

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 527: Singing songs of expectation (v. 1 & 2)

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The Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Reading *Philippians 1: 21–30*

The Psalm *Psalms 145: 1–8*

The Gospel *Matthew 20: 1–16*

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

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The Peace

The Offertory Sentence & Offertory

The Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
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The Great Thanksgiving

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.

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The Communion of the People

Post Communion Prayer page 339

Hymn 551: Rise up, ye saints of God! (v. 1 & 2)

Postlude: Improvisation on Festal Song

Patrick Scott (b.1986)

10:30 AM

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People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

Hymn 527: Singing songs of expectation

Baptismal Sentences

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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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Sequence Hymn 551: Rise up, ye saints of God!

The Gospel *Matthew 20: 1–16*

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

The Baptism (see insert)

The Peace

Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

The Offertory Anthem Richard Shephard (1949–2021)
The secret of Christ

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

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Eucharistic Prayer A

Proper Preface

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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: Harry T. Burleigh (1866–1949)
My Lord, what a morning

Communion Hymns

312: *Strengthen for service, Lord*

341: *For the bread which you have broken*

The Post Communion Prayer page 365

Hymn 541: *Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle*

Postlude: Improvisation on *Ora Labora*

Patrick Scott (b.1986)

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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 Allison Fulmer Mahan and Madeline Fulmer by Phillip and Vicky Fulmer.

And in honor of Caldwell Taylor Blaine's baptism by David and Jeanne Claire Jones.

The flowers in the Chapel are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the lives of Dillon, Clayton and Flynt Jr. by Carter and Flynt Griffin

And in honor of Renée Sprouse's birthday by Meg Sprouse.

Lay Ministries

8:00 AM

Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer

Crucifer

Stacy Taylor

Steve Bailey

10:30 AM

Ushers

Bailey Sharp-Lead, Jay Baker, Tim O'Connor,
Robert Straight, David Sprouse

Greeters

Mary Keller, Missy Minkin

Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer

Lee Moreland

Lector / Chalice Bearer

Susan Conway

Chalice Bearer

Ben Bryan

Crucifer

Becca Burruss

Acolytes

Mary Beall Hillmer, Jim Hackett,

Gracie Robinson, Beau Sprouse

Thurifer

Samer Shatara

Verger

Braxton Hunter

Safety

Larry Hutsell

Broadcast Team

Caleb Bales, Mike Bensey, Nick Cassell,
Jim Foust, Christibeth Paul, & Whitney Ross

Altar Guild

Linda Morris & Team

Flower Guild

Rick Boyd & Team

Announcements

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Today at the Cathedral

9:30 AM Nursery Opens - infant - 4 yrs. old - 2nd Floor
9:30 AM Lectionary Bible Study - Rm. 9
9:30 AM New to St. John's / Adult Confirmation - Rm. 7
10:30 AM SJKids - 5 yrs. old & up - 2nd Floor
11:30 AM Cookies & Coffee - Ross Hall
4:45 PM Choral Evensong

Guest Musician

Dr. Patrick Scott is visiting today while St. John's Treble Choir attends their fall retreat at Gracepoint Camp. Patrick is the Director of Music & Organist at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Memphis, Tennessee. A native of Picayune, Mississippi, he holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Organ Performance from Birmingham-Southern College. He also earned a Master of Music in Organ Performance and Sacred Music and a Doctor of Musical Arts in Organ Performance, both from the University of Texas at Austin. Thank you for being here Patrick!

New to St. John's /Adult Confirmation classes

Sundays @ 9:30 AM | Rm. 7

The Very Rev. Chris Hackett will host discussion for those new to St. John's on Sundays at 9:30 AM in Rm. 7 (bottom floor). The topics will be shaped by your questions and an introduction to the Episcopal Church. All are welcome.

Retirement & Beyond begins Today

Sundays @ 9:30 AM | Haslam Rm.

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

Today's Topic: Navigating SS, Medicare, Health, & Long Term Care Insurance

Sept. 27th: Financial Planning

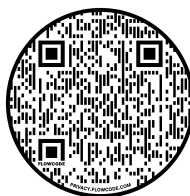
Oct. 4th: Wills, POA, Living Wills, Trusts, Role of the Executor

Choral Evensong Today at 4:45 PM

Join us today at 4:45 PM for our Welcome Back Evensong featuring Stanford's *Evening Service in C* and Mendelssohn's extended anthem *Hear my prayer*. Reception will follow.

Cocktails & Conversation - Young Adults (20s-40s)

Wed., September 23rd | 5:45 PM | Xul Beer Company.



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The Reading
Philippians 1: 21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Psalm
Psalm 145: 1-8

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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| 1 I will exalt you, O God my King , *
and bless your Name for ever and ever . | 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor
of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works . |
| 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever . | 6 They shall speak of the might
of your wondrous acts , *
and I will tell of your greatness . |
| 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised ; *
there is no end to his greatness . | 7 They shall publish the remembrance
of your great goodness ; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds . |
| 4 One generation shall praise your
works to an- other *
and shall declare your power . | 8 The Lord is gracious and full of com- passion , *
slow to anger and of great kindness . |

The Gospel
Matthew 20: 1–16

People: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD.

People: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST.

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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: *The secret of Christ*
(Richard Shephard)

For a long time I have held my peace,
but now will I speak.
I will lead the blind in a way they know not,
in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I
will turn their darkness into light,
and I will not forsake them.
And he showed me a pure river of the water of life,
clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God;
and on either side of the river was there a tree of life,
and the leaves of the trees
were for the healing of the nations.
Help us Lord, to persevere in prayer,
with minds awake, and thankful hearts,
that we may share the secret of Christ with those we
meet on our earthly pilgrimage, following in the steps
of Jesus, our Master and our friend. Amen.

Isaiah 42:14–16, Revelation 22:1–3, &
The Pilgrim Prayer

Communion anthem: *My Lord, what a mornin’*
(Harry T. Burleigh)

My Lord, what a mornin’
when the stars begin to fall.
Done quit all my worldly ways,
join that heavenly band.
My Lord, what a mornin’
when the stars begin to fall.

Based on Revelation 8: 10

Holy Baptism

St. John's Episcopal Cathedral
Sunday, September 20th, 2026

Caldwell Taylor Blaine



Liam Murray Pool



1. O God of gen - tle strength, your
2. Your wa - ters of re - birth have
3. And when life's chal - len - ges e -
4. Where will the jour - ney lead? The

love em - bra - ces me. With - in the sure - ness
claimed us as your own. As mem - bers of one
clipse our minds with doubt, let ho - ly wis - dom
path may be ob - scure. But prom - ised hope of

of your care my heart rests will - ing - ly.
bod - y, we shall nev - er be a - lone.
spark a flame to drive the dark - ness out.
things un - seen will keep our foot - ing sure.

Presentation of the Candidates

Celebrant:

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Godparents:

I present Caldwell Taylor Blaine to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Parents & Godparents:

I present Liam Murray Pool to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant to Parents & Godparents:

Will you be responsible for seeing that these children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Godparents:

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant:

Will you by your prayers and witness help Caldwell and Liam grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents & Godparents:

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant asks candidate or parents and godparents who speak on behalf of infants and younger children.

Question:

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer:

I renounce them.

Question:

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer:

I renounce them.

Celebrant:

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Caldwell and Liam in their lives in Christ?

People:

We will.

Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I do.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant to congregation: Let us now pray for Caldwell and Liam, who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who live and reigns now and for ever more.
Amen.

Thanksgiving over Water

Celebrant blesses water: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John.

Celebrant touching water: Now sanctify this water, we pray, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Baptism

Candidate presented by name to Celebrant, priest, or deacon, who immerses, or pours water upon candidate saying:

Celebrant: Caldwell, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Liam, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Bishop or Priest prays over candidate.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, the spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Bishop or Priest places hand on candidates's head, marking forehead with sign of the cross using Chrism.

Celebrant: Caldwell, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Liam, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

As the newly baptized are presented to the congregation, all sing the fourth verse of the Baptism hymn.