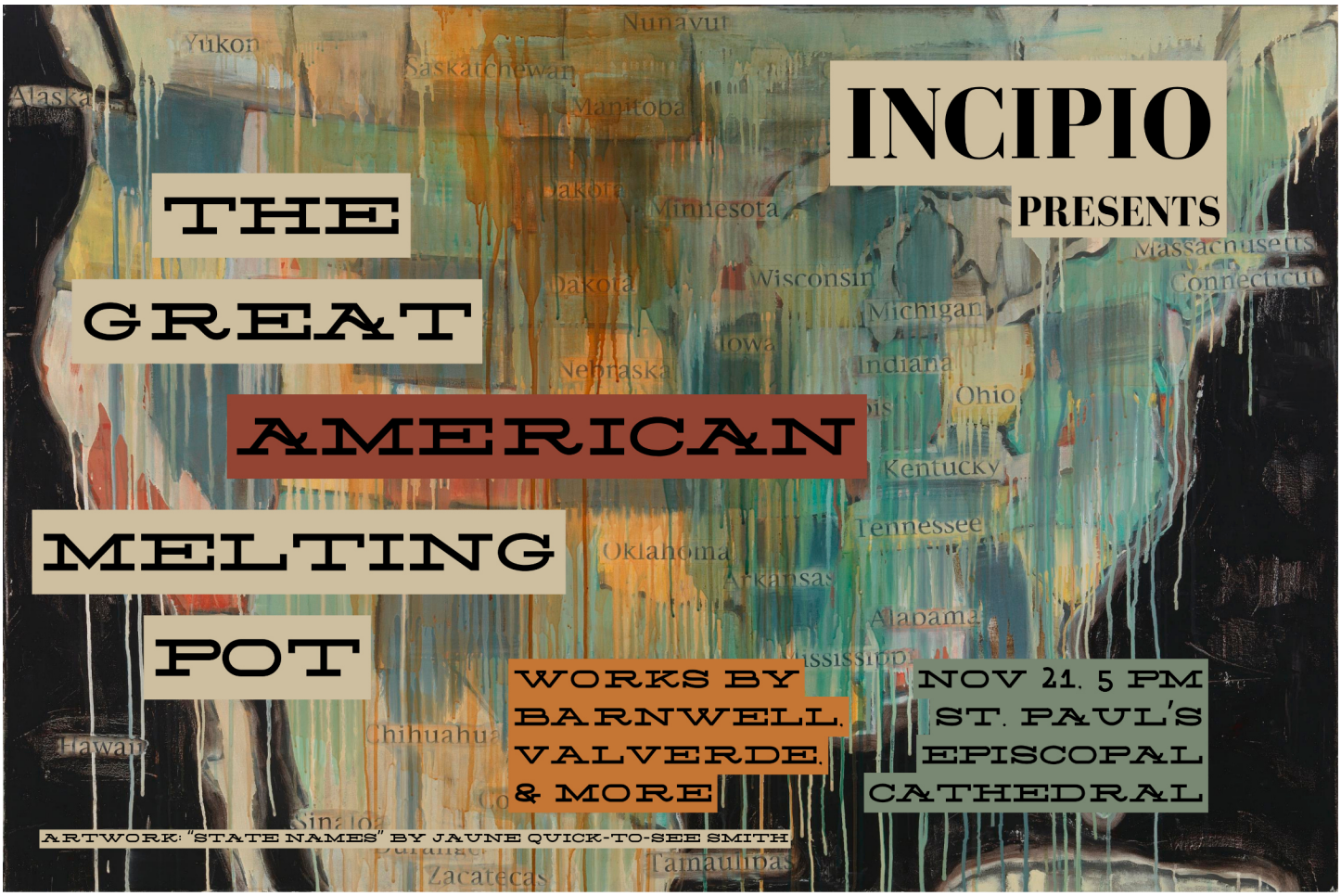
ered reaching out?

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

On Being Invited

Growing up in Corpus Christi, Texas I spent more time fishing in the surf of Padre Island than in going to church. Our Latino family roots were in Roman Catholicism but our church was the Gulf of Mexico shoreline.

How, then, did I grow up to become an Episcopal priest?

Thinking back I will say that my life today is the result of someone taking the time to invite me to Christ's table. First invitation was to the local Canterbury group (college ministry). Next came an invitation to attend worship at Church of the Good Shepherd followed by an invitation to serve at the Diocesan camp, Camp Capers.

One after another, the invitations kept coming. Each one led me to a community which always made room for me. I found belonging in a spiritual family. They made plenty good room for me and for my family and friends. Over and over again, the graciousness of Christ was extended to me. I found fellow travelers on the spiritual journey. More importantly, I found the gifts of God within me.

I suppose that I am an Episcopal priest because of all the people along the spiritual way who invited me into communities in which there was plenty good room. Plenty good room to discover myself. Plenty good room to discover God. Plenty good room to discover and discern how God was calling me to serve and lead.

I cannot imagine any other life than the one I have now - serving as an Episcopal parish priest! I am ever grateful for all the wonderful, lifelong friendships I have made. I cannot imagine any other job that would be so wonderful, so exciting and energizing as the ministry I have today.

I am so grateful for all the invitations and all those who made plenty good room for me! TENS.org

Questions for Reflection:

Take a moment to thank God for all those who made plenty good room for you in the Church. How has that shaped who you are today?



The Rev. Ramiro (Ram) Lopez serves as rector of St. George's Church in San Antonio and serves on the board of TENS.

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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