

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee



The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
Sunday, October 4, 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 390: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (v. 1 & 2)

The Collect for Purity page 323
The Summary of the Law page 324

The Collect of the Day

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant thy people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of thee, delight in thy whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Reading Acts 4: 32–35
The Psalm Psalm 121
The Gospel Luke 12: 13–21

The Sermon The Rev. Thomas J. Jasnick

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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 400 (v. 1 & 7)

Postlude: Canticle of the Sun Richard Purvis (1913–1994)
from *Saint Francis Suite*

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 390: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

The Collect for Purity page 355
Hymn of Praise S 236: Benedictus es, Domine (Rutter)

The Collect of the Day

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Amen.

The Reading Acts 4: 32–35
The Psalm Psalm 121

Sequence Hymn 405: All things bright and beautiful

The Gospel Luke 12: 13–21

The Sermon The Rev. Thomas J. Rasnick

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The Peace

Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

The Offertory Anthem John Rutter (b. 1945)
For the beauty of the earth

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: Francis Poulenc (1899–1963)
Seigneur, je vous en prie

Communion Hymns

651: *This is my Father's world*

382: *King of glory, King of peace*

The Post Communion Prayer page 833
A Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Hymn 400: *All creatures of our God and King*
(v. 1, 4 - 7)

Postlude: *Canticle of the Sun* Richard Purvis (1913–1994)
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Altar Flowers & Anthem Dedications

The flowers in the Church are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Natalie Leach Haslam
by Jim Haslam

And in honor of Michelle Garrett's birthday by Ellen
Kuendig.

Lay Ministries

8:00 AM

Usher	John Melnick
Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer	Chris Copelan
Crucifer	Rusty Russell

10:30 AM

Ushers Norvell Burrow - Lead, Jay Baker,
Taylor Preston, Tommy Siler, Robert Straight

Greeters Susan Conway, Anne Sprouse

Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer Mike Clark

Lector / Chalice Bearer Chuck Atchley

Chalice Bearer Rick Jenkins

Crucifer Becca Burruss

Acolytes Caelan McElrath, Graeme McElrath,
Henry McElrath, Morgan Underwood

Thurifer Stacy Taylor

Verger Braxton Hunter

Safety Matt Carr

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

Altar Guild Candy Brownlow & Team

Flower Guild Mary Hugh Bedinger & Team

Announcements

more information available at www.stjohnscathedral.org

Today at the Cathedral

9:15 AM	Daughters of the King - Rm. 7
9:30 AM	Nursery Opens - newborn - 4 yrs. - 2nd Floor
9:30 AM	Lectionary Bible Study - Rm. 9
9:30 AM	Retirement & Beyond - Haslam Rm.
11:30 AM	Cookies & Coffee - Ross Hall

SJ Kids and New to St. John's Class will not meet this morning.

Retirement & Beyond continues Today
Sundays 9:30 AM | Haslam Rm.

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. Today's topic is Wills, POA's, Living Wills, Trusts, and the Role of the Executor.

Cathedral Offices will be Closed

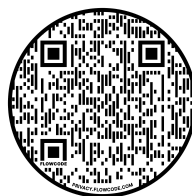
Tuesday, October 6th & Wednesday, October 7th

We have three designated Office/building closures each year for the purpose of "letting the building rest" from the many events and activities hosted at the Cathedral. As many federal holidays fall on a Monday when offices are already closed, these scheduled breaks also allow our Staff a chance to recharge and regroup prior to the busiest seasons. *Check with your group and study leaders for adjusted schedules.*

Choral Evensong

Sunday, October 11th | 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.



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The Reading

Acts 4: 32–35

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Psalm

Psalm 25: 1–8

At 8:00 the Psalm is said by ALL.

At 10:30 the Psalm is sung by the choir.

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| 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come? | 5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand, |
| 2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth. | 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night. |
| 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep. | 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe. |
| 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep; | 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out
and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore. |

The Gospel
Luke 12: 13–21

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

People: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD.

People: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST.

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People: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST.

Offertory anthem: *For the beauty of the earth*
(John Rutter)

For the beauty of the earth
For the beauty of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies
Lord of all to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise

For the beauty of the hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light
Lord of all...

For the joy of human love
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild
Lord of all...

For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given
Graces human and divine
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n
Lord of all...

Poem by Folliett Sandford Pierpoint (1835–1917)

Communion anthem: *Seigneur, je vous en prie*
(Francis Poulenc)

Seigneur, je vous en prie,
que la force brûlante et douce de votre amour
absorbe mon âme et la retire de tout ce qui est sous
le ciel, afin que je meure par amour de votre amour
puisque vous avez daigné mourir
par amour de mon amour.

Lord, I ask of you,
let the burning and gentle force of your love
pervade my soul and withdraw it from all that is
under Heaven, that I might die through love of your
love, as you chose to die
through love of my love.

A prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (c. 1181–1226)