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SUNG LITURGY OF THE DAY

A Community Mass by Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Donna Ajaero, Soprano; Patricia Hills, Alto; Paul Waara, Tenor; Nick Darling, Bass
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 – #477 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

Engelberg

All stand as the procession enters the nave.

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.

Music: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991). Copyright © 1971 Mason Martens.

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

Proulx

Glo - ry to God in the

high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther, We wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord, God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have

mer-cy on us; You are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our pray'r, re -

ceive, re - ceive our pray'r.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ with the Ho - ly

Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - men. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord 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.**

All sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.
I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the Lord.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

PSALM 26:1-8

Setting by Percy Buck (1871-1947)

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

- 1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,
 for I have lived with integrity; *
 I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 **Test me, O Lord, and try me; *
 examine my heart and my mind.**
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; *
 I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 **I have not sat with the worthless, *
 nor do I consort with the deceitful.**
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
 I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 **I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, *
 that I may go in procession round your altar,**
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
 and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 **Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *
 and the place where your glory abides.**

THE EPISTLE

Romans 12:9-21

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN – #707 Take my life and let it be

Hollingside

All standing, as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

All remain standing, as able.

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

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them

if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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 Gracious God, you have called us to take up our cross and give our lives for the sake of Christ, hear our prayers for the needs of all your creation, saying:
Hear us, O Holy One.

For the Church: especially especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean our Presiding Bishop; Stephen our Bishop Provisional; and our Diocese as we prepare to call a new Bishop Diocesan, that we may bear witness to the way of Christ and be open to God's call to serve others by following the example of Jesus. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For this Cathedral community, that we may have the grace and strength to bear the cross in the face of opposition and indifference and allow God to raise us to new life.
Hear us, O Holy One.

For the conversion of hearts that harbor prejudice, that they may be transformed by the grace of God and embrace the way of love and reconciliation. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For all whose lives have been touched by earthquakes, storms, fires and floods, that they may find help, hope and compassionate care from those around them.
Hear us, O Holy One.

For all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially Sean, Lynne, Alex, Jim, Chuck, Clark, Chris, Joe, Larry, those on the Cathedral Pastoral Care list, the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and those who are living in fear of or suffering from the Ebola outbreak, that God will strengthen and sustain them each day. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

For all the departed, remembering especially Rob and Antonio that they may follow Christ into the glory of God. **Hear us, O Holy One.**

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 glory, who calls us to take up our cross and follow Jesus, hear our prayers and grant us zeal to serve you and to rejoice in hope that all the world may be blessed by the redeeming work of Christ's cross, through the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of your Holy Name. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

A Confession of Sin is said here if it has not been said earlier. On occasion, the Confession may be omitted.

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

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 – Ubi Caritas

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Where affection and love abide, God is.
We are gathered in one body by the love of Christ.
Let us rejoice and be glad in Him.
Let us fear, and love the living God.
From the heart let us love each other sincerely.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Simul ergo cum in unum congregamur:
Ne nos mente dividamur, caveamus.
Cessent jurgia maligna, cessent lites.
Et in medio nostri sit Christus Deus.

Where affection and love abide, God is.
When therefore we are gathered in one body,
Let us be watchful that our minds not divided us.
Let hateful quarrels cease, let disputes cease
and in our midst let there be Christ our God.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Simul quoque cum beatis videamus,
Glorianter vultum tuum, Christe Deus:
Gaudium quod est immensum, atque probum,
Saecula per infinita saeculorum. Amen.

Where affection and love abide, God is.
May we too, together with the blessed,
See in glory your face, O Christ our God;
That is joy beyond measure and excellent,
through ages of ages without end. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – Eucharistic Prayer A

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SURSUM CORDA

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The musical notation is presented in four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). 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 various note values, including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and accidentals.

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant continues:

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

Proulx



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Proulx



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

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through you Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

THE GREAT AMEN

Proulx



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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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

Proulx



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

A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester

Leonard J. White (1910 -1973)

O holy Jesus most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly,
Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

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THE FINAL HYMN – WLP #779 The Church of Christ in every age

Dunedin

1. The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3. Then let the ser - vant church a - rise. A car - ing
4. For Christ a - lone, whose 'blood was shed, can cure the
5. We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Church of Christ in every age'. It features a vocal line (soprano) and a piano accompaniment (treble and bass staves). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line, with five verses provided. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal melody.



change but spir - it led, must claim and test its her - i -
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for bread to
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's sac - ri -
fe - ver in our blood. And teach us how to share our
be - dience to our Lord: to care for all with - out re -

tage and keep on ri - sing from the dead.
eat and nev - er live un - til they die.
fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
serve. And spread Christ's lib - er - a - ting word.

THE DISMISSAL

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Deacon



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

People



Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – Organ Voluntary

CATHEDRAL LIFE | AUGUST 30
ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL – SPCBUFFALO.ORG

TODAY AT ST PAUL'S

- 8:00am – **The Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (said) – Richmond Chapel
- 9:00am - **Bible Study** in the Walker Room – coffee and discussion of scripture lessons for the week.
- 10:00am – **Godly Play Sunday School Program** - 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.
- 10:15am – **Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (Choral)
- 11:30am – **Coffee Hour** – All are welcome to enjoy refreshments and join in some fellowship time at coffee hour following immediately following the 10:15 Eucharist.
- 12 Noon – **Stewardship Committee Meeting** – Library off of the Walker Room.
- 3:00pm – **St. Paul's Sunday Recital Series:** Our ongoing recital series program continues with a wonderfully entertaining program "**Ragtime to Rock**" by pianist, Ivan Dochenko. A free will offering will be taken. The Sunday Afternoon recital series is being offered by area musicians for the benefit of the Cathedral. All proceeds from the free-will offering go to the Cathedral's Organ Restoration Project.

From the Dean's Desk

The Church's new liturgical year begins in Advent, but our programmatic year falls much more along the lines of the academic school year. We are quickly coming to the end of the summer season and are working at putting together an exciting year of offerings that will challenge your thinking, help you grow spiritually, and help you explore deeply our Episcopal/Anglican tradition. Highlights for the coming year will include a reading of *Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World* by Robin Wall Kimmerer using materials that were part of a study by the United Thank Offering (UTO); *How We Learn To Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith* by Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde; a course for the curious on *Discovering Christianity* (for believers and non-believers alike!); a study on the sixteenth-century mystic Teresa of Avila, and more! My hope and prayer is that there is something that speaks to everyone and will help deepen your life of faith and walk with Jesus.

– Dean Rebecca

First Tuesday - Sept. 1, 7:00

Not only is Sept. 1 the first day of the month, but it's also 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 at the end of this email anytime between 7:00 and 7:45 pm when there is no particular agenda. Compline begins at 7:45 and we adjourn by 8:00.

SPC Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/43pbjm5h>

Meeting ID: 716 855 0900 Password: 4cathedral

By Phone: 929-205-6099 Access code: 716 855 0900 Password: 535 007 8352

CATHEDRAL CREATION CARE

The Season of Creation

The Season of Creation 2026 runs from 1 September to 4 October 2026, and this year's theme is "Living Water," inspired by Ezekiel 47:9-12. This ecumenical observance invites Christian communities worldwide to pray, act, and advocate for ecological justice, with the symbol "Immersion in Living Water." In conjunction with the celebration of this season and the Feast of St. Francis, the Cathedral will hold its **Annual Blessing of the Animals in Honor of St. Francis** on the Eve of the Feast of St. Francis, **October 3 at 4PM**. Those unable to attend may also have their pet blessed following the 10:15 Eucharist on Sunday, October 4th. More announcements about Season of Creation events are pending.

Holy Hikes

Holy Hikes of Western New York, a ministry of St. Paul's Cathedral, is pleased to announce its full schedule (<https://tinyurl.com/mwc53bmh>) for the 2026 season. All hikes are held on the second Saturday of the month at 10am, unless otherwise announced. **On September 12th, we will hike at Goat Island in Niagara Falls.** We hike rain or shine.



All are welcome; carpooling will be available from the Cathedral at 9:30am or you can join us directly at the appointed hike location.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Adult Christian Education and Formation

The schedule of Adult Christian Education and Formation offerings for 2026/7 will be published in next week's announcements. Keep an eye out!

Children's Christian Education: "Godly Play"

"Godly Play: a Montessori-based program is offered 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. If you are interested in learning more about Christian Education and Formation for a child in your family, please contact Kathy Reiss at kathyreiss@yahoo.com. For information about baptism and/or confirmation, please contact Dean Rebecca at deanrebecca@spcbuffalo.org

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Garden of Love Update

For the past year or more, the Garden of has had the good fortune of having Archdeacon Diana Leiker as part of our operations. She has recruited six churches in the diocese to become part of this ministry by making sandwiches for the bag lunches. In addition, she organized the collection of clothing from the entire diocese, some of which we are still sorting and storing on the third floor of the FMC. A great helper in this endeavor is Deacon Diana's brother Patrick who works alongside Diana to get the clothing sorted and put on racks.

Deacon Diana has recently expressed the hope that she could step away from the clothing sorting to devote more time to her art ministry on Thursday as well as continuing to deliver sandwiches to the FMC from some of our more distant ministry partners.

We are deeply grateful for Diana and Patrick, but now we must make some changes to the operations of the Garden of Love. Tuesdays are very busy as we assemble approximately 80 plus lunches for our less fortunate neighbors. There is little time left to sort and hang clothing.

To help facilitate the distribution of free clothing, we are proposing to start a Sorting Sunday for the last Sunday of the month after the 10:15 service. Some of you participated in Sorting Saturday in the past. The idea is that we would gather in the FMC at approximately 11:45 and work on sorting and hanging until approximately 1PM. That will make it possible to have lunch at home and be ready to watch the Bills play during the season.

IMPORTANT ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS AT ST. PAUL'S

"We've got you covered!" - Parking at St. Paul's



At St. Paul's we are deeply aware of the challenges of downtown parking. As one of the oldest churches in the Diocese, we have been on this location for 210 years, long before the advent of the automobile era, but we do not want that to hinder your participation and worship at the Cathedral.

We offer the following options:

We've got you covered - literally! Park at 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, approx. Address is 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. **If you bring your ticket from the Main Place Mall Parking with you, at the end of the service ask 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!)

As a reminder, street parking is free on Saturdays and Sundays.

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

Pastoral Care Ministry at St. Paul's

In the weekly Prayers of the People, we offer intercessions for those for whom prayers have been requested who are in acute or critical need. Names 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 maintain a separate Pastoral Care prayer list for those who are homebound and in nursing homes, or may request ongoing prayer. This list is weekly announcements and eNews, but individual names are included in the intercessions. We ask that the entire congregation remember these beloved of our community in our regular prayers holding in your hearts and prayers, all those in need and absent from us.

In a **Pastoral Emergency**, please contact— The Reverend Elizabeth Grohowski, Associate for Pastoral Care at (212) 222-8109 / email at motherliz@spcbuffalo.org or The Very Reverend Rebecca A. Barnes, Dean at (646) 533-1836 / email at deanrebecca@spcbuffalo.org.

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 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.

Prayer and Pastoral Care for the Week of August 30

We lift up the following in prayer especially Sean, Lynne, Alex, Jim, Chuck, Clark, Chris, Joe, Larry, Sharon, Elaine, Howard, Lillian, Patty, Renee, Jim, Judy, Ann, Carol, and Shirley. We also pray for those suffering from wildfires, the floods in Nepal, and the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and those who are living in fear of or suffering from the Ebola outbreak.

We also remember those who have died especially, Rob and Antonio, 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

Diocesan Convention – October 23-24, 2026

Our 189th Diocesan Convention will be held in Celeron, NY at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel on October 23 & 24, 2026. Convention Business begins at 10am, Oct. 23rd and continues thru noon, Oct 24th.

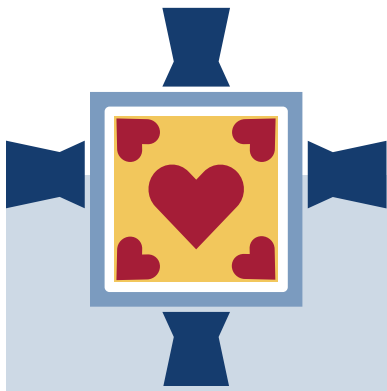
This year's convention theme is: **WE ARE THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH!** We are excited to announce that our keynote speaker will be: The Rev. Molly F. James, Ph.D.

Molly currently serves as the Interim Executive Officer of General Convention for The Episcopal Church. She holds a PhD in Theology from the University of Exeter (UK), a Masters of Divinity from Yale Divinity School and Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Tufts University. She grew up in Maine and was ordained as a priest in 2005. She has served on the Bishops' Staff in

Connecticut, as a parish priest, and a hospital chaplain, as well as an adjunct professor focusing on ethics and pastoral care. Her doctoral research focused on suffering and grief. Her work, *With Joyful Acceptance, Maybe* was published in 2013 by Wipf and Stock. Molly previously served as co-chair of Young Clergy Women International (an ecumenical organization of clergy women under 40), and as a board member for the Society of Scholar Priests. She is currently co-chair of the Faith Communities Today research consortium, a board member for the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies, and the Yale Alumni Nonprofit Alliance. She has two children and loves cooking, reading, travel, and spending time in the splendor of God's creation.

Molly will also preach at the Convention Eucharist on Friday, October 23rd.

Convention Delegation from the Cathedral - Elected Delegates: Su Hadden, Kim Goodman O'Connell, Evelyn Smigelsky; Estelle Siener (alternate).



Plenty Good Room

A Reflection for the Season of Creation

Questions for Reflection:

What is your role and responsibility in stewarding the Earth for future generations?



J. Davey Gerhard is the Executive Director of TENS and believes in God's all-

inclusive invitation to find Love when we are gathered together. He lives, works, and worships in San Francisco, California.



THE EPISCOPAL
NETWORK FOR
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The Season of Creation invites us to see the world not as a resource to be consumed, but as a sacred gift entrusted to our care. From the beginning, God's generosity overflowed in creation: light and darkness, seas and dry land, birds and fish, creatures of every kind, and finally humanity, blessed to live in harmony with it all. The first chapter of Genesis resounds with God's refrain: "It is good."

The spiritual Plenty Good Room proclaims the same truth. There is space for every creature in God's design, and the table of creation is wide enough to welcome all. Yet we confess that too often, we have lived as if creation is scarce and fragile only because of our own misuse. Pollution, climate change, and exploitation reveal the consequences of a mindset of scarcity – taking without giving, grasping without gratitude.

The Season of Creation calls us back to the truth of abundance. In the great economy of God, there is enough: enough food, enough clean water, enough beauty, enough shelter, if we steward these gifts wisely and share them justly. Creation is not a closed system of competition, but a community of interdependence, where every part plays its role and thrives in balance.

As stewards, we are called to generosity not just with our money, but with our choices: the way we consume, the way we share, the way we advocate for justice for the earth and its peoples. Every gift we return to God – whether planting a tree, reducing waste, investing in clean energy, or pledging financial support for the mission of the Church – is a testimony that we believe there is plenty good room in God's kingdom for all creation to flourish.

The Season of Creation is a chance to remember that stewardship is not just about sustaining the church, but about sustaining the world that God so loves. Together, may we proclaim with our words, our lives, and our gifts that creation is good, abundant, and holy.

"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it."

– Psalm 24:1 [TENS.org](https://tens.org)

SEASON OF CREATION 2026

PRAYER

Living Water

Holy God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning, we gather as part of your community of all creation, thirsty for your grace. We give thanks for the gift of water, the veins of our common home, that sustains the cedar and the whale, the pasture and the city. We are grateful for the local waters that nourish our homelands and our fellow creatures. We give thanks that in your well-watered garden, every drop is a sacred testament to your love.

Yet, we confess that we have treated this gift as a mere commodity. We have choked the seas with our waste and watched the warming tides rise in judgment. We lament the cracked earth of the drought-stricken and the salty tears of the climate refugee. Melt our frozen hearts, O God, and let the waters of repentance flow.

Lord of all Life, you promised that wherever the river flows, everything shall live. Stir in us a calling to care for the waters — to protect the watershed, defend the rights of water, and honor the dignity of the thirsty. May your Word be a spring within us, gushing forth for the healing of the nations.

May God our Father who brought water from the rock sustain us in the desert. May Christ our Lord who is Living Water refresh us for the work of restoration. And may the Holy Spirit carry us on currents of grace until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen.



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presents

From **RAGTIME** *to* **ROCK**



Ivan Docenko, pianist

August 30th at 3pm

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FREEWILL OFFERING

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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