# St. John's Cathedral

*The Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee*

**The 20th Sunday after Pentecost**
Sunday, October 11, 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 410:** *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven* (v. 1 & 2)

**The Collect for Purity** page 323
**The Summary of the Law** page 324
**The Collect of the Day**
Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The Reading** *Philippians 4:1–9*
**The Psalm** *Psalm 23*
**The Gospel** *Matthew 22:1–14*

**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)
**The Great Thanksgiving** page 333
**Proper Preface**
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.

**The Sanctus** page 334
**The Lord's Prayer** page 336
**The Communion of the People**
**Post Communion Prayer** page 339

**Hymn 537:** *Christ for the world we sing!* (v. 1 & 4)

**Postlude:** *Jubilate* Fela Sowande (1905–1987)

### *10:30 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 410:** *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*

**The Collect for Purity** page 355
**Hymn of Praise S 236:** *Benedictus es, Domine* (Rutter)
**The Collect of the Day**
Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The Reading** *Philippians 4:1–9*
**The Psalm** *Psalm 23*

**Sequence Hymn 440:** *Blessed Jesus, at thy word*
**The Gospel** *Matthew 22:1–14*

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

**The Nicene Creed** page 358
**The Prayers of the People – Form III** page 387
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**The Peace**

## Holy Communion

**The Offertory Sentence**
**The Offertory Anthem** Anonymous
*Rejoice in the Lord alway*

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

**The Great Thanksgiving** page 361
*Eucharistic Prayer A*

**Proper Preface**
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.

## *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:** Stephanie Martin (b. 1962)
*O sacrum convivium*

**Communion Hymns**
**487:** *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*
**INSERT:** *As we gather at your Table*

**The Post Communion Prayer** page 365

**Hymn 537:** *Christ for the world we sing!*

**Postlude:** *Jubilate* Fela Sowande (1905–1987)

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## Altar Flowers & Anthem Dedications

The flowers in the Church are given to the glory of God and in honor of the birthdays of Robert Peace and Myah Mahan by Philip and Vicky Fulmer.

The flowers in the Chapel are given to the glory of God and and in memory of Jim Ridley by Lee and Tom Jones.

## Lay Ministries

**8:00 AM**

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| **Usher** | John Melnick |
| **Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer** | Bob Sullivan |
| **Crucifer** | Vince Stevens |

**10:30 AM**

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| **Ushers** | Bob Bowman - Lead, Brooks Clark, Judith Foltz, Mercy Hankins, Sid Hankins |
| **Greeters** | Carney Ivy, Brooke Swart |
| **Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer** | Lee Moreland |
| **Lector / Chalice Bearer** | Joseph Duncan |
| **Chalice Bearer** | James Wolfenbarger |
| **Crucifer** | Caleb Rogers |
| **Acolytes** | Eloisa Soltau, Ruby Saltau, Evelyn Anderson, Ben Connor |
| **Thurifer** | Edward Campbell |
| **Verger** | Stu Sprouse |
| **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

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| 9:30 AM | Nursery Opens - infant - 4 yrs. old - 2nd Floor |
| 9:30 AM | Lectionary Bible Study - Rm 9 |
| 9:30 AM | Newcomers's Class - Rm 7 |
| 9:30 AM | Retirement & Beyond - Haslam Rm |
| 11:30 AM | Cookies & Coffee - Ross Hall |
| 4:45 PM | Choral Evensong |

**SJ Kids will not meet this morning.**

### Retirement & Beyond continues Today

10 - week Discussion series| Sundays 9:30 AM | Haslam Rm
Today's topic: Making the Transition and the Four Stages

### Ministry Showcase: Cathedral Library & Archives

Each Sunday we are highlighting a St. John's ministry by lifting the ministry/team up in prayer and inviting all to connect with them in Ross Hall following our 10:30 AM Service. Thank you Cathedral Library & Archives ministry!

### Choral Evensong Today at 4:45 PM

Come enjoy the First performance of Robert Lehman's anthem, *See, see, the Word is incarnate* commissioned by Jon Humber for St. John's Choir to mark the new pipe organ. This extended anthem uses a powerful text by Godfrey Goodman and features a virtuosic organ part. The Magnificat and Nunc dimittis are the 'Friday' Evening service by George Arthur sung a cappella. Christian Crocker, director of music and organist of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chattanooga, is the featured prelude recitalist.

### Host Homes Needed for Table For 8 Gatherings

We are currently recruiting host homes for our Table for 8 Fall gatherings. Table for 8 is an informal, one-time, gathering in a parishioner's home where dinner is shared with fellowship and connection. This is a great way to get to know the St. John's family. **If you are interested in hosting**, please email Tate Cantrell: tatecantrell1222@gmail.com or scan the pew/service sheet QR code to submit your interest.

### 'Get Lit' at the Cathedral Returns

Thursday, October 15th | 7:00 PM

**The Legacy of Pat Summitt - Players Colleagues, Family, & Friends Who Knew Her Best**

We are pleased to share that the popular 'Get Lit' at the Cathedral series will return in the month of October. You are invited to join Author Maria M. Cornelius, Lady Vols Alexis Hornbuckle, and R.B. Summitt for an unprecedented inside look at the great women who built the Tennessee Lady Vols program. Maria's book, The Legacy of Pat Summitt - Players, Colleagues, Family, & Friends Who Knew Her Best will be available at the event for purchase thanks to event co-sponsor UT Press.

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## The Reading

*Philippians 4:1–9*

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

## The Psalm

*Psalm 23*

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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1 The LORD is my **shepherd**; *
I shall not be in **want**.

2 He makes me lie down in green **pastures** *
and leads me beside still **waters**.

3 He revives my **soul** *
and guides me along right pathways
for his **Name's sake**.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I shall fear no **evil**; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they **comfort me**.

5 You spread a table before me in the
presence of those who **trouble me**; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running **over**.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my **life**, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for **ever**.

## The Gospel

*Matthew 22:1–14*

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

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

**Offertory anthem:** *Rejoice in the Lord alway*
(Anonymous)

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice.
Let your softness be known unto all men:
the Lord is at hand.
Be careful for nothing:
but in all prayer and supplication,
let your petitions be manifest unto God
with giving of thanks.
And the peace of God, which passeth all
understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds
through Christ Jesu. Amen.

**Communion anthem:** *O sacrum convivium*
(Stephanie Martin)
O sacrum convivium, in quo Christus sumitur;
recolitur memoria passionis ejus;
mens impletur gratia;
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur. Alleluia!

*O sacred banquet, wherein Christ is received;*
*the memorial of his passion is renewed;*
*the soul is filled with grace;*
*and a pledge of future glory is given to us. Alleluia!*

*Poem by St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274)*

# As we gather at your table




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