St. John's Cathedral

The Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee

The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 25th, 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 450: *All hail the power of Jesus' Name!* (v. 1 & 3)

The Collect for Purity page 323
The Summary of the Law page 324
The Collect of the Day
Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Reading *Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18*
The Psalm *Psalm 1*
The Gospel *Matthew 22: 34–46*

The Sermon *The Rev. Canon Thomas J. Rasnick*

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
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 707: *Take my life, and let it be*

Postlude: Léon Boëllmann (1862–1897)
Toccata from *Suite gothique,* Op. 25

10:30 AM

The Opening Sentence *(Stand at the bell)*
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
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Hymn 450: *All hail the power of Jesus' Name!*

The Collect for Purity page 355
Hymn of Praise S 236: *Benedictus es, Domine* (Rutter)
The Collect of the Day
Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence
The Offertory Anthem Roxanna Panufnik (b. 1968)
Deus est caritas

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

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: C. V. Stanford (1852–1924)
Beati quorum via

Communion Hymns
336: *Come with us, O blessed Jesus*
698: *Eternal Spirit of the living Christ*

The Post Communion Prayer page 365

Hymn 610: *Lord, whose love through humble service*

Postlude: Léon Boëllmann (1862–1897)
Toccata from *Suite gothique*, Op. 25

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Altar Flowers & Anthem Dedications

The flowers in the Church are given to the glory of God and in honor of Audrey Duncan and in memory of Allen Johnson
by Liz and Alan Lee.

And in gratefulness for our precious grandchildren and all grandchildren of St. John's
by Cheryl and Mack Gentry.

Lay Ministries

8:00 AM

Usher	John Melnick
Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer	Stacy Taylor
Crucifer	Steve Bailey

10:30 AM

Ushers	Bailey Sharp - Lead, Jay Baker, Norvell Burrow, David Jones, David Sprouse
Greeters	Regina Cox, Jessica & David Wilds
Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer	Bruce Gleissner
Lector / Chalice Bearer	Vickie Gleissner
Chalice Bearer	Jennifer Tyrell
Crucifer	Trent Sanders
Acolytes	Stuart Sanders, Field Sanders, Barnes Nelson, Beau Sprouse
Thurifer	Samer Shatara
Verger	Stu Sprouse
Safety	Ryan Anderson
Broadcast Team	Caleb Bales, Mike Bensey, Nick Cassell, Jim Foust, Christibeth Paul, & Whitney Ross
Altar Guild	Anne Wilson & Team
Flower Guild	Helen Tews & Team

Announcements

more information available at www.stjohnscathedral.org

Sunday, October 25th, 2026

Today at the Cathedral

9:30 AM Nursery Opens - newborn - 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

Retirement & Beyond continues Today

Sundays 9:30 AM | Haslam Rm
Today's Topic: Geriatric Health & Nutrition

All are welcome to join this 10 - week discussion covering topics related to preparing for and enjoying retirement with guest led discussion and resources provided.

Ministry Showcase: Altar Guild

Each Sunday we are highlighting a St. John's ministry by lifting the ministry /team up in prayer and inviting all to connect with the team in Ross Hall following our 10:30 AM Service. Today we are highlighting The St. John's Cathedral Altar Guild.

Table for 8 Signups are live!

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. Thank you to our Fall Hosts for opening your home for a Table for 8 gathering. Participant signups are now live. You can view the available dates by scanning the QR code below or visiting www.sjcknox.org

All Saints Sunday & Evensong

Sunday, November 1st - 8 AM | 10:30 AM | 4:45 PM

On Sunday, November 1st we will celebrate All Saints Sunday with special music and a recap of the past year in our morning services. You are also invited to celebrate the radiant feast of All Saints with a glorious service of Festal Choral Evensong at the Cathedral. At its heart is Paul Halley's ecstatic anthem *Bring us, O Lord God*, a soaring vision of the heavenly Jerusalem and the "house and gate of heaven". The service also features Herbert Samson's tuneful *Evening service in G*. Arrive at 4:45 PM for a prelude recital by Scott Scheetz, Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church of Knoxville, or simply come at 5:00 PM for the liturgy.

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

The Reading

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.
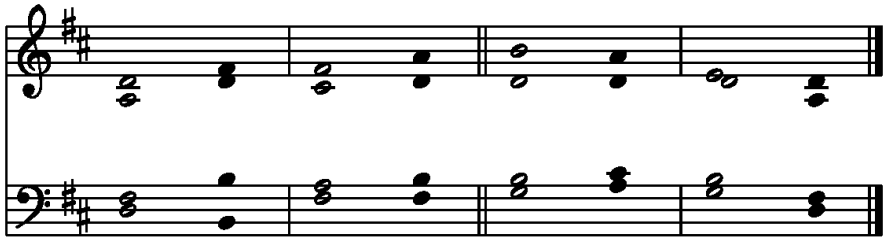
Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Psalm

Psalm 1

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 Happy are they who have not walked
in the counsel of the **wicked,** *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the **scornful!**

2 Their delight is in the law of the **LORD,** *
and they meditate on his law day and **night.**

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves
that do not **wither;** *
everything they do shall **prosper.**

4 It is not so with the **wicked;** *
they are like chaff which the wind blows a-**way.**

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright
when judgment **comes,** *
nor the sinner in the council of the **righteous.**

6 For the Lord knows the way of the **righteous,** *
but the way of the wicked is **doomed.**

The Gospel

Matthew 22: 34–46

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

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

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Offertory anthem: *Deus est caritas*
(Roxanna Panufnik)

Deus est caritas. Qui manet in caritate manet in Deo et Deus in illo. Sit Deus in nobis, et nos maneamus in illo.

God is love. Whoever abides in love abides in God,
and God in him. May God be in us,
and may we abide in him.

1 John 4: 16

Communion anthem: *Beati quorum via*
(Charles Villiers Stanford)

Beati quorum via integra est:
qui ambulant in lege Domini

Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way :
and walk in the law of the Lord.

Psalm 119: 1