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PRELUDE – Organ Voluntary

## THE ENTRANCE RITE


PROCESSIONAL HYMN – #451 “All hail the power of Jesus’ Name”

*Miles Lane*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION


S 76

*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

*Mass in F - Harold Darke (1888-1976)*

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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST READING

Proverbs 25:6-7

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great;  
for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God**

**PSALM 112** – *Read at 8AM; chanted by the choir at 10:15*

*Setting by Ivor Atkins (1869 – 1953)*

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 **For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the Lord.

**8      Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

9      They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

**10     The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

## THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

*Reader*      A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.  
What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN – #686 "Come, thou fount of every blessing"

*Nettleton*

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

*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.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are

invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Reader        The Gospel of our Savior.  
People        **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:* As God's chosen who are invited to the wedding banquet, let us offer our prayers for all who are in need, saying: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For the Church: especially Sean our Presiding Bishop, and our Diocese as we discern new pathways and prepare to call a new bishop, that in obedience to Christ we may affirm the dignity of others and honor them as fellow children of God. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For this cathedral community, that we may always open our hearts and hands in hospitality to the poor, the hungry and the lowly. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For Christian Communities facing suffering and persecution, particularly the church in Ukraine, Gaza and Sudan, that God will protect them from harm, help them to be faithful witnesses to the Gospel, and empower them to show forgiveness to their persecutors. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For the protection of the earth, that God will guide us in being good stewards of creation so that all people may experience the blessings that earth brings forth. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For all who labor to help supply our daily needs, work to protect us from harm and inspire us to be better people. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For all students and teachers as the new school year begins, for the poor, the least and the lonely, and all those in need of our prayers, especially, Miles, Clark, Geri, Dominic, Steve & Tracy, Juanita, Lisa and family, Andrea, Barbara, Larry and Diane, Byron, Chris, Joe, Carl, Lori, Larry, Carol, Renee, Sharon, Elaine, Don, Anne, Jim, Judy, and Shirley, that they may be sustained and strengthened by God.  
**Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For all the departed, remembering especially Tabatha; the victims of this week's shooting at Annunciation Catholic School in Minnesota, and those whose anniversaries of death we mark this week, that they may share in the resurrection of the righteous. **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:* God of compassion, you have invited the poor, the sinful and the forsaken to your feast; hear the prayers we offer this day and let your church always honor your presence in those whom you welcome to your table. Glory to you forever and ever. **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 – I Sat Down Under His Shadow

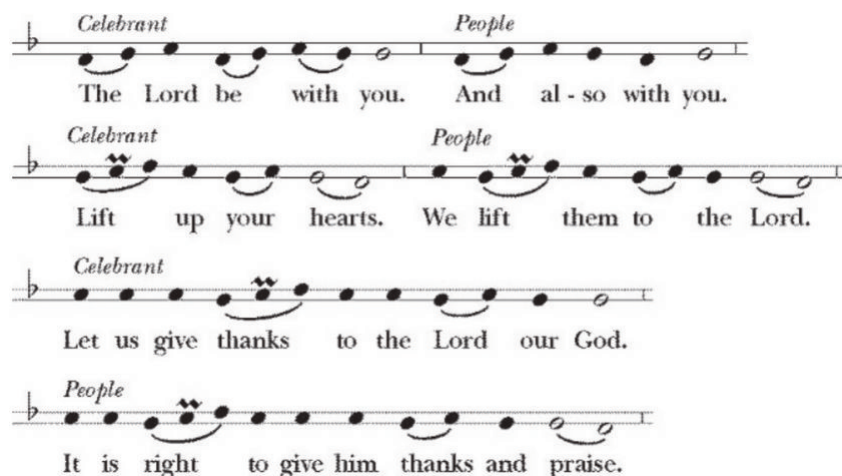
Sir Edward Cuthbert Bairstow (1874 – 1946)

I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste  
He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love  
Blest are the pure in heart

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A (Expansive language)

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



*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

*Darke*

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


S 133

*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

S 142

*Celebrant*



*People*



A-men.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

S 148

*Celebrant*



As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Celebrant and People*



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for 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

*Darke*

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 – Blessed are the pure in Heart

Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

For they shall see our God;  
The secret of the Lord is theirs;  
Their soul is Christ's abode

The Lord, who left the heavens  
Our life and peace to bring  
To dwell in lowliness with men  
Their Pattern and their King

Still to the lowly soul  
He doth Himself impart;  
And for His cradle and His throne  
Chooseth the pure in heart

Lord, we Thy presence seek;  
May ours this blessing be;  
Give us a pure and lowly heart  
A temple meet for Thee

## 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


#437 "Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord"

*Birmingham*

## DISMISSAL


S 174

*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

## **Rite of Christian Burial for Tabatha Clark**

The Rite of Christian Burial will be held for Tabatha Clark, granddaughter of Kathy Reiss on Tuesday, September 2 at 3PM at the Cathedral.

## **Ararat Bicentennial**

A press conference scheduled for Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at The Buffalo History Museum, marking the 200th anniversary of the Ararat Stone. Speakers will include, Miriam Abramovich, Buffalo Jewish Federation, CEO; Melissa Brown Buffalo History Museum, CEO who will offer comments about Mordechai Noah and the Ararat Stone; The Very Reverend Rebecca Barnes who will offer comments about the connection to St. Paul Episcopal Cathedral, and Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein will offer a poem in honor of the anniversary. Please visit the commemorative marker on the Cathedral Park side of the church or visit <https://buffaloah.com/h/ara/ara.html> for more information on Ararat and Noah Mordechai.

## **First Tuesday**

On September 2nd we celebrate the First Tuesday of the month. Grab your favorite beverage and sit back and enjoy some chit chat with old and new friends at the SPC Zoom Coffee Hour. One never knows what topic will come up. Join in with the Zoom link anytime between 7:00 and 8:00pm when there is no particular agenda. At 8:00 we come together for Compline.

## **The Season of Creation: Theme for 2025: Peace with Creation**

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation. The "Celebration" begins 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for Creation or Feast of Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi.

### **The Theme for 2025: Peace with Creation**

The theme for Season of Creation this year is Peace with Creation.

Our Biblical text for this year is **Isaiah 32:14-18**.

Here is a video from ecumenical faith leaders from around the world

LINK TO VIDEO: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_dSI178-W5o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_dSI178-W5o)

### **War on Creation**

The prophet Isaiah pictured the desolated Creation without peace because of the lack of justice and the broken relationship between God and humankind. This description of devastated cities and wastelands eloquently stresses the fact that human destructive behaviours have a negative impact on the Earth.

### **Our hope: Creation will find peace when justice is restored**

There is still hope and the expectation for a peaceful Earth. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but to act, pray, change and reconcile with Creation and the Creator in unity, metanoia (repentance) and solidarity.

## **The Symbol for 2025: the Garden of Peace**

The symbol is characterized by a dove carrying an olive branch bringing life to “the garden of peace”. In the Biblical story of the flood, the dove plays the role of the blessed messenger: The dove sent out by Noah returns to the ark with a fresh olive branch in its beak, signalling that the flood is receding. As the flood story begins with a situation where “the earth is filled with violence” (Genesis 6:13), the return of the dove with the olive branch came to be known as a sign of new peace.

## **The advocacy focus for 2025 – Debt relief**

This year the Season of Creation is calling for action to address the huge costs of climate change and ecological destruction which are being faced by the most vulnerable people.

There can be no peace without justice, and one of the biggest injustices facing our world today is the huge level of debt owed by poor and vulnerable countries to rich countries, suffering the worst impacts of climate change, even though they have done the least to cause it.

Here you can find an in-depth theological explanation of this year’s theme and symbol:

<https://tinyurl.com/439j87fa>

You will find concrete proposals to live the Season intentionally through prayers, sustainability initiatives, and advocacy actions on the Season of Creation website [\[http://www.seasonofcreation.org/\]](http://www.seasonofcreation.org/) and Celebration Guide.

## **Celebrating the Season of Creation at St. Paul's**

At our Sunday services from September 1 - October 4, we will utilize prayers and liturgical resources connecting us more deeply to the season. In celebration of the season, several events and Christian education opportunities are also being offered.

### **Sunday Film Series on Water:**

Following a course of study undertaken by the Social Justice Action Team, a series of short films will be shown this fall on Sundays in the Walker Room, immediately following coffee hour. A light lunch and discussion will be held. Stay tuned for more information

**Laudato Si Book Study:** In honor the the 10th Anniversary of Laudato Si, Pope Francis' encyclical on creation, a book study will be held on Mondays, September 8-October 27 (no meeting on 9/29) at 7PM on Zoom.

Please use the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/4cf5fkje>, Meeting ID: **716 855 0900** Password: **4cathedral**.

The program will be facilitated by Dean Rebecca Barnes and Mo. Liz Grohowski. The book may be purchased at your favorite book seller or a user friendly pdf version may be found online at: <https://tinyurl.com/4ee8h383>

**Holy Hikes of Western New York:** The Cathedral will launch a new ministry Holy Hikes of Western New York which will hold its inaugural hike on Saturday, September 13 at 10AM. The hike (really more of a walk) will be held at the Tiff Nature Preserve [\[https://www.tift.org/\]](https://www.tift.org/) which is just 5 minutes from downtown on the Outer Harbor. Join us as we will hit the trail to celebrate the Eucharist in nature. Holy Hikes is an eco-Ministry of The Episcopal Church that is committed to rebuilding Communion between all of God’s Creation. It’s founder and director, Fr. Justin Cannon says, “I feel closest to God in nature and also in the Holy Eucharist. Through Holy Hikes people across the country are bringing these two together in profound ways.” We will hike rain or shine. All are welcome; carpooling will be available.

**The Annual Blessing of the Animals in Honor of St. Francis:** The annual blessing of the animals service will

be held on the Feast of St. Francis, October 4 at 4PM. Bring you furry and feathery animal companions (fins and scales are welcome too). All pets must be on a leash or in a carrier. Please invite your friends and family to join in!

## **Organ Project - Phase 1 Announcement**

On behalf of the Vestry and the Organ Committee, I am pleased to announce that St. Paul's has entered into a contract with the R.A. Colby Organ Co. of Johnson City, Tennessee for the first phase of our organ restoration and rebuilding project.

This initial phase will involve retrofitting the organ console in the gallery to be a three-manual digital organ utilizing Walker Digital components. The console will be moved at the end of September. We anticipate this first phase work will be completed by Easter. This step is similar to what many other parishes in the Episcopal Church have done, namely, The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, St. Thomas, 5th Avenue, and Trinity Wall Street (all in NYC), as well as the National Cathedral in Washington, DC. The digital components being incorporated in this phase will enable us to move forward on an overall pipe organ restoration and can be sold or retained and reprogrammed for use in our instrument.

We will then move into the next phases of our restoration project which will include a national search for an organist/choirmaster and procuring proposals from several companies for a full restoration of our historic pipe organ, especially, the Hope-Jones solo and pedal divisions. As most organ companies have a several year waiting time, this will allow us to focus on a capital campaign and grant writing to raise needed funds for the full restoration and rebuilding project.

Though now based in Tennessee, the Colbys are not strangers to Buffalo; their roots are here in Western New York. Robert Colby and two business partners founded the Delaware Organ Company in Tonawanda, NY, a forerunner of what is now the Colby Organ Co. They have also done extensive work at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Delaware Ave., Buffalo. Of the work done there, Garrett Martin, Organist and Director, noted:

"The Colby team approached our instrument with extraordinary care and artistic sensitivity. Their enhancements honored the character of the original pipework while bringing color and vitality to its voice. The new consoles are beautifully crafted and equipped with 21st-century technology and functionality, opening up fresh possibilities for performance and profoundly enriching our worship."

Other recent projects undertaken by the Colby company include: Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Miami, FL; United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD; Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, IL; Coral Ridge Presbyterian, Fort Lauderdale, FL; Cathedral Church of St. Luke, Orlando, FL; St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Salisbury, NC. Corinth Reformed Church, Hickory, NC; St. John's Episcopal Cathedral, Jacksonville, FL; and the Castro Theater, San Francisco, CA.

I, the Vestry, organ committee, and music committee of St. Paul's look forward to the work ahead and are deeply committed to the very finest restoration of our historic pipe organ. Music is integral to Anglican/Episcopal liturgy and worship. It is our goal to have an organ befitting our cathedral - a national historic landmark, and one that will enhance our liturgy and music as we seek to worship God and lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving in this beloved sacred space.

– Dean Rebecca

## **Doors Open Buffalo 2025**

St. Paul's will be participating in Doors Open Buffalo 2025 sponsored by Explore Buffalo. This event provides local organizations the opportunity to showcase their building. In previous years, the Cathedral has had anywhere from 800 to 1,000 guests come through, and we've been told St. Paul's is a tour favorite!

Doors Open Buffalo 2025 will take place on Saturday, September 20th. St. Paul's (and Explore Buffalo) will host visitors from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We're asking for volunteers to cover 2-hour shifts with (at least) three people per shift. Shift #1: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Shift #2: Noon to 2:00 p.m. – Shift #3: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please let Teresa Carter know which shift you'd like to cover via email: [teresa@spcbuffalo.org](mailto:teresa@spcbuffalo.org) or [716-855-0900 x 222](tel:716-855-0900). We hope you can help!

## **SJAT Note**

*From Bob Ludwig for the Social Justice Action Team*

This is an early notice that Every Child Matters will take place on the last Saturday in September, the 27th starting at 2pm. Paul Cesana, the clerk of the vestry of The Church of the Good Shepherd, Irving, writes, "As in the past we plan to begin with the recitation of the Great Thanksgiving hopefully in Seneca, and we plan to have the Seneca Singers and Dancers following the Speaker, and then proceed with the free meal that this year we plan to offer based on traditional Seneca food and beverages. As in the past, we will conclude with a Reconciliation Service in our church, led by Rev. Roland Cooper, our Vicar." We will know more when the invited speaker has confirmed. Please hold this date in your calendars and prepare to carpool. St. Paul's Cathedral always attends in good numbers.

## **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, Joe, Carl, Lori, Larry, Carol, Renee, Sharon, Elaine, Don, Anne, Jim, Judy, and Shirley. We also remember all those who have died, especially Tabatha; the victims of this week's shooting at Annunciation Catholic School in Minnesota, and those whose anniversaries of death we mark this week. We pray for them and their loved ones who remember them.





## BULLETIN INSERTS

### August 31, 2025 – Pentecost 12 (C) New Episcopal Community Grants

New Episcopal Community grant applications are open for dioceses and mission developers who are envisioning, planning, or growing new worshipping communities and missional enterprises throughout the church. **The deadline to apply is Sept. 23**, with grantees announced after the Executive Council meeting in late October.

The following types of grants are available:

**Discernment Grants:** Up to \$5,000 to fund the discernment season of a New Episcopal Community. Funds may be used for sending the potential point leader to a gifts assessment retreat, coaching, training, demographic studies, micro-experiments, visits to similar types of ministries, and more.

**Seed Grants:** Up to \$30,000 to fund the initial stages of a New Episcopal Community's launch. A seed grant recipient is typically in the first and/or second year of its life cycle. A seed grant application has a strong and realistic ministry plan, the beginnings of a core team, and support from its local diocese.

**Growth Grants:** Up to \$30,000 to help fund approximately the second and third years of a New Episcopal Community.

**Harvest Grants:** Up to \$40,000 to help fund the later stages of a New Episcopal Community's launch (approximately years three to six).

Download a grant application guide and diocesan endorsement forms from the New Episcopal Community grants webpage here: <https://iam.ec/necgrants>.

Questions? Email the Rev. Jason Shank, interim church planting network strategist, at [jshank@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:jshank@episcopalchurch.org).



## NEW EPISCOPAL COMMUNITIES

**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](mailto:cathedral@spcbuffalo.org).

## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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