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PRELUDE – Adagio in D Major

Baldassare Galuppi (1706-1785)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

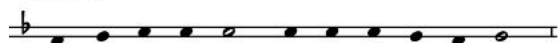
PROCESSIONAL HYMN – #440 “Blessed Jesus, at thy word”

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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION


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Celebrant



Bless-ed be the one, ho - ly and liv - ing God.

People



Glo - ry to God for ev - er and ev - er.

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 rubrics of the Prayer Book (p. 356) provide that when appointed, the Gloria in excelsis or “some other song of praise” may be used. Supplemental canticles (Enriching our Worship 1, pp. 25-41) or canticles from the Book of Common Prayer (pp. 85-96) are among the appropriate alternatives.

THE GLORIA – Mass for 4 Voices

William Byrd (1540-1623)

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

The Celebrant says to the people

God be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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

Genesis 18:1-10a

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on-- since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 15 – Read at 8AM; chanted by the choir at 10:15

Plainsong

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
 who may abide upon your holy hill?

**2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.**

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

**4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.**

5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

**6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

THE EPISTLE

Colossians 1:15-28

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Colossians.

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN – #488 “Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart”

Slane

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

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

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

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Reader The Gospel of our Savior.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Rebecca A. Barnes

THE NICENE CREED – *All Stand, as able*

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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: From the complexity of our lives, let us raise our voices in prayer for all God's people saying, *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for our Diocesan leadership as we discern paths forward and seek to call a new bishop, that we may offer hospitality and understanding to all who come seeking hope or God's presence. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For this cathedral community, that we may always welcome others and also learn to listen and be nourished by the Word of God. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For those recovering from floodwaters, severe storms and wildfires, that God will heal their broken hearts and grant them hope and courage in the days to come. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***
For peace throughout the world, that God will open new paths to understanding so that all may live in peace and safety. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For all who live and work in places of danger and violence, that God will turn hearts, open new paths for dialogue and protect innocent people from attacks and harm. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For all who serve others, especially those who wait on customers, serve the poor and needy, care for the sick and are the first to respond to emergencies and danger, that their service may reveal a glimpse of the face of God. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For those who are ill, worried, or in any need or trouble, remembering especially, John, Miles, Clark, Geri, Dominic, Steve & Tracy, Juanita, Lisa and family, Andrea, Barbara, Larry and Diane, Byron, Chris, Tabatha, Joe, Carl, Lori, Brandy and family, Larry, Carol, Renee, Sharon, Elaine, Don, Anne, Jim, Judy, and Shirley, that they may be strengthened and comforted by God's grace. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For all the departed, remembering especially Douglas, Gilbert, Joan, Sarah, and those whose anniversaries of death we remember this week, that they may be welcomed in Christ, the hope of glory. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

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

Celebrant: Wise and merciful God, hear the prayers we offer this day and help us to welcome Jesus, that we who are distracted by many tasks may choose the better part and dwell secure in his presence, who is fullness and peace for evermore. **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.

One of the sentences from the Penitential Order or Enriching Our Worship 1 may be said.

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 our Savior 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 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

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences provided, or with some other sentence of Scripture.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave 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.

O Jesus, Savior, stay with us
 As once you did at Bethany,
 Where Mary, Martha, Lazarus
 Were blessed to share your company.
 May we, like Martha, service give;
 Like Mary, heed your words and live.

Lord, make the living of our days
 An off'ring, beautiful and sweet.
 Make every anthem that we raise
 A rich anointing of your feet,
 Due homage to our living Head,
 Whose power calls to life the dead.

Near Bethany you went away,
 Ascending to your heav'nly throne,
 But blessed your followers, that they
 Might have no fear of things unknown.
 Abide with us, when night draws near;
 Forever make your dwelling here.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant, proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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

Byrd

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

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A – Expansive Language

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker and of all.

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

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 handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant

There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

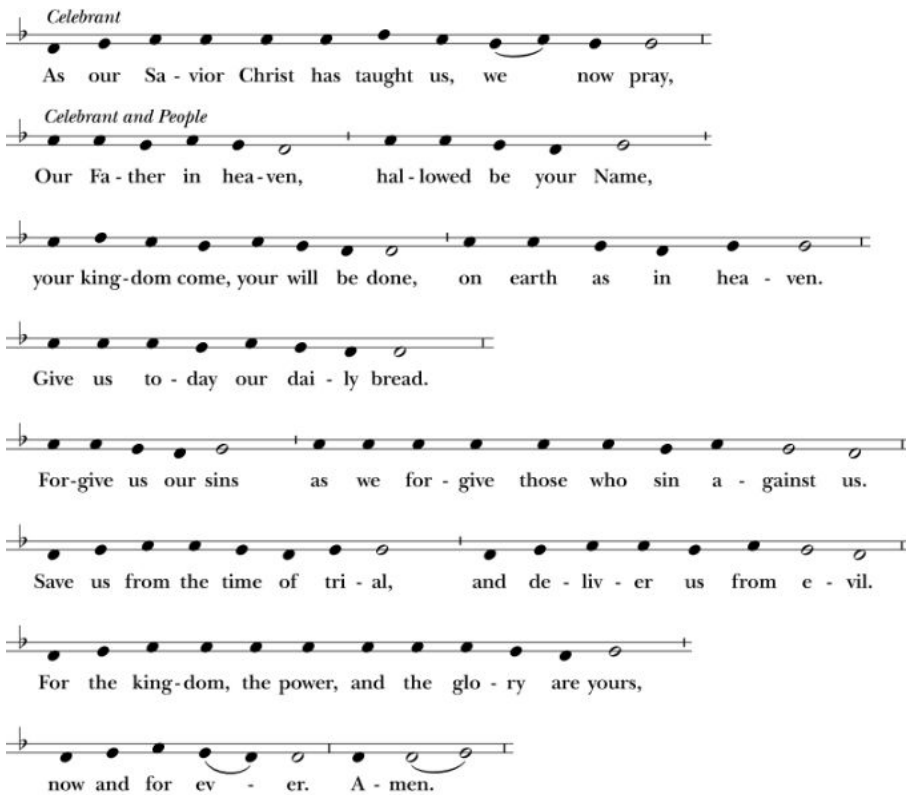
THE GREAT AMEN

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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

Byrd

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 or similar words.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

or with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung. When necessary, the Celebrant consecrates additional bread and wine, using the provided form in the Additional Directions of the Book of Common Prayer.

COMMUNION ANTHEM – Word Made Flesh

Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924)

Word made Flesh, this bread bestowing
by his Word his flesh to be,
Though our senses fail to see.
Wine, his sacred Blood he makes,
faith alone, the true heart wakes.
Through this Sacrament may we
now behold the mystery.

Glory let us give, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
While eternal ages run;
honor, thanks, and praise address
Ever too his love confess;
Holy Spirit, Father, Son,
ever three and ever one,
while eternal ages run.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. **Amen.**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

HYMN AT THE RETIRING PROCESSION

#48 "O day of radiant gladness"

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

DISMISSAL

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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Drainage Construction Project

from Dean Rebecca and the Properties Committee

Our drainage repair project that was started last year is well underway. We anticipate that the new drain pipes that needed to be laid underground will be completed this week.

This work required that we dig up the sidewalks. As a result, they have been filled in with gravel, until such time as we can repair the walks. We anticipate the main Cathedral entrance being accessible on Sunday, but please note the walks are precarious as they are not smooth surfaces.



SJAT Note: The Monarch Butterfly

From Estelle Siener for the Social Justice Action Team

Saturday, July 13th was Conservation Day in Bidwell Park. The highlight of the event was at 11:30 am when a very large crowd gathered to watch the Eastern Mountain Butterfly Farm release monarch butterflies into the air. Oohs and aahs from adults and children alike attested to the popularity of this beautiful denizen of the garden.

But monarchs are not just fun to look at. As they feed on the nectar in flowers, they shake pollen onto other plants. With their wide migration range they make a significant contribution to new plants. Monarchs are, of course, preyed on. Birds, wasps and other insects eat monarch eggs and caterpillars. In this way, these butterflies are part of the food chain, and contribute to the ecology of our planet.

Another importance is that monarchs are an indicator species. They have high sensitivity to changes in climate, habitation and food availability that gives us an early warning of changes to our ecosystem.

One way to participate in the conservation of monarchs is to add native plants to your garden. They particularly enjoy milkweed and butterfly weed. But plants with bright colors will attract them, too. Try zinnias, cone flowers, bee balm and black-eyed susans.

There is a lot of information about monarchs on the web. Try the National Park Service: Pollinators or Create Habitats for Monarchs. If you are a fiction reader, you can learn more about monarchs and citizen science in Barbara Kingsolver's book, *Flight Behavior*, which tackles the theme of climate change.

SJAT Note: And Who is My Neighbor?

From Bill Siener for the Social Justice Action Team

Coming soon to St. Paul's Cathedral: *And Who is My Neighbor?*, an exhibit of portraits of some of downtown Buffalo's unhoused people. Photographer Joe George, and Bill Siener are collecting portraits and the stories of some of the cathedral's neighbors, and will mount the show in the church. The targeted opening is August 15.

The show's purpose is to raise awareness of the crisis of homelessness in our community and across the nation. It puts human faces, and real-life stories before viewers. In order to reach as many viewers as possible, we would like to have the exhibit open at times during the week. Right now we are hoping to have the exhibit open on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, and after Eucharist on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 3. We will need at least two people on duty whenever the church is open. Would you be willing to be a volunteer docent during some of those times to keep the cathedral open for visitors? It's a wonderful opportunity to introduce visitors to our beautiful sanctuary, and to the work that we as a congregation are doing.

If you are willing to help, please let Bill, or one of the members of the Social Justice Action Team know what times you are available.

SJAT Note

From Bob Ludwig for the Social Justice Action Team

The Tonawanda Seneca ask for support in fighting an industrial park – a zoom meeting with film and discussion On July 24th at 6:30pm, join NY Renews, Allies of the Tonawanda Seneca Nation, and Nation citizens for a virtual screening of the short film “Unheard Voices: The Fight for the Tonawanda Seneca Nation’s Way of Life.” A panel discussion with Nation citizens and Allies of the Tonawanda Seneca Nation will follow. Please register using this link to receive the Zoom details: <https://tinyurl.com/46ntyjku>. What is the film about? Sharing footage of Nation Territory and highlighting voices of Tonawanda Seneca citizens, this film documents the Tonawanda Seneca Nation’s existential fight to stop the Western NY Science and Technology Advanced Manufacturing Park (STAMP), a proposed mega-industrial site currently being constructed on the border of the Nation’s present-day reservation territory in Western NY. STAMP would irreparably harm lands and waters where Tonawanda Seneca citizens continue to hunt, fish, and gather traditional medicines, and thus constitutes an existential threat to the Nation’s collective continuance on their homelands.”

For more information, please contact Bob Ludwig at robtludwig@clambake.net.

Social Justice Action Team Summer Outreach

Submitted by Kim Goodman

We have selected to help the settled refugees in the Buffalo area and specifically the children of the Refugees and our favorite Afghan family of 10. On limited budgets, it is difficult to treat a family to some “Summertime Fun” so the St. Paul’s community can take ACTION to help provide that ‘schools out freedom’.

Please consider donating:

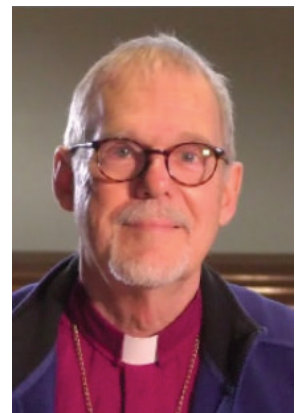
- Summer toys: chalk for hopscotch, jump ropes, balls, water slides.
- Summer food: gift certificates for ice cream & watermelon.
- Summer clothes: Gift certificates for sneakers or swim suits.
- Summer Fun: Movie or museum passes. What was your favorite summer activity?

The collection will take place in June for a July delivery. See Kim G for details or questions. Thank you!

Across the Diocese and the Episcopal Church

Episcopal Coverage

As of July 1, Bishop Stephen T. Lane has agreed to serve as the Advising Bishop to the Standing Committee on an as needed basis and on a per diem rate. The Standing Committee intends to place him for consideration as the candidate for interim Bishop Provisional at the October Diocesan Convention, while we search for our next Diocesan Bishop. Bishop Stephen T. Lane, a native of LeRoy, NY, is a seasoned church leader known for his commitment to justice, peace, and reconciliation. Originally intending to pursue medicine at the University of Rochester, his formative experiences during the Vietnam War and early work in youth ministry redirected his path to ordained ministry. A graduate of Colgate Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer Seminary,



Bishop Lane has served the Episcopal Church in numerous roles—from parish priest in Corning and Palmyra, to Canon for Deployment in Rochester, to Bishop of Maine (2008–2019). He later served as Bishop Provisional of the Diocese of Rochester (2022–2024). Nationally, he has contributed as a President of Provinces I, a General Convention deputy, a member of Executive Council, and an advocate with Bishops United Against Gun Violence. Passionate about supporting others in ministry, Bishop Lane is dedicated to building relationships and fostering consensus across difference. He lives in Rochester with his wife, the Rev. Maria Lane. He has five children and seven grandchildren.

DIOCESE OF WESTERN NEW YORK

PROPOSED PROCESS FOR FORMING THE SEARCH AND TRANSITION COMMITTEES

In Accordance with Diocesan Canons and Current Contextual Realities

Issued by the Standing Committee

Date: July 7, 2025

I. Canonical Foundation

In accordance with the Canons of the Diocese of Western New York, the formation of the Search and Transition Committees for the election of a Bishop Diocesan is governed by the following provisions:

Canon [19 §2. Committees. (2)(a) and (3)(a)]:

"The Search Committee and Transition Committee shall be composed of one Clerical Member and one Lay Member from each Deanery... The Clerical Member elected shall be canonically resident in the diocese and serving in the electing deanery. The Lay Member elected shall be an adult communicant in good standing of a parish or mission in the electing deanery."

Canon [19 §2. Committees. (1)]:

"The Standing Committee shall prepare, in consultation with the Bishop Diocesan, if there be one, both a process for the election of persons to the Search Committee and the Transition Committee and the qualifications sought for each committee..."

II. Present Circumstances

After reviewing these canonical directives, the Standing Committee finds that the deanery structures within the Diocese have not functioned in a reliable or organized fashion for over a decade, making canonical elections within deaneries impracticable.

- Many deaneries have not:
 - Held official or regular meetings
 - Maintained active rosters or leadership structures
 - Developed the organizational capacity needed to hold representative elections

In light of this, the Standing Committee deems it necessary to deviate from the canonical election process, while still honoring the intent of the canons, namely broad deanery representation, transparency, and faithful discernment.

III. Alternative Appointment Process (Canonically Grounded)

Pursuant to its authority under Canon 19 §2. Committees (1)—to prepare the process and qualifications for the Search and Transition Committees—the Standing Committee adopts the following interim process:

Step 1: Open Nominations

- The Standing Committee will launch a diocesan-wide online nomination process for both clergy and lay persons interested in serving on the:
 - Search Committee (per Canon 19 §2.2)
 - Transition Committee (per Canon 19 §2.3)
- Nominations may be self-submitted or submitted on behalf of others with their consent.

Step 2: Evaluation and Appointment

- The Standing Committee, in consultation with the Diocesan Council (Canon 19 §2.1), and the Council of Deans, will:
 - Review all nominations
 - Select members to ensure geographic representation by deanery
 - Appoint additional members as permitted:
 - Up to five additional persons to the Search Committee (Canon 19 §2.2(b))
 - Up to three additional persons to the Transition Committee (Canon 19 §2.3(c))

Step 3: Appointment of Chairs and Commissioning

- The Standing Committee will:
 - Appoint the Chairs of both committees (Canon 19 §2.4(a))
 - Convene a joint session of both committees to commission and charge them in their ministries (Canon 19 §2.4(b))

IV. Duration of Committee Service

Per Canon 19 §2.4(c):

- Search Committee members serve until the close of the electing convention or until discharged by that body.
- Transition Committee members serve for at least six months following the ordination of the bishop-elect or until discharged by the Standing Committee.

V. Public Communication and Transparency

- This process, and the qualifications sought, will be communicated throughout the diocese (Canon 19 §2.1).
- A detailed timeline, nomination form, and criteria will be distributed via diocesan communications.

VI. Conclusion

While this process deviates procedurally from the canonical expectation of deanery-based elections, it remains faithful to the spirit and purpose of the canons. The Standing Committee believes this course of action offers the most equitable and spiritually grounded path forward under current conditions.

We commend this process to the diocese and ask for your prayers, trust, and participation as we move forward in faithful discernment.

Prayer and Pastoral Care

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



BULLETIN INSERTS

July 20, 2025 – Pentecost 6 (C) The Feast of St. James, Apostle and Martyr

On July 25, the Church celebrates the Feast of St. James, apostle and martyr.

This James is often styled “St. James the Greater,” to distinguish him from the other Apostle of the same name and from James, “the brother of our Lord.” Along with his brother John, James was called by Jesus at the Sea of Galilee as they mended nets with their father, Zebedee, and his hired hands. St. James is named regularly during major events in the Gospels, witnessing the Transfiguration of Christ (Matthew 17; Mark 9; Luke 9), the raising of Jairus’ daughter (Mark 5, Matthew 9; Luke 8), and Jesus’ agony in the garden (Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22).

For all this honor, though, James also receives correction from Jesus on more than one occasion. He and his brother are given the nickname “Sons of Thunder,” or *Boanerges*, for their zealous and temperamental dispositions. For example, when Samaritan villagers refused to welcome Jesus, the brothers eagerly asked whether he would have them call down fire from heaven to destroy the town. The Lord rebukes them and instead moves on to another village (Luke 9). The Gospels record the brothers (or perhaps their mother) asking the Lord to place them at his right and left hands in his kingdom, which also results in admonishment (Matthew 20), and James is among the apostles who fall asleep in the garden while Jesus prays (Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22).



St. James the Greater,
Altarpiece of Mount San
Martino; Carlo Crivelli, c.
1480.

Still, James’ dedication to Jesus is without question, as he is understood to be the first of the twelve to die for him. As the Acts of the Apostles records, “About that time Herod the King laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the Church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword” (Acts 12:1–2).

Holy Women, Holy Men explains the veneration of and devotion to St. James following his death: “According to an old tradition, the body of James was taken to Compostela, Spain, which has been a shrine for pilgrims for centuries” (p. 484). His name was translated from the Hebrew *Ya’akov* to the Spanish Iago; thus, “Saint James” becomes “Santo Iago,” or “Santiago.” Santiago de Compostela was an extraordinarily popular destination for pilgrimages, leading to the development of the Camino de Santiago, a route across the countryside, marked by the fisherman’s symbol of a scallop shell.

Collect for the Feast of St. James

O gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that you will pour out upon the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



Letter from Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe on crisis in Gaza

Yesterday, Archbishop Hosam Naoum of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East gave a **powerful address to the Church of England's annual Synod** in York about the situation in Gaza and the Holy Land. He spoke of the horrifying humanitarian conditions that the war in Gaza has created, including the continued bombing of hospitals, a desperate lack of medical supplies, and a food distribution system that he likened to the dystopian novel "The Hunger Games."

In his address, Archbishop Hosam asked for our help, saying, "Where the church is wounded and constrained, we need the wider body of Christ to help us, to be the church in brutal and damaging times."

Here are some ways that we in The Episcopal Church can respond to his call for help:

As Christians committed to peace and reconciliation, we can stand with our siblings in Christ in the Holy Land as they continue their ministry of presence and resilience in the midst of inhumane conditions. We join Archbishop Hosam in his call for the Israeli military to end the **bombing of hospitals and the siege of Gaza**; for the **restoration of humanitarian aid** to the people of Gaza under United Nations supervision; and for Israel and Hamas to release all unjustly detained people and hostages.

We can also call for Israel to end its targeting of civilians in Gaza. I particularly grieve the death of Dr. Ahmad Attallah Qandil, a surgeon at the Diocese of Jerusalem's Al Ahli Hospital, who was killed by a drone strike as he left the hospital after his shift last Friday. He is one of hundreds of medical workers who have been arrested, detained, or killed in Gaza during this war.

Conditions in the West Bank are also deteriorating, and we join the **Council of Patriarchs and Heads of Churches of Jerusalem** in expressing grief and outrage at the recent attack on Taybeh, the last all-Christian village in the West Bank. Extremist Israeli settlers destroyed crops and olive groves, damaged historic buildings and water systems, and attempted to burn its ancient Byzantine cemetery and fifth-century Church of St. George.

Archbishop Hosam and the Diocese of Jerusalem are committed not only to providing Christian hope in the midst of the current hopelessness, but also to creating conditions that will bring about a lasting peace between the Israeli and Palestinian people. Because U.S. policy plays an outsized role in this conflict, we Episcopalians in the United States have a particular responsibility to support this work by advocating to our government to support a permanent ceasefire and a solution that provides a just and enduring peace. Most of all, we must decry in the strongest possible terms any U.S. or Israeli proposal for ethnic cleansing or the removal of Palestinians from Gaza or the West Bank.

Our Office of Government Relations helps us make our voices heard in Washington, D.C., ensuring that we can speak as Christians guided not by any political party, but by the redemptive love of the Risen Christ. You can find more information and tools for advocacy **on the church's website**.

As we pray for the peace of Jerusalem, we can also support the Diocese of Jerusalem as it continues its ministry of peacebuilding and reconciliation and prepares for the rebuilding of its ministries after the war. As I have done several times, I invite you to join me in making a generous donation to the **Good Friday Offering** or the **American Friends of the Diocese of Jerusalem**, both of which provide urgently needed funds for the ministries of the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

In his address, Archbishop Hosam, who is from the Israeli city of Nazareth, called us to join his church in fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah that Jesus proclaimed in the synagogue there:

The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. (Luke 4:18-19)

May we answer this call through our support for God's people in the Holy Land.

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