

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, February 8th, 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 371: Thou, whose almighty word (v. 1 & 2)

The Collect for Purity

The Summary of the Law

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The Collect of the Day

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Reading

The Psalm

The Gospel

Isaiah 58: 6-9a

Psalm 112: 1-9

Matthew 5: 13-20

The Sermon The Very Rev. Christopher J. Hackett

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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

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Proper Preface

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Sanctus

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Communion of the People

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Hymn 610: Lord, whose love through humble service
(v. 1 & 2)

Postlude

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 371: Thou, whose almighty word

The Collect for Purity

Opening Canticle: Gloria in excelsis (Sung by the choir)

The Collect of the Day

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Reading

Isaiah 58: 6-9a

The Psalm

Psalm 112: 1-9

Sequence Hymn 538: God of mercy, God of grace

The Gospel

Matthew 5: 13-20

The Sermon

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The Peace

Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

The Offertory Anthem

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Brightest and best

The Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

(Hymn 380, v. 3)

The Great Thanksgiving

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Eucharistic Prayer A

Proper Preface

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

10:30 AM Holy Communion continued

The Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord (Sung by the choir)
The Lord's Prayer
Agnus Dei (Sung by the choir)

The Communion Anthem David Ashley White (b. 1944)
Eternal light, shine in my heart

Communion Hymn:

INSERT: As we gather at your table

The Post Communion Prayer page 365

Hymn 610: Lord, whose love through humble service

Postlude: Ye boundless realms of joy
C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

The Gloria in excelsis, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei
sung by the choir are from Missa brevis in B-flat
by Franz Josef Haydn (Hob. XXII.7)

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Altar Flowers & Anthem Dedications
The flowers in the Church are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Lily Claire Felton
and in honor of Hannah, Kate, Sadie, and Jack
by Johnna and John Felton.

Lay Ministries

8:00 AM	
Usher	John Melnick
Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer	Chris Copelan
Acolyte	Steve Bailey

10:30 AM	
Ushers	John Felton-Lead, Bob Bowman, Roy Brown Zollie Cantrell, & Mark Love

Greeters	Carney Ivy, Mary Keller
Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer	Mercy Hankins
Lector / Chalice Bearer	Sally Judd
Chalice Bearer	Lee Moreland
Crucifer	Caleb Rogers
Acolytes	Evelyn Anderson, Beatrice DeAlejandro, Henry DeAlejandro, & Owen Lambert

Thurifer	Oliver DeAlejandro
Verger	Stu Sprouse
Safety	Ryan Anderson

Guest Musicians	Sean Claire & Stacy Taylor, violins Jon Hamar, doublebass
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Broadcast Team	Caleb Bales, Mike Bensey, Nick Cassell, Jim Foust, Christibeth Paul, & Whitney Ross
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Altar Guild	Linda Morris & Team
Flower Guild	Rick Boyd & Team

Announcements

more information available at www.stjohnscathedral.org

Today at the Cathedral

9:15 AM Daughters of the King - Haslam Rm.
9:20 AM Donuts & Discussions - Mid/ High School - 2nd Floor
9:20 AM Nursery & Childcare Opens - 2nd Floor
9:30 AM Youth Confirmation Class - Chapel
9:30 AM Lectionary Bible Study - Rm. 9, Bottom Floor
10:30 AM S.K.i.P. Children's Church - 5 & up - 2nd Floor
11:30 AM Cookies and Coffee - Ross Hall

Three Choir Festival

Treble Choirs from All Souls Cathedral, Asheville, NC and Christ Church, Charlotte, NC attended the festival yesterday and will be performing with us today, Sunday, February 8th at the 10:30 AM service. Special thanks to visiting Choir Directors Ben Outen, Kyle Ritter, and Assistant Director Katie Lehman for joining us today.

Table for 8 Returning Soon!

Host Recruitment Underway

We are excited to announce the return of Table for 8. Table for 8 is an informal dinner for 8 people in the home of a St. John's parishioner. The goal of the event is to share a meal and conversation. No need to plan an elaborate party, this is simply a meal and time to get to know each other. It is a one time event, not an ongoing group. Our Fall events were a great success and we hope you can join the fun. Online registration for participants will be released soon. You will simply choose from the available dates and your host will contact you with details for your dinner.

We are currently seeking hosts for our upcoming dinners. Contact Tate Cantrell, tatecantrell1222@gmail.com, for more info and details.

February Chapter Meeting

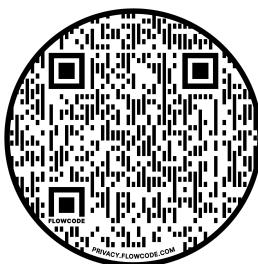
Tuesday, February 10th | 5:30 PM - Tucker Rm

Mardi Gras Fellowship

Tuesday, February 17th | 5 PM - Ross Hall
Please RSVP through the QR code below.

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, February 18th | 7 AM, 12 noon, & 6 PM



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The Reading
Isaiah 58: 6–9a

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm 112: 1-9

8:00: The Psalm is read in unison by ALL.

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

- 1 Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight
in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright
will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and
full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept
in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire
upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

The Gospel
Matthew 5: 13-20

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew:

People: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD.

People: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST.

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampshade, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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: Brightest and best

(Malcolm Archer (b.1952))

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining,
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall.
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
odors of Edom and off'rings divine,
gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favor secure.
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Poem by Reginald Heber (1783–1826)

Communion anthem: Eternal light, shine in my heart (David Ashley White (b.1944))

Eternal light, shine in my heart;
eternal hope, lift up my eyes:
eternal power, be my support;
eternal wisdom, make me wise.
Eternal life, raise me from death;
eternal brightness, make me see:
eternal Spirit, give me breath;
eternal Saviour, come to me:
Until by your most costly grace,
invited by your holy word,
at last I come before your face
to know you, my eternal God.

Poem by Christopher Idle, after Alcuin of York