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SUNG LITURGY OF THE DAY

Missa Resurrectionis by Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

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 – Organ Voluntary

THE ENTRANCE RITE

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

Coronation

All stand as the procession enters the nave.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

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.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

All sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Acts 1:6-14

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when

the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36

Kellow J. Pye (1812-1901)

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

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.

- 2 **Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.

- 4 **Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!**

- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!

- 6 **God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.**

- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,

- 8** The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10** Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34** He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.
- 36** How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

THE EPISTLE

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All standing, as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

All remain standing, as able.

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

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

”I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Rebecca A. Barnes

THE NICENE CREED *All Stand, as able*

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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 Knowing and believing the love God has for us, let us offer prayers in the name of Jesus, saying: *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean our Presiding Bishop; Stephen, our Bishop Provisional, and our Diocese as we reset our Bishop Search Process, that we may give testimony to Christ's mission of bringing hope and healing to those in need. **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

For this Cathedral community, that the good news of the Risen and Ascended Christ may bring forth a new flowering of peace and hope in our lives. **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

For peace: that God will inspire the leaders of nations with courage and new ideas to end warfare in the Middle East and Ukraine, open new avenues for negotiations, and bring forth new paths that promote safety and justice for all. **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

For a new outpouring of the Spirit on the Christian community, that God will heal the wounds in the Body of Christ, free us from fear, and unite us in mission and worship.

Alleluia! Hear our prayer.

For all who are waiting: the birth of a child, the renewal of health, or the return of a job or loved one, that they may experience God with them in this time and draw strength from the prayers and concerns of others. **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

For those in need of our prayers, remembering especially Teresa and family, Jim, Bill, Kevin, Mariann & Tom, Alex, Clark, Chris, Joe, Lori, Larry, and those on the Cathedral Pastoral Care list, that they may cast all their care on Christ who cares for them,

Alleluia! Hear our prayer.

For those who have died, remembering especially John, and those whose anniversaries of death we mark this week, that they share in the eternal glory of Christ forever.

Alleluia! Hear our prayer.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **Alleluia! To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.**

Celebrant Faithful God, because of your Son's great love for us, we stand redeemed as your holy people; hear our prayers and help us to embrace the name of Jesus that we may glorify you in the world and bear witness to the Risen and Ascended Christ. Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God, now and forever. **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. *Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM – O God the King of Glory

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only son Jesus Christ with great triumph into heaven: we beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place where our saviour Christ is gone before us. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – Eucharistic Prayer D

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The musical notation is arranged in four staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the People, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The notation uses a treble clef with a one-flat key signature and a common time signature. It features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, along with rests and accidentals.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant continues:

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Hancock

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.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

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.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People


Celebrant

... we praise you and we bless you. We

All

praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to

you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

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The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Stephen, our Bishop Provisional and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Blessed Paul and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

The Eucharistic prayer concludes with the Doxology, the People respond with the following

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

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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.**

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

I will not leave you comfortless

Everett Titcomb (1884 -1968)

I will not leave you comfortless;
I will come to you yet again. Alleluia.
And your heart shall be joyful. Alleluia.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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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

Announcement from the Dean and the Property Committee

Alleluia! Christ is risen! And...the long awaited refurbished ramp is finally finished. The only final touches that need to be completed are some cosmetic finishing and a railing, but the ramp is now usable, and the elevator is fully operational.

We know that this has been a problem for many and are so relieved that this much needed project has finally been completed.

We can't wait to welcome you back!



A "CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION CELEBRATION" IS IN ORDER!!

The St. Paul's Property Committee Announcement Proclaims:

- ~ The Ramp and Entrance to the Walker room is nearing final completion!!
- ~ A Pollinator Garden is planned to surround the triangle to attract Monarch Butterflies.
- ~ The Elevator is fixed!

The Music Committee announces that the Digital Organ has been installed.

A Welcome Back Brunch is taking place on Sunday, May 31st after the Sunday Service for a celebration and champagne toast for the Three Major improvements for St. Paul's Cathedral. All members are cordially invited. Senior members with transportation challenges will be provided transportation to attend the Brunch. Please call/text RSVP to: Kim @ 646.732.6830

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.

Pastoral Care Ministry at St. Paul's

Two weeks ago, the Pastoral Care team met to pray and reflect on our shared ministry. It was also an opportunity to meet with Mother Liz Grohowski, who has recently been called to the

Cathedral to serve in a limited capacity as Associate for Pastoral Care. Mother Liz will be taking care of the responsibilities previously covered by Mo. Barbara Price.

At our meeting, we made a decision to modify the Cathedral Prayer lists. Going forward, there will be a change in 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

SJAT Note: Update on the STAMP project

From Estelle Siener for the Social Justice Action Team

You've heard about the STAMP project from us before and many of you signed the petitions last year to prevent a Data Center from occupying land adjacent to Tonawanda Seneca Nation and the Iroquois National Refuge, important habitats for birds and animals. In other states, Data Centers, which support AI and other data-intensive operations, are noted for being noisy, causing pollution to water sources and for raising local electricity costs. Things looked optimistic here for a while. A Syracuse state senator has proposed legislation to ban the construction of data centers in New York State but has not been passed. However, the GCEDC (Genesee County Economic Development Center) is again seeking a permit for STREAM US to build a Data Center at STAMP with a \$1.5 billion NYS tax credit. Governor Hochul has not approved it yet, but is reported to be favorable toward the proposal. To let the Governor know your views on the project, you can send a message to let her know your op-

position to the project at the link below. Additional information is in the news articles.

Send a message to Governor Hochul (text provided): <https://tinyurl.com/ykcmwtwz>

Enjoy this song: <https://tinyurl.com/2nppd7sy>

Investigative Post: <https://tinyurl.com/7btz8b94> | <https://tinyurl.com/mpnum842>

Celebrating Pride this June

June is the month dedicated to the celebration of LGBTQ pride, commemorating the contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) culture and community. On June 7, Pride will officially be celebrated in Buffalo. Here at St. Paul's, we are programming music at the 10:15 Eucharist featuring the works of many LGBTQ composers. Following the service, join others from the Cathedral and the Diocese who will be marching in the Pride Parade.

Buffalo Pride Parade - Sunday June 7, 2026

LGBTQ community and allies, it's time to shine! Whether you're marching down Elmwood Ave. or cheering on the floats with friends, you belong at Buffalo's biggest and most colorful parade! A group from St. Paul's will be marching, along with others from the Diocese of Western New York. If you are unable to march with St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, please join thousands of Western New Yorkers along Elmwood Ave for the city's most exciting parade. This year's Parade theme is TAKE YOUR PRIDE TO THE STREETS! Buffalo Pride strives to empower our LGBTQ community with the Buffalo Pride Parade. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Sean Harkin at 716-969-7508 or Kevin O'Neil at 716-310-2021 or email us at seantharkin78@gmail.com. We hope to see you either marching in the parade with our church community or on the sidelines cheering us on!

WHEN: Sunday, June 7, 2026, 11am-2pm

WHERE: Start: Elmwood Avenue at Forest Avenue – End: Elmwood Avenue at Allen Street

Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

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.

Prayer and Pastoral Care

We lift up the following in prayer especially Teresa and family, Jim, Bill, Kevin, John, Mariann & Tom, Elle & Reid, Alex, Clark, Lisa and family, Andrea, Byron, Chris, Joe, Lori, Larry, Carol, Renee, Sharon, Elaine, Anne, Jim, Judy, and Shirley. We also remember all those who have died, especially John, 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 Ones,

The Standing Committee has announced the timeline for our reset Search and Transition Process. I commend it for your prayerful consideration. I think it is a thoughtful and inclusive plan for helping us all work together in discerning our next bishop. Importantly, the plan for the Search and Transition Committees is also a tool for helping all of us reconnect, learn about one another, and express who we are and how God is calling us into the future.

Of particular importance is the consultative and iterative process of creating the Profile. I think this is a very creative way for us to rediscover who we are and who God is asking us to be. The reset plan puts it this way: "A renewed season of listening across the Diocese—diocesan-wide gatherings, regional in-person sessions, and targeted conversations with clergy, lay leaders, and racial justice groups. The data from the Holy Cow Survey and our listening sessions will be shared as part of this process."

I want to encourage everyone to participate, and I think the work might be facilitated if worshipping communities took time for a parish-based conversation about the same concerns.

The questions you might ask are: What do we find most valuable about our parish/diocese? What is our sense of what God is calling us to do now? What are our strengths? What are our challenges? If we returned to our parish in five (ten, twenty) years, what would we hope to see? What connections could we make with our communities that we have not made yet? What kind of leadership is needed to get to where God is calling us?

In my travels around the diocese, I hear frequently that we feel alone in our places, that the diocese is distant, that our best connections are local, that there is a divide between city, suburbs, and country. This is an opportunity to reconnect, recreate and rebuild. Trusting in the spirit, each community can offer its perspectives and its hopes and, together, we can renew our diocese and call a bishop.

My prayers for every worshipping community as you undertake this work.

Easter Blessings,
+Steve

A Message from the Standing Committee about the Bishop Search Process

Dear Friends in Christ,

As published April 17th...We are entering a season of reset in our bishop search process.

This decision has not been made lightly. It comes from a growing recognition that, while much good work has already been achieved, the process itself needs strengthening—particularly in clarity, communication, shared expectations, and broad diocesan engagement. We believe this reset will allow us not simply to continue the work, but to do it well.

To read this letter in its entirety, please visit the BISHOP SEARCH PAGE of the Diocesan Website: [<https://episcopalwny.org/bishop-search/>]

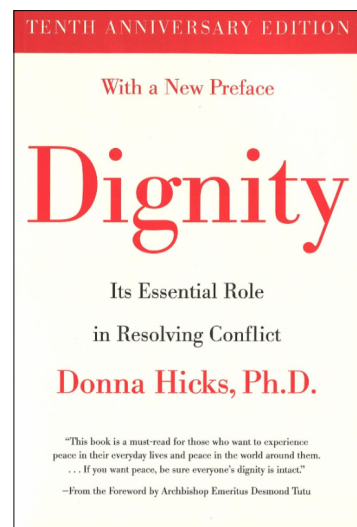
Dignity Book Study Schedule

I'm delighted so many have expressed an interest in being part of the study of *Dignity: Its Essential Role in Resolving Conflict*, by Donna Hicks, PhD. **Remember that the books you have reserved are available for pick up at the Diocesan Ministry Center between 9am and 4pm Monday through Thursdays.**

We will read the book together over the next four weeks, beginning this week. To aid in our reflection on the material, we will meet on Zoom for four Tuesdays, beginning **next Tuesday, April 28 at 7pm**, for one hour, and continuing on **May 5, 12, and 19 at 7pm each Tuesday evening.**

To register for one or more sessions, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yfvj4mfy>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the session. Please keep this information for all future sessions.



The schedule for reading is as follows:

Week Four: The last five Temptations and the Conclusion (Healing Relationships) (May 19)

If you miss a session, they will be recorded, and viewing links will be provided each week in the newsletter.

If you are part of a parish group, you may have local sessions as well, and join the weekly Zooms. I will try to organize questions for discussion when we meet.

There are still books available. If you would like one, please be in touch with Canon Cathy Dempsey-Sims. *Please let Cathy know the email address of each participant so we may send them the zoom registration link.*

I look forward to our being part of this conversation with you.

Bishop Steve

CDRD Virtual Workshop Series with the Rev. Isaiah "Shaneequa" Brokenleg

What does it mean to be Two-Spirit and why are they given a revered role as healers and spiritual leaders? Episcopal Indigenous Ministries speak of "living in right relationship with humanity and all of creation." What is meant by the theology of relationship? Have you ever reflected on your personal theology of relationship?

The WNY & NWPA Commission to Dismantle Racism & Discrimination invites you to join us May 28 from 7pm-8:30pm to explore these questions and more.

For more information, visit episcopalwny.org/dismantling-racism/

To register for the Virtual Workshop Series and receive a Zoom link, REGISTER HERE: <https://tinyurl.com/ybsj2xuc>

Virtual Workshop Series

THE REV. ISAIAH "SHANEEQUA" BROKENLEG

April 30, 2026
May 28, 2026
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Register to Zoom

April 30 — Two-Spirit 101
May 28 — Developing Your Personal Theology: What is at the Core of Who You Are?

Scan to Register

WNY & NWPA Commission to Dismantle Racism and Discrimination

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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