

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee

The First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 30th, 2025 | 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Service items listed in red are found in the red Book of Common Prayer. Hymns, listed in blue, are 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 67: Comfort, comfort ye my people (v. 1 & 2)

The Collect for Purity

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The Collect of the Day

Holy God, your prophets call us to look forward to the dawn of a new day; may we who witness the promised springtime prepare the way for the coming Sun of Justice, Jesus your Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Reading Isaiah 11: 1–10

The Psalm Psalm 80: 1–7, 16–18

The Gospel Luke 21: 25–36

The Sermon The Reverend Canon Thomas J. Rasnick

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The Prayers of the People - Form VI page 392

The Peace

The Offertory Sentence & Offertory

The Doxology (Hymn 380, v. 3)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow

The Great Thanksgiving page 333

Proper Preface

For when Christ humbled himself to come among us, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world.

The Holy, Holy, Holy and Blessed is He page 334

The Lord's Prayer page 336

The Communion of the People

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Hymn 68: Rejoice! rejoice, believers (v. 1 & 2)

Postlude: "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us
Emma Lou Diemer (1927-2024)

10:30 am

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Opening Canticle: Gloria in excelsis (S 280 Powell)

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The Peace

Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem Mark Sirett (b. 1952)

Thou shalt know him when he comes

The Doxology (Hymn 380, v. 3)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow

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Eucharistic Prayer A

Proper Preface

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10:30 am Holy Communion continued

The Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

(S 129 Powell)

The Communion Anthem

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Savior of the nations, come

Communion Hymns:

454: *Jesus came, adored by angels*

53: *Once he came in blessing*

The Post Communion Prayer

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Hymn 57: *Lo! he comes, with clouds descending*

Postlude: "Sleepers, wake!" *A voice astounds us*

Emma Lou Diemer (1927-2024)

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Altar Flowers

The flowers in the Church are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Cynthia Haslam by Ann and Steve
Bailey.

Lay Ministries

8:00 Usher	John Melnick
8:00 Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer	Diana Samples
8:00 Acolyte	Jarret Vance
Ushers	Tim O'Connor, Mercy & Sid Hankins
	Taylor Preston, John Felton, Clara & Early Montgomery
Greeters	Anne Sprouse, Brooke Swart
Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer	Bob Sullivan
Lector / Chalice Bearer	Dusty Katzenmiller
Crucifer	Lloyd Terry
Thurifer	Edward Campbell
Verger	Stu Sprouse
Acolytes	Eloisa & Ruby Soltau, Field & Walker Sanders
Safety	Tom Dolinak
Altar Guild	Suzanne Rogers & Team
Flower Guild	Karen Gilbertson & Team

Announcements

more information available at www.stjohnscathedral.org

Today at the Cathedral

9:20 am Donuts & Discussions - Middle / High School - 2nd Floor

9:20 am Nursery & Childcare Opens - 2nd Floor

9:30 am Newcomer's Class - Haslam Room, Bottom Floor

9:30 am Lectionary Bible Study - Rm 9, Bottom Floor

10:30 am S.K.i.P. Children's Church - 5 yrs. old & up - 2nd Floor

11:30 am Cookies and Coffee - Ross Hall

Supporting our Mission Partners this Holiday

Second Harvest Food Bank Offering

Donations Accepted through Tuesday, December 2nd

Each November/December we collect donations to support East Tennessee's largest hunger-relief charity. Your donations directly serve our community. If contributing by check, please make your check out to St. John's and add "Second Harvest" on memo line. You may also donate online at www.sjcknox.org or by scanning the QR code in the Service Sheet.

Christmas: Green Magnet Academy

Accepting Donations through Sunday, December 14th

We have been asked to provide Christmas support for our neighborhood mission partner Green Magnet Academy. This support goes directly to students and families. To donate scan the QR code below or visit www.sjcknox.org.

First Friday Social

Friday, December 5th | 5:00 pm

RSVP to info@stjohnscathedral.org

Stay & Play

Sunday, December 7th | 11:45am to 2:00 pm

Games, lunch, crafts, and movie

RSVP to kids@stjohnscathedral.org



Scan Code for

- Guest information
- Online Giving
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- Weekly Cathedral Update

The Reading

Isaiah 11: 1–10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;

the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand
on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a
signal to the peoples;
the nations shall inquire of him,
and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm 80: 1–7, 16–18

8:00: The Psalm is read in unison by ALL

10:30: The Psalm is sung by the choir

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| 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned
upon the cherubim. | 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn. |
| 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us. | 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved. |
| 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved. | 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made
so strong for yourself. |
| 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people? | 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name. |
| 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink. | 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved. |

The Gospel
Luke 21: 25–36

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke:

People: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD.

People: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place and to stand before the Son of Man."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST.

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Offertory anthem: *Thou shalt know him when he comes*
(Mark Sirett)

Thou shalt know him when he comes,
Not by any din of drums,
Nor his manners, nor his airs,
Nor by any thing he wears.
Thou shalt know him when he comes,
Not by a crown nor by a gown,
But his coming known shall be,
By the holy harmony
Which his coming makes in thee.
Thou shalt know him when he comes.
Amen.

Communion anthem: *Savior of the nations, come*
(Gerald Near)

Savior of the nations, come;
leave for us thy glorious home:
glad Osannas we will sing,
greeting thee, our heavenly King.

Come, Lord Jesus, take thy rest
in the convert sinner's breast:
make the quickened heart thy throne,
Son of God, the Virgin's Son.

Welcome to this vale of tears,
ripeness of the perfect years,
born as man with man to dwell,
come, our true Emmanuel.

God in man, incarnate God,
sinless child of flesh and blood,
Man in God, thy brethren we,
raise us up to God in thee.