

THE GLORIA

Palestrina

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.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, 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

Exodus 19:2-8a

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses

went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

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

PSALM 100

Thomas Attwood (1765 -1838)

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

- 1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
 serve the Lord with gladness
 and come before his presence with a song.

- 2 **Know this: The Lord himself is God; ***
 he himself has made us, and we are his;
 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
 go into his courts with praise; *
 give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

- 4 **For the Lord is good;**
 his mercy is everlasting; *
 and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

THE EPISTLE

Romans 5:1-8

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely

will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN – #541 Come, labor on

Ora Labora

All standing, as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35-10:23

All remain standing, as able.

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

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

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Rachel Pinti, Postulant for Holy Orders

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

Intercessor Let us pray to the God of healing and wholeness through Jesus whose mission and ministry of compassion we share, saying *God of life, Hear our prayer.*

For the Church, especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean our Presiding Bishop; Stephen, our Bishop Provisional, and our Diocese as we renew our search process for a new Bishop Diocesan, that the Holy Spirit will guide us in offering hope, purpose, and healing to those around us. God of life, **Hear our prayer.**

For this Cathedral community for whom Christ died while we were sinners, that we may both seek and offer the gift of forgiveness to those we have wronged. God of life, **Hear our prayer.**

For all who work for peace, that the madness of war may cease and the earth be cared for and cultivated by those who know how to bring forth, protect and love life. God of life, **Hear our prayer.**

For all who have experienced violence, that God will protect them from further harm, right the injustices that have occurred and bring them healing and hope. God of life, **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who work bravely to serve and save others, and for those in need of our prayers, especially Lynne, Priscilla, Alex, Teresa and family, Jim, Mariann & Tom, Chuck, Clark, Chris, Joe, Larry, those on the Cathedral Pastoral Care list, and the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and those who are living in fear of or suffering from the Ebola outbreak, that God's Spirit will strengthen and renew them. God of life, **Hear our prayer.**

For all the departed, remembering especially Neil, John, and Bill, that God may hold them dear and bring them to the courts of the Lord's house. God of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.
Glory and praise to you, O Holy One.

Celebrant Lord of the harvest, hear the prayers we offer this day, and fill our hearts with the compassion of Jesus that we may give as a gift what we have received as a gift: your amazing grace and love. This we ask in your most Holy Name. **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.

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

Palestrina

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

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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.

THE GREAT AMEN

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The Celebrant then continues

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

S119

A musical score for 'THE LORD'S PRAYER' in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The score consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllable placement. The lyrics are: 'Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses, as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power, and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.'

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

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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

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

We welcome all baptized persons, regardless of age or denomination to receive communion at Saint Paul's. Communion will be distributed at the High Altar and at the Crossing. The people will be invited by row to come forward; you may return to your pew by the side aisles. Anyone needing assistance may indicate so to an usher and communion will be brought to you at the end.

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

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

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

AT THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

How Lovely are the Messengers from St. Paul, Op. 36 Felix Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their
glad tidings. (*Romans 10: 15&18*)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

THE FINAL HYMN – #780WLP Lord, you give the great commission

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my
 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther,
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; "I am

sick and preach the word." Lest the church ne -
 name bap - tize and teach." That the world may
 bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for
 what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as
 with you to the end." Faith and hope and

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heard, help us wit - ness to your pur - pose
 each, give us all new fer - vor, draw us
 ward, ask - ing that the world a - round us
 give. May your care and mer - cy lead us
 tend and, a - mid the cares that claim us,

Refrain

with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty. }
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 share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty. }
 to a just so - ci - e - ty. }
 hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty. }

gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

THE 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

CATHEDRAL LIFE | JUNE 14
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TODAY

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

Renewed Bishop Search Begins with Listening

Diocese of WNY launched diocesan-wide campaign June 7

This summer, the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York is taking the bishop search on the road — to all 52 congregations, to meet its people where they worship.

Beginning June 7, teams of trained listeners will be fanning out to visit all 52 congregations in the diocese* — from Buffalo to Jamestown, from Niagara Falls to the rural communities along the Allegany River — to hear directly from the people in the pews. What gives you hope? What do you long for in your church community? What do you want your next bishop to know about who you are?

These are not rhetorical questions. The answers will shape the search for Western New York's next bishop.

"This search belongs to all of us," the Standing Committee wrote in its May announcement to the diocese.

To read the full announcement, visit <https://tinyurl.com/5dmr6exh>

*The Listening Session at St. Paul's Cathedral will be held on Sunday, June 28th at the coffee hour following the 10:15 AM Eucharist (approximately 11:30AM) . Please make every effort to attend. Your input is critical and desired.

From the Dean's Desk

On Tuesday, I had the honor of participating in the Buffalo Pride Flag Raising at City Hall on Niagara Square. The following is the text of the reflection and invocation I offered:

Good afternoon. I am The Very Reverend Rebecca Barnes, Dean of St Paul's Episcopal Cathedral here in downtown Buffalo and I am a proud member of the LGBTQ+ community.

Thank you Mayor Ryan for your kind invitation to say a few words today at the Buffalo Pride Flag Raising.

The past fifty-seven years have borne witness to a journey from oppression to liberation; from fear and shame to pride; a journey that is both historical and has been for so many, deeply personal. At the time of the Stonewall riots, I was a little kid growing up in our neighboring state of Pennsylvania. Were I an adult, I could have been arrested for being who I am. In truth,

I could never have been who I am now. I would not have been able to stand here wearing this collar as an ordained Episcopal priest; I would not have been able to be an out lesbian, I would not have been able to be married to my wife of now, 39 years (15 legally). Knowledge of my orientation would have subjected me to public scrutiny, loss or ineligibility for employment, housing, health care, and I could go on and on.

The Stonewall rebellion is widely considered to be one of the most important events (and by many the most important event) leading to the gay liberation movement, and the modern fight for LGBTQ rights in the United States. The activists and those who fought for LGBTQ+ rights have enabled us to have so many freedoms and though progress, unimaginable in 1969, has been made, the struggle for social justice and freedom from oppression is far from over; and currently there are grave threats to the gains that have been made. We see this in the actions of extremists in Congress who tried to attach 50 anti-LGBTQ+ riders to the national budget; when politicians in Virginia, New Jersey, and Nebraska tried to rely on anti-trans attacks to win their elections last November, but fortunately voters rejected their fear mongering by overwhelming margins; and when the current administration took the Pride flag down at Stonewall, people fought back—and within weeks, they were forced to put it back up.

This Pride month, as we head into marking our country's 250 birthday, we need to continue to work for rights and protect freedom for all people so that this nation will be truly free from hate, free from discrimination, and free from the chaotic vitriolic actions of those who are trying to undermine freedom and equality at every turn.

There are many who seek to demean and ostracize those they deem as "other." Many project hostility out of fear, failure to understand, and yes sadly, sometimes sheer bigotry. In the face of that, the words of the Psalms offer insight and consolation. Psalm 139 says about God, "For it was you who formed my inward parts. You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works." In this Pride month, this is something really beautiful to contemplate, that God made each of us the way we are, and gave us to the world. You are God's gift to the world. You are, as the psalmist says, "wonderfully made."

So when you celebrate pride, appreciate how far we've come and honor the sacrifices of activists who came before, but never forget we've got so much more to do. As we celebrate this month of Pride, let us stand proud and strong, united in a community of kinship and let us continue to lead with courage to be advocates for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. We must not be passively uninvolved. We must take courage and stand with one another and speak out against injustice and discriminatory legislation and become bold change makers.

Let us pray: God of love, you have given the human family the gift of diversity. Help us always to honor you with reverence for the many ways love is expressed in our community. Bless us all with passion, compassion and a commitment to strive for better things. May this pride month be a time of celebration and joy as we give thanks for each other. May all LGBTQ+ in our community see and know that they are of sacred worth, and immeasurable value. And may we all be moved to strive for justice respecting the dignity of all. All this we ask in your most holy name. Amen.

Celebrating Pride this June

Following the Stonewall Riots in June 1969 and the rise of the gay rights movement, the month of June has long been dedicated to the celebration of LGBTQ+ pride. This year marks 50 years of support and affirmation by the Episcopal Church of LGBTQ persons. The following article from the Episcopal Church's website gives a good overview of the history and work our church has prayerfully undertaken over the past five decades toward greater understanding and inclusion of all people in the life of the Church.

LGBTQ+ in the Church

Faithful Episcopalians have been working toward a greater understanding and radical inclusion of all of God's children for nearly a half-century. In 1974, Louie Crew founded IntegrityUSA, a nonprofit organization with the goal of full-inclusion of LGBTQ+ people in The Episcopal Church. The next General Convention, in 1976, adopted resolutions stating that "homosexual persons are children of God who have a full and equal claim with all other persons upon the love, acceptance, and pastoral concern and care of the Church" (1976-A069), and that they "are entitled to equal protection of the laws with all other citizens" (1976-A071).

Over the years, General Convention and Executive Council reaffirmed these resolutions, as well as calling the church to greater understanding, awareness, and inclusion of LGBTQ+ people in the life of the church. In response to the AIDS crisis, the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition was created in 1988 to provide education and support for HIV and AIDS ministries across The Episcopal Church.

In 1994, General Convention amended the church's canons to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, providing equal access to the rites and worship of The Episcopal Church, including ordination. Nine years later the Diocese of New Hampshire elected the first openly gay bishop in The Episcopal Church, the Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson. This was, arguably, a turning point for the church.

Despite continued pressure from sister churches of the Anglican Communion, as well as some within The Episcopal Church, General Convention stood with its LGBTQ+ siblings. In 2009 it acknowledged and affirmed same-sex couples in the life of the church; in 2012 it called for the repeal of discriminatory federal laws, increased legal protections for domestic partners, and recommended a liturgy for blessing the relationships of same-sex couples.

Also in 2009, TransEpiscopal, a group dedicated to fostering the full embrace of trans and nonbinary people in life and worship of The Episcopal Church, sent its first delegation to General Convention. That year, convention expressed support for laws that prohibit discrimination based on gender identity. In 2012, the canons of The Episcopal Church were amended to prohibit discrimination in the ordination process based on gender identity and gender expression.

Finally, in the summer of 2015, just five days after the Supreme Court of the United States

ruled that same-sex couples had the legal right to marry, General Convention voted to amend the canons of The Episcopal Church that regulate marriage, permitting any couple the rite of Holy Matrimony. They also called for a name-change rite to honor an important moment in the lives of anyone claiming their true identity.

The Episcopal Church warmly welcomes our LGBTQ+ siblings, but it would be disingenuous to say that the entire church is in the same place on this journey. As with all spiritual journeys, everyone walks at their own pace. Some Episcopal congregations are actively involved in LGBTQ+ ministry and their arms are open wide; others are more reserved, but their doors are still open to all; some are still wrestling with their beliefs and feelings. But we're on this journey together, and The Episcopal Church is dedicated to full inclusion and equality in the church as well as in society as a whole.

Children's Christian Education: "Godly Play"

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

SJAT Note – Clean Sweep invitation June 20

Submitted on behalf of the Social Justice Action Team by Kim Goodman and Bob Ludwig

The SJAT invites you to join us in a Clean Sweep at Peter Park on Saturday June 20th at 10am – noon. (Peter Park is in Buffalo's Black Rock, one block south of Amherst St.) Afterwards we will all enjoy lunch together at Nine and Night for some Thai food. Mark your calendar and join us for some Fun as we help clean our city! Talk with Kim Goodman or Bob Ludwig – they will explain what we'll do, and how to get there, and what gear is needed – and if you don't have it, we'll furnish it. Let us know you're coming. Thanks. Environmental Cleaning is part of Social Justice.

Holy Hikes

St. Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo - Holy Hikes of Western New York, a ministry of St. Paul's Cathedral, is pleased to announce its full schedule (<https://tinyurl.com/mwc53bmn>) for the 2026 season.

All hikes are held on the second Saturday of the month at 10am, unless otherwise announced. In July, we will hike at Owen Falls Sanctuary Trail in East Aurora. We hike rain or shine. All are welcome; carpooling will be available from the Cathedral at 9:30am or you can join us directly at the appointed hike location. Join us June 13 at Tiff Nature Preserve, Buffalo as we will hit the trail to celebrate the Eucharist in nature!



Reforesting Faith Book Study

What Trees Teach Us About the Nature of God & His Love for Us

In conjunction with Holy Hikes of Western New York, St. Matthias', East Aurora and St. Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo will host a 5-session book study and discussion of Reforesting Faith.

The sessions will be held on Zoom for five consecutive Wednesday evenings June 10 – July 8 from 6:30-7:30pm.

5-session book study reading schedule:

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| 6/10 | Chapters 1-3 |
| 6/17 | Chapters 4-6 |
| 6/24 | Chapters 7-9 |
| 7/1 | Chapters 10-12 |
| 7/8 | Chapters 13 - End |

The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87163407294>

Meeting ID: 871 6340 7294

Passcode: 02241869

Books may be purchased on Amazon or from your favorite bookseller. All are welcome to join in. Questions/Concerns? – Please contact Mo. Ann Tillman (stmatthiasrector@gmail.com) or Dean Rebecca Barnes (deanrebecca@spcbuffalo.org)

Parking at St. Paul's

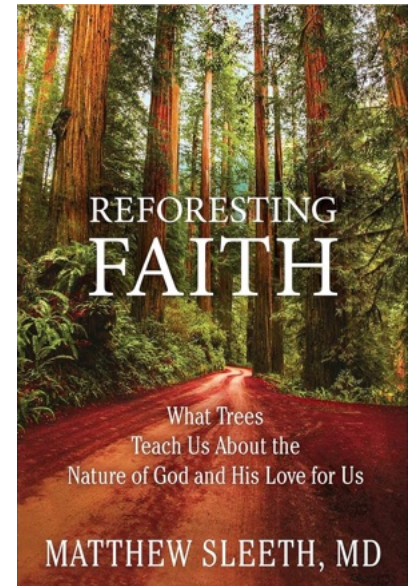
Street parking is free on Saturdays and Sundays. There are also several nearby parking garages. We recommend:

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

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

Additional ramps we suggest are:

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



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

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

Pastoral Care Ministry at St. Paul's

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

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

- Dean Rebecca

Prayer and Pastoral Care

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

We also remember all those who have died, especially Neil, John, Bill, 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 Stephen Lane

Dear Friends in Christ,

With the Second Sunday after Pentecost, The Episcopal Church begins the Season After Pentecost, the Green Season, the season of growth. This time is sometimes called Ordinary Time, meaning the Sundays are counted in order after Pentecost, but that description is not found in the Book of Common Prayer. In The Episcopal Church, what we mean is that the great cycle of feasts and fasts that began with Advent and continued through Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost has ended, and we are now in the season of growing in the faith inspired by that cycle. In the Gospel for this past Sunday, Jesus says, "Learn what this means. I desire mercy, not sacrifice." This is a clarion call to live into a faith defined not by rituals and rules, but by love and compassion. It is a call to live daily in resurrection faith.

The green of this liturgical season also fits well with the season of growth in the natural world. This past Sunday, I visited St John's, Youngstown, an historic church perched high above the mouth of the Niagara River at Lake Ontario, at the entrance to Fort Niagara State Park. It was a gorgeous early summer day, as you know. Warm, blue skies, and plenty of green. After a wonderful visit with the good people of St John's, my wife and I drove through the park and drove home along the Great Lakes Seaway Trail (Rt 18 and the Ontario State Parkway). Everywhere we looked trees and plants were in full bloom. The fields were full of that unique yellow green color that characterizes new growth. The air was full of pollen, and farm fields were turned for planting. Some fields showed the first sprouts of corn. Miles and miles of apple trees gave the promise of sweet and tart fruit in the Fall.

We live in a beautiful part of the world. I don't know that people commonly think of Western New York as scenic. But they should. We have wonderful farms, orchards and vineyards. Fabulous views of rivers and two Great Lakes. And the mighty Niagara River. We live in a region to be cherished, nurtured and protected.

Last week, Dean Barbara Price wrote about her concerns for a data center being planned for Genesee County. You can read that story [HERE: https://tinyurl.com/53pbuevk](https://tinyurl.com/53pbuevk). At last month's Diocesan Council meeting, the Diocese of Western New York joined a newly developing Eco-Region Network of The Episcopal Church with the Dioceses of Rochester, Central New York and Albany. Deacon Martha Farone will serve as our liaison.

The Eco-Region Network is a grassroots initiative linking dioceses, parishes, and communities based on shared ecosystems and watersheds. Ours is the Eastern Great Lakes. Rooted in the "Nature~Food~Faith" pillars, it aims to foster collaboration on climate solutions, sustainable land practices, and environmental justice. The Eco-Region Network is a partnership with the Center for Religion and Environment at Sewanee, The partnership was formalized following the Church's 2024 General Convention. It is expected that the Eco-Region Network will meet at least once a year and will offer an annual educational event. The Network is an effort to help us all grow in our care for the good earth which God has given us (Genesis 1:26-31).

As part of this effort, I want to authorize all the worshipping communities of the diocese to mark the Season of Creation next fall. The Season of Creation is officially September 1 (World Day of Prayer) – October 4, 2026 (Feast of St Francis), but you may have some flexibility in celebrating it. The ecumenical theme is “Living Waters,” a theme that seems particularly appropriate for us. The Episcopal Church theme is “The Canopy of Creation.” Worship resources may be found [HERE \[https://tinyurl.com/28s7fm32\]](https://tinyurl.com/28s7fm32) and [HERE \[https://tinyurl.com/rsjzrust\]](https://tinyurl.com/rsjzrust). You may use either theme.

We are truly blessed to live in Western New York. May we in this season of growth grow in our faith and grow in our stewardship of God’s creation.

Blessings,
Bishop Steve

In-Person Safe Church Training

Wendy Schumacher will lead Safe Church training for anyone that needs or prefers in-person training. A valid email is needed for each person due to safe Church registration requirements. Once completed, your training is valid for 3 years.

Two dates are offered for the training at the Diocesan Ministry Center in Tonawanda. Choose either Saturday, July 25th OR Wednesday, July 29th from 10am-3pm. Lunch is included as part of your day.

To Register, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/4rx3dzvr>

Contact Shawn Slother (sslother@episcopalwny.org) for your Safe Church renewal date, if needed.

Dignity Book Study Recordings

If you missed a Book Study session of Dignity: Its Essential Role in Resolving Conflict, by Donna Hicks, PhD; they were recorded.

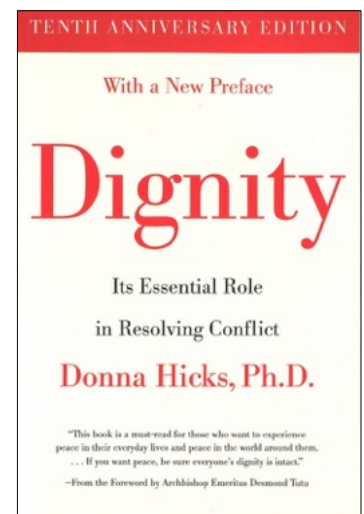
Week One: April 28 Recording: <https://tinyurl.com/yt945cb5>

Week Two: May 5 Recording: <https://tinyurl.com/yc6tju45>

Week Three: May 12 Recording: <https://tinyurl.com/22nwn759>

Week Four: May 19 Recording: <https://tinyurl.com/26u8vj9r>

There are still books available. If you would like one, please be in touch with Shawn Slother 716-881-0660 x111.





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7:15 P.M.

805 DELAWARE AVENUE

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SHABBAT

Join us for an inspirational Shabbat as we welcome our neighbors and celebrate our commitment to human rights of justice, dignity, and freedom for all people. Featuring the Dance and Drum Company, Leah Angel Daniel, Executive Director of the African American Cultural Center of Buffalo.

"Proclaim liberty throughout the land."
— Leviticus 25:10



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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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