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PRELUDE – Voluntary

THE ENTRANCE RITE


PROCESSIONAL HYMN – #187 “Through the Red Sea brought at last”

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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

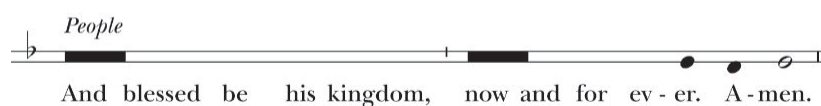
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Celebrant



Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People



And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA – Short Service (aka Dorian)

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

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, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

People **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 82 – Read at 8AM; chanted by the choir at 10:15

Setting by David Hurd (b. 1950)

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 **"How long will you judge unjustly, *
and show favor to the wicked?**
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;
- 4 **Rescue the weak and the poor; *
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 **Now I say to you, 'You are gods, *
and all of you children of the Most High;**

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince."

8 **Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN – #574 "Before thy throne, O God, we kneel"

St. Petersburg

THE GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-56

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.**

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,

mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

<i>Reader</i>	The Gospel of our Savior.
<i>People</i>	Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

The Very Reverend 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: Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us bring our prayers before God,
saying: *Holy One, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: remembering especially Sean our Presiding Bishop, and our Diocese as we forge
new paths forward and prepare to call a new bishop, that we may run with perseverance the race
that is set before us. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For this cathedral community, that God will strengthen our call to share God's love and mercy with
all those around us. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For peace in all places of conflict, that the Spirit will lead those in positions of authority to work to
end war and violence and promote the safety, freedom and dignity of all. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

In thanksgiving for those who have taught us to live faithfully, that our lives may also witness to
Jesus who is the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For a better stewardship of the earth and its resources, that we may recognize the need to safeguard
the integrity of God's creation. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For all who bear the burden of poverty, for those who are held unjustly, for the victims of war, and all
those in need of our prayers, 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 God will keep them safe and give them
hope. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

For all the departed, remembering especially Madonna, Douglas, and Gilbert, that they may rejoice
in that great company who sing God's praises. ***Holy One, hear our prayer.***

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

Celebrant: Holy and Righteous God, hear the prayers we offer this day; kindle the fire of your
passion in us and baptize all creation with your vision of justice and truth; through Jesus Christ our
Savior. **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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM – Thou knowest Lord the secret of our hearts

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
Shut not thy merciful ears unto our pray'rs;
But spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty.
O holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou most worthy Judge eternal,
Suffer us not at our last hour,
For any pains of death to fall away from Thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A (Expansive language)

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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The musical notation is arranged in four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The first staff shows the Celebrant singing 'The Lord be with you.' and the People responding 'And al - so with you.' The second staff shows the Celebrant singing 'Lift up your hearts.' and the People responding 'We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff shows the Celebrant singing 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff shows the People singing '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

Tallis

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.

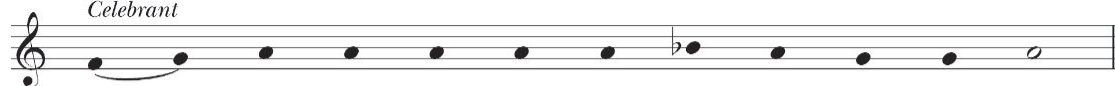
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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. **AMEN.**

THE GREAT AMEN

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Celebrant



People

A-men.

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

Tallis

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
 grant us your 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 – God Be in My Head

John Rutter (b.1945)

God be in my head
And in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes
And in my looking;
God be in my mouth
And in my speaking;
God be in my heart
And in my thinking;
God be at mine end
And at my departing

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.**

THE BLESSING


DISMISSAL

Deacon



Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the pow - er of the Spi - rit.

People



Thanks be to God.

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Farewell Deacon Phil

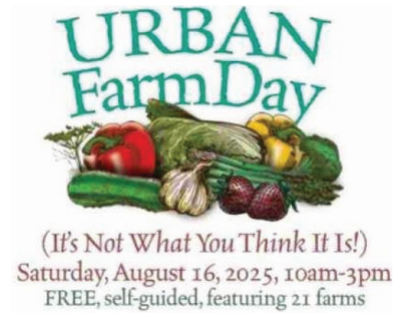
On May 18, 2024 Phil Cunningham was ordained to the Diaconate here at St. Paul's and for the past year has served at the cathedral as a transitional deacon. Recently, Phil and his family relocated to South Carolina. We planned a reception for Phil, but he was unable to attend. We are gathering a purse for him that we will send on to him, however. Contributions may be made to the Cathedral by check or online which we will forward on to him. At coffee hour this Sunday, we will have a card available to sign. We will miss him and wish him well as he continues on the path towards the priesthood. May God's blessing be with Deacon Phil and his family as they begin this new chapter in their lives together.

– Dean Rebecca

SJAT Note: Urban Farm Day this Saturday

From Estelle Siener for the Social Justice Action Team

You may notice that we have a compost bin in the kitchen at the Cathedral. The bag in the bin eventually goes to Farmer Pirates, one of the locations for a tour on the 5th Annual Urban Farm Day, this Saturday, August 16th. From 10 am to 3 pm this free, family friendly event showcasing 21 local farms and related food operations will be open for tours, activities and treats, such as tomato tasting. In addition, some locations offer produce for sale. While many of the farms are in the city of Buffalo, you'll find some in the Tonawandas, Grand Island and other nearby locations. Highlighting ecological farming practices and urban farm challenges such as water access and food insecurity, the day promises to be an educational opportunity for all ages. Visit Urban Farm Day where you can see videos of small garden farms and check out the list of open farms, talks, tours and markets to plan your day!



Report from the Organ Committee

For those of you who have worshipped at St. Paul's Cathedral at 10:15 on Sundays since July 6 (either in person or on YouTube), you'll know that the singing has been accompanied by piano rather than by the organ.

Issues of weather, specifically the humidity, has caused ciphers on the organ. A cipher is a pipe which keeps sounding, even when the key is not being depressed, or when a pipe sounds without any key being depressed. Actually, the Cathedral pipe organ has been having cipher problems for many, many months.

The organ overall is in dreadful condition. Not even a third of it is in playable condition. This is primarily a result of inferior work that was done on the Cathedral organ a couple years ago, which is not to professional industry standards. The cost of repairing and/or replacing much of the work will be extremely time consuming, and quite expensive.

This past March, the Dean gathered together an Organ Committee to try to address the problems. The committee includes:

Canon Craig Dressler (Canon for Ministry Development & Transition in the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania) who holds a Bachelor of Music in organ performance from Westminster College.

Patricia Hills (Interim Choir Director and Chair of the Cathedral Music Committee) who in addition to singing at the Cathedral and with many local choral ensembles, is a vocal music teacher at Windemere Blvd. School in the Amherst Central School District.

The Rev. Canon Earle King, a retired priest who attends the Cathedral and who holds degrees in organ performance from the Eastman School of Music and the University of Oklahoma.

The Very Rev. Rebecca Barnes, (Dean of St. Paul's) who holds a Master of Music degree in classical vocal performance from the Manhattan School of Music and was a professional church musician in NYC for 27 years. She also oversaw the upgrade of the organ at her previous parish in PA.

The Organ Committee has met a number of times since March and has two nationally renowned consultants assisting them, one of whom is an authority on Hope Jones, the pipework in our Gallery.

Due to the current state of the organ, and because the current ciphers are making the organ unusable, the Committee feels the need to act quickly. We have been in conversation with several organ companies and are working on what will be a multistage project that will take several years.

In the short term, the Committee believes that the best solution is to acquire a high-quality digital organ. This itself will probably take 6-8 months. This step is in keeping with what other major churches, i.e. The Cathedral of St. John the Divine (NYC), Trinity Wall Street, and the National Cathedral (DC) have done. This would give the Cathedral the time to engage in the many years' long process of fundraising and installing a new pipe organ, which would include the restoration of at least some of the current pipe organ, especially the historic Hope Jones pipework.

At this point, we have bids from two builders for a digital organ and will be presenting a recommendation to the Vestry at their upcoming August meeting.

The other "plus" of fairly quickly acquiring a digital organ is that the Cathedral would be in a much better position to hire an Organist / Choirmaster. Trying to call a new Organist/Choirmaster with only a barely functioning pipe organ would be practically impossible. Furthermore, the presence of a new Organist / Choirmaster would mean the Cathedral would have, on staff, someone to help the Cathedral move toward a new pipe organ with much greater skill and ease.

We look forward to sharing more information with you as it becomes available. We thank you for your support and prayers as we continue in this critically important work.

"O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." (Book of Common Prayer, page 819)

2025 Diocesan Convention

Delegate Registration

Register now for the Diocesan Convention in Niagara Falls. Register as a Delegate (Clergy or Lay), Alternate Delegate, or a Guest. Check-in will begin at 8:30am on October 10th and business continues into the evening with Eucharist and Dinner. Convention business should conclude at Noon on October 11th. There is a \$50 fee for each registrant to offset approximately 1/3 of the meal cost with the Diocese covering the balance. **The deadline to register is Tuesday, September 2.**

Register for Convention by using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/56zbbpk6>

Hotel Reservations

A block of rooms has been reserved for October 9 & 10 at the Sheraton Hotel in Niagara Falls starting at \$159/night. The hotel is conveniently located directly across the street from the Convention Center. Please make your reservation as soon as possible to guarantee a room.

Online reservations are preferred by using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/4a5pj6ba>

If you cannot make an online reservation, please dial 716-285-3361 & ask to speak with "Reservations." The block code for call-in reservations is: EP5274

All reservations must be made by **Tuesday, September 2nd.**

Vendor Tables for Convention

If your organization would like a vendor table during the October 10-11 Convention, please submit a VENDOR REQUEST FORM: <https://tinyurl.com/22a7t82c>

Prayer and Pastoral Care

We lift up the following in prayer especially Miles, Clark, Geri, Dominic, Steve & Tracy, Juanita, Lisa and family, Andrea, Barbara, Larry and Diane, Byron, Chris, 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 Madonna, Douglas, Gilbert, and those whose anniversaries of death we mark this week. We pray for them and their loved ones who remember them.



August 17, 2025 – Pentecost 10(C) **Episcopal Youth Event and Encuentro de Jóvenes Episcopales**

The following letter from the Rev. Lester Mackenzie, chief of Mission Program, provides an update on The Episcopal Church's two largest events for young people. It was published on July 25, 2025.

May grace and peace be with you during these warm summer days. After listening carefully and discerning with Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe, our leadership team, and many of you across the church, and reading this report (<https://iam.ec/EYEassessment>) on EYE (Episcopal Youth Event) from 2021, I write with a full heart and deep hope for the future of our youth gatherings. We are all asking the same questions; and after much prayer and conversation, I want to share where we feel called to go next.

As Bishop Sean has said, “We will be a strong, adaptive church that communicates and embodies the depth of Christian spirituality and works toward The Episcopal Church’s vision of God’s kingdom by supporting ministry on the ground in dioceses.” This vision guides these plans.

EJE 2026 – A Celebration in Iglesia Episcopal en Colombia

Encuentro de Jóvenes Episcopales (EJE) will meet July 13–16, 2026, in Medellín, Colombia. This gathering will give Province IX a beautiful chance to celebrate faith, culture, and the gifts our young people bring. Our Mission Program team will work closely with Province IX leaders to bring this to life.

Looking Ahead to EYE 2028

After EJE 2026, we will pause to pray and reflect on what Episcopal Youth Event should look like in 2028. This space will help us hear what our communities most need. Some have wondered if EYE could happen alongside General Convention. After looking at that carefully, we decided combining them would stretch our volunteers too thin and make it harder to honor the unique spirit of both events. We will preserve the essence of each gathering and fully support the Official Youth Presence at General Convention.

Regional Gatherings

During late 2026 and 2027, we will invite dioceses, regions, and provinces to host smaller, more local gatherings where we can learn, connect, and try new ideas together.

After EJE 2026, we will gather young people, mentors, and leaders—especially those from communities of color—to help us imagine what comes next. You can expect to hear more about the timeline and opportunities to participate by fall 2026. We will move forward with purpose and care.

As I sit with all of this, I keep thinking about Esther and her moment of purpose. Maybe you are here “for such a time as this.” We must trust that good will grow from this work, even if we can’t see it all yet. I ask for your prayers and your partnership. Here’s how you can join us:

- Lift up young leaders in your communities.
- Share this vision with others who care about youth ministry.
- Walk alongside us as we move through this transition.
- Pray for our youth, their families, and the adult mentors who walk alongside them.
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Thank you for everything you do to keep the holy fire alive in our young people. Your dedication makes all the difference. With deep gratitude,

The Rev. Lester V. Mackenzie, AHC (Associate of the Holy Cross)
Chief of Mission Program, Presiding Bishop’s Office

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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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