St. John's Cathedral

The Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee

Veteran's Day
Sunday, November 8th, 2026 | 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Service items listed in red can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer. Hymns, listed in blue, can be found in the blue Hymnal.

The Word of God

8:00 AM

The Opening Sentence *(Stand at the bell)*
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn 535: *Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim* (v. 1 & 2)

The Collect for Purity page 323
The Summary of the Law page 324
The Collect of the Day
Gracious God, we give thanks for military men and women, both from the past and present, and for their courageous service and sacrifice to our country and its people to secure the blessings of life, liberty, and justice for all. May our remembrance be a timely reminder that our freedom was purchased at high cost, and should not be taken for granted. Give us resolve to labor in faithful service to you until all share the benefits of freedom, justice, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Reading *1 Thessalonians 4: 13–18*
The Psalm *Psalm 70*
The Gospel *Matthew 25: 1–13*

The Sermon *The Rev. Canon Chris Chase*
The Nicene Creed page 327
The Prayers of the People – Form III page 387
The Confession page 331
The Peace
The Offertory Sentence & Offertory
The Doxology: *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow* (Hymn 380, v. 3)

Hymn 716: *God bless our native land*
The Great Thanksgiving page 333
Proper Preface
Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.
The Sanctus page 334
The Lord's Prayer page 336
The Communion of the People
Post Communion Prayer page 339

Hymn 436: *Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates* (v. 1 & 2)

Postlude: *Someone's Singing, Lord* (Kum Bah Ya)
John Behnke (b. 1953)

10:30 AM

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Hymn 535: *Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim*
The Collect for Purity page 355
Hymn of Praise S 236: *Benedictus es, Domine* (Rutter)
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The Psalm *Psalm 70*

Sequence Hymn INSERT: *The First Song of Isaiah*
The Gospel *Matthew 25: 1–13*

The Sermon *The Rev. Canon Chris Chase*
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The Peace

Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence
The Offertory Anthem André Thomas (b. 1952)
Keep your lamps

The Doxology: *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow* (Hymn 380, v. 3)

Hymn 716: *God bless our native land*

The Great Thanksgiving page 361
Eucharistic Prayer A

Proper Preface
For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

10:30 AM Holy Communion *continued*

The Sanctus: *Holy, holy, holy Lord* (S 129 Powell)
The Lord's Prayer
The Fraction anthem: (S 154)

The Communion Anthem: Sterling Branton (1956–2018)
Steal away

Communion Hymns
324: *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*
316: *This is the hour of banquet and of song*

The Post Communion Prayer page 365

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Altar Flowers & Anthem Dedications

The flowers in the Church are given to the glory of God and in honor of military veterans by Kathy DeValentin

And in memory of
the Honorable John T. Gilbertson, Lt. Colonel
US Army Air Corps, Roseanne M. Gilbertson
and Marine Cpl. Theodore Morris
by Bob and Karen Gilbertson.

Lay Ministries

8:00 AM

Usher	John Melnick
Lay Reader	Chris Copelan
Crucifer	Vince Stevens

10:30 AM

Ushers	Bob Bowman - Lead, Steve Brewington, Judith Foltz, Mark Love, Taylor Preston
Greeters	Anne Sprouse, Michelle McMahan
Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer	Jennifer Tyrell
Lector / Chalice Bearer	Mike Clark
Chalice Bearer	Dusty Katzenmiller
Crucifer	Caleb Rogers
Acolytes	Lydia Hunter, Evelyn Anderson, Morgan Underwood
Thurifer	Stacy Taylor
Verger	Braxton Hunter
Safety	Chip Fuller
Broadcast Team	Caleb Bales, Mike Bensey, Nick Cassell, Jim Foust, Christibeth Paul, & Whitney Ross
Altar Guild	Suzanne Rogers & Team
Flower Guild	Karen Gilbertson, Martha McClellan & Team

Announcements

more information available at www.stjohnscathedral.org

Today at the Cathedral

8:45 - 10 AM	Fellowship Breakfast - Ross Hall
9:30 AM	Nursery Opens - infant - 4 yrs. old - 2nd Floor
9:30 AM	Newcomer's Class - Rm 7 (bottom floor)
9:30 AM	Lectionary Bible Study - Rm 9
9:30 AM	Retirement & Beyond - Haslam Rm
10:30 AM	SJKids - 2nd floor
11:30 AM	Cookies & Coffee - Ross Hall
11:30 AM	Canterbury Bring & Buy - Ross Hall

Fellowship Breakfast Today!

8:45AM to 10 AM | Ross Hall

Retirement & Beyond Class continues Today

9:30 AM Haslam Rm | Today's Topic: Caregiver Support

Ministry Showcase: St. Margaret's

Table for 8: New Dates Added!

To view available dates, scan the QR code below or visit www.sjcknox.org.

Canterbury Bring & Buy | 11:30 AM Ross Hall

The Choir is preparing for the next residency trip to the United Kingdom! We will sing at Southwark Cathedral and Canterbury Cathedral in the summer of 2028. The choir will hold monthly sales to offset the cost of the trip for singers. Stop by the Ross Hall after the 10:30 service to peruse handmade crafts, floral pieces, and more! Interested in joining the choir on the trip? We heartily invite you to make this pilgrimage with us. More details to come!

Thanksgiving Bags for Green Magnet Academy

Item Collection Dates: November 8th through the 15th.
Decoration & Packing: Sunday, Nov. 15 @ 9:30 AM
St. John's is collecting traditional Thanksgiving foods to help our Green Magnet neighbors celebrate the holiday.

Items Needed:
Boxed Stuffing Mix | Family-sized boxes of instant mashed potatoes | Canned Green Beans and Corn
Large Cans of Sweet Potatoes or Yams | Canned Cranberry Sauce | Canned Turkey Gravy or Gravy Packets | Cornbread Mix

Monetary Donations: We are also collecting donations for Walmart Gift Cards to purchase turkeys and holiday foods. (Select "Green Magnet Thanksgiving" when using St. John's giving portal online or add GMA Thanksgiving to your check memo).

Scan QR Code for:
- Guest Information
- Online Giving
- Prayer Request Submission
- Weekly Cathedral Update
- And more

The Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

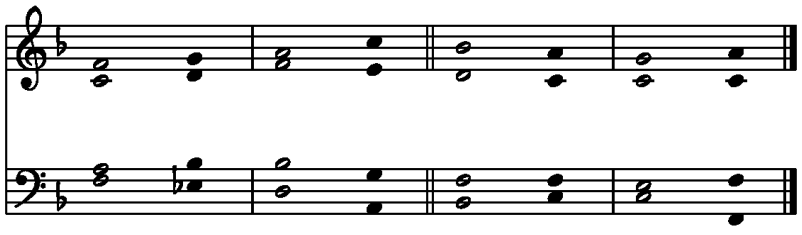
Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Psalm

Psalm 70

At 8:00 am the Psalm is read by ALL. *At 10:30 am the Psalm is chanted by ALL.*

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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1 Be pleased, O God, to de-**liver me;** *
O Lord, make haste to **help me.**

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dis-**mayed;** *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be dis-**graced.**

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and
gloat over me turn **back,** *
because they are a-**shamed.**

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be **glad in you;** *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the **LORD!**"

5 But as for me, I am poor and **needy;** *
come to me speedily, O **God.**

6 You are my helper and my de-**liverer;** *
O Lord, do not **tarry.**

The Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:
People: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD. *People:* GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST.

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. *Reader*: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST. *People*: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST.

Offertory anthem: *Keep your lamps*
(André Thomas)

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
The time is drawing nigh.

Children, don't get weary,
'Til your work is done.
Keep your lamps…

Christian, journey soon be over,
The time is drawing nigh.
Keep your lamps…

Communion anthem: *Steal away*
(Arr. Sterling Branton)

Steal away, steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home,
I ain't got long to stay here!

My Lord he calls me, he calls me by the thunder.
The trumpet sounds within a my soul. I ain't got long to stay here.
Steal away..

Green trees are bending,
poor sinner stands a-trembling,
the trumpet sounds within a my soul.
I ain't got long to stay here.
Steal away…

Surely it is God who saves me

The First Song of Isaiah



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