

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 594:** *God of grace and God of glory* (v. 1 & 2)

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**The Collect of the Day**

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The Reading** *Romans 8: 12–39*

**The Psalm** *Psalms 119: 129–136*

**The Gospel** *Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52*

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

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**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**

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Sanctus** page 334

**The Lord's Prayer** page 336

**The Communion of the People**

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

**Postlude:** *Pastorale* from Sonata No. 1 in G Major  
Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)

10:30 AM

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

**Hymn 594:** *God of grace and God of glory*

**The Collect for Purity** page 355

**Hymn of Praise S 280:** *Glory to God* (Powell)

**The Collect of the Day**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The Reading** *Romans 8: 26–39*

**The Psalm** *Psalms 119: 129–136*

**Sequence Hymn 686:** *Come, thou fount of every blessing*

**The Gospel** *Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52*

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

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**The Peace**

## Holy Communion

**The Offertory Sentence**

**The Offertory Anthem** June Nixon (b. 1942)  
*Jesu, the very thought of thee*

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

**The Great Thanksgiving** page 361

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

**Proper Preface**

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

10:30 AM Holy Communion *continued*

The Sanctus: *Holy, holy, holy Lord* (S 125 Proulx)  
The Lord's Prayer  
The Fraction anthem: (S 154)

The Communion Anthem Charles Villiers Stanford  
(1852–1924)  
*O for a closer walk with God*

Communion Hymn 698: *Eternal Spirit of the living Christ*

The Post Communion Prayer page 365

Hymn 535: *Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim*

Postlude: *Pastorale* from Sonata No. 1 in G Major  
Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)

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Altar Flowers & Anthem Dedications

The flowers in the Church are given to the glory of God  
and loving memory of Willene R. Chalmers by Susan,  
Bruce, Dorian and Christoph Ewing.

Lay Ministries

8:00 AM  
Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer Tom Sharp  
Crucifer Rusty Russell

10:30 AM  
Ushers Bailey Sharp-Lead, Adam Brock, Roy Brown,  
Chris Cameron, Taylor Preston  
Greeters Anne Sprouse, Jessica & David Wilds  
Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer Mike Clark  
Lector / Chalice Bearer Ben Bryan  
Chalice Bearer Clark Seiler  
Crucifer Caleb Rogers  
Acolytes Eloisa Soltau, Ruby Soltau, Barnes Nelson,  
Natalie Rottmann  
Thurifer Edward Campbell  
Verger Braxton Hunter  
Safety Chip Fuller  
Broadcast Team Caleb Bales, mike Bensey, Nick Cassell,  
Jim Foust, Christibeth Paul, & Whitney Ross  
Altar Guild Candy Browlow & Team  
Flower Guild Mary Hugh Bedinger & Team

Announcements

more information available at [www.stjohnscathedral.org](http://www.stjohnscathedral.org)

Today at the Cathedral

9:30 AM Nursery & Childcare Opens - 2nd Floor  
10:30 AM S.K.i.P. Children's Church - 2nd Floor  
11:30 AM Coffee & Cookies - Ross Hall

Sundays at the 'Shore

9 AM | Lakeshore Park Pavilion

The 2026 season of Sundays at the 'Shore, "Dog Church"  
continues. Join us at 9AM at Lakeshore Park. Bring a chair  
and enjoy this summer, outdoor, bluegrass, dog-friendly,  
worship experience. Children are invited to Stay & Play  
following the service.

Today is Green Magnet Academy Sunday

Today we will lift up our mission partner Green Magnet  
Academy. We are collecting donations to support teachers,  
students, and beginning of the school year needs. We  
prayerfully offer our support and donations to partner with  
them in their important work with the families of our  
community. Donate online by scanning the QR code below.

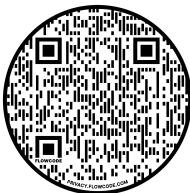
Treble Choir to Perform

Friday, August 7 | Knoxville Museum of Art  
Friday, August 14 | Smokies Game

Following camp Aug. 3rd - 7th the Treble Choir will have  
two community performances. On the final day of camp  
they will be singing at the Knoxville Museum of Art. They  
will also be performing the National Anthem before the  
Smokies baseball game the following week. Welcome back  
Treble Choir!

SEEKING NEW SINGERS!

Do you have a background in choir? Do you want to  
support our worship at St. John's? Are you looking for  
community? The Cathedral Choir invites volunteer  
Sopranos and Altos to audition for the choir. Basic music  
reading and singing ability—plus a love of music and  
camaraderie—are all that is required. Our choir is a close-knit  
family that enjoys making music, traveling, and sharing  
time together. If you would like to find out more, please  
email Jason Overall at [joverall@sjcknox.org](mailto:joverall@sjcknox.org).



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## The Reading

*Romans 8: 26–39*

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* THANKS BE TO GOD.

## The Psalm

*Psalm 119: 129–136*

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



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129 Your decrees are **wonderful**; \*  
therefore I obey them with all my **heart**.

130 When your word goes forth it gives **light**; \*  
it gives understanding to the **simple**.

131 I open my mouth and **pant**; \*  
I long for your com-**mandments**.

132 Turn to me in **mercy**, \*  
as you always do to those  
who love your **Name**.

133 Steady my footsteps in your **word**; \*  
let no iniquity have dominion **over me**.

134 Rescue me from those who op-**press me**, \*  
and I will keep your com-**mandments**.

135 Let your countenance shine upon your **servant** \*  
and teach me your **statutes**.

136 My eyes shed streams of **tears**, \*  
because people do not keep your **law**.

**The Gospel**  
*Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:**

*People:* GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD.

*People:* GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST.

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

*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:** *Jesu, the very thought of thee*  
(June Nixon)

Jesu, the very thought of thee  
with sweetness fills my breast;  
but sweeter far thy face to see,  
and in thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, nor heart can frame,  
nor can the memory find,  
a sweeter sound than thy blest name,  
O Saviour of mankind!

O hope of every contrite heart,  
O joy of all the meek,  
to those who fall, how kind thou art!  
how good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this  
no tongue nor pen can show;  
the love of Jesus, what it is  
none but his loved ones know.

Jesu, our only joy be thou,  
as thou our prize wilt be;  
Jesu, be thou our glory now,  
and through eternity.

**Communion anthem:** *O for a closer walk with God*  
(Charles Villiers Stanford)

O for a closer walk with God,  
A calm and heavenly frame;  
A light to shine upon the road  
That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return,  
Sweet messenger of rest;  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,  
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,  
Calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road  
That leads me to the Lamb.