St. John's Cathedral

The Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee

The 21st Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 18, 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 544: *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun* (v. 1 & 2)

The Collect for Purity page 323
The Summary of the Law page 324
The Collect of the Day
Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Reading *Thessalonians 1:1-10*
The Psalm *Psalm 96: 1–9*
The Gospel *Matthew 22: 15-22*

The Sermon *The Very Rev. Christopher J. Hackett*

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The Prayers of the People – Form III page 387
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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
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.

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Hymn 533: *How wondrous and great thy works*

Postlude:

10:30 AM

The Opening Sentence *(Stand at the bell)*
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Hymn 544: *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun*

The Collect for Purity page 355
Hymn of Praise (Rutter)
The Collect of the Day
Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Reading *Thessalonians 1:1–10*
The Psalm *Psalm 96: 1–9*

Sequence Hymn INSERT: *The earth and all its fullness*
The Gospel *Matthew 22: 15–22*

The Sermon *The Very Rev. Christopher J. Hackett*

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Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence
The Offertory Anthem Craig Phillips (b.1961)
The house of faith has many rooms

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: Giovanni Croce (1557–1609)
Cantate Domino

Communion Hymns
339: *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*
312: *Strengthen for service, Lord*

The Post Communion Prayer page 365

Hymn 665: *All my hope on God is founded*

Postlude:

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Altar Flowers & Anthem Dedications

The flowers in the Church are given to the glory of God and in honor of Catherine Kuendig's birthday by her parents.

And in memory of William Brownlow V, and in thanksgiving for Johnson, Nancy, Kate, & Hannah Brownlow;
Brewton, Justin, Cassandra, Annabelle, & Eliza Couch
by Will and Candy Brownlow.

Lay Ministries

8:00 AM

Usher	John Melnick
Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer	Will Root
Crucifer	Jarrett Vance

10:30 AM

Ushers	Roy Brown - Lead, Steve Brewington, Zollie Cantrell, Mark Love, Lisa Rottmann
Greeters	Michelle McMahan, Missy Minkin
Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer	Dusty Katzenmiller
Lector / Chalice Bearer	Jarrett Vance
Chalice Bearer	Carroll McMahan
Crucifer	Stacy Taylor
Acolytes	Henry DeAlejandro, Lydia Hunter, Gabe Rottmann, Natalie Rottmann
Thurifer	Oliver DeAlejandro
Verger	Braxton Hunter
Safety	Tom Dolinak
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

more information available at www.stjohnscathedral.org

Today at the Cathedral

9:30 AM Nursery Opens - infant - 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
11:30 AM Stay & Play - Ross Hall

Retirement & Beyond continues Today

Sundays 9:30 AM | Haslam Rm
Today's Topic: Senior Services

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: Acolytes

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.

Stay & Play Today

following the 10:30 AM service to 1:30 PM

Stay & Play is a fun drop-off event for children of all ages, with lunch, games, activities, and time to make friends! Join us Sunday, October 18, after the 10:30 a.m. service. Parents can run errands, enjoy lunch, or take some time for themselves while we hang out with the kids. Drop-off and pick-up are in the Great Hall, with pick-up at 1:30 p.m. New families are always welcome!

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

Candlelight Compline with Orison

Friday, October 23rd - 7:30 PM

Join us for 45 minutes of ethereal chant sung in the candlelit cathedral, perfumed by incense. This ancient service is the traditional end of the monastic day with prayers for safety through the night and the promise of rest.

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The Reading

Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

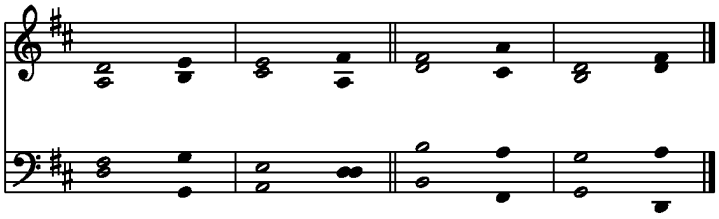
We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: THANKS BE TO GOD

The Psalm

Psalm 96: 1-9

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



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1 Sing to the LORD a **new song**; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole **earth**.

2 Sing to the LORD and bless his **Name**; *
proclaim the good news of his
salvation from day to **day**.

3 Declare his glory among the **nations** *
and his wonders among all **peoples**.

4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be **praised**; *
he is more to be feared than all **gods**.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but **idols**; *
but it is the LORD who made the **heavens**.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his **presence**! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his **sanctuary**!

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the **peoples**; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and **power**.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his **Name**; *
bring offerings and come into his **courts**.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of **holiness**; *
let the whole earth tremble be-**fore him**.

The Gospel

Matthew 22: 15-22

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

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

Offertory anthem: *The house of faith has many rooms*
(Craig Phillips)

The house of faith has many rooms
where we have never been;
there is more space within God's scope
than we have ever seen.

We dare not limit God's domain
to what our creeds declare,
or shrink from probing things unknown
lest God should not be there,

The way to God is not escape,
though truth does make us free:
the life of chosen servanthood
is perfect liberty.

Yet still we seek at journey's end
the last and sweetest grace:
the gift of room to turn around
and know God face to face.

Poem by The Rev. Carl Daw (b. 1944)
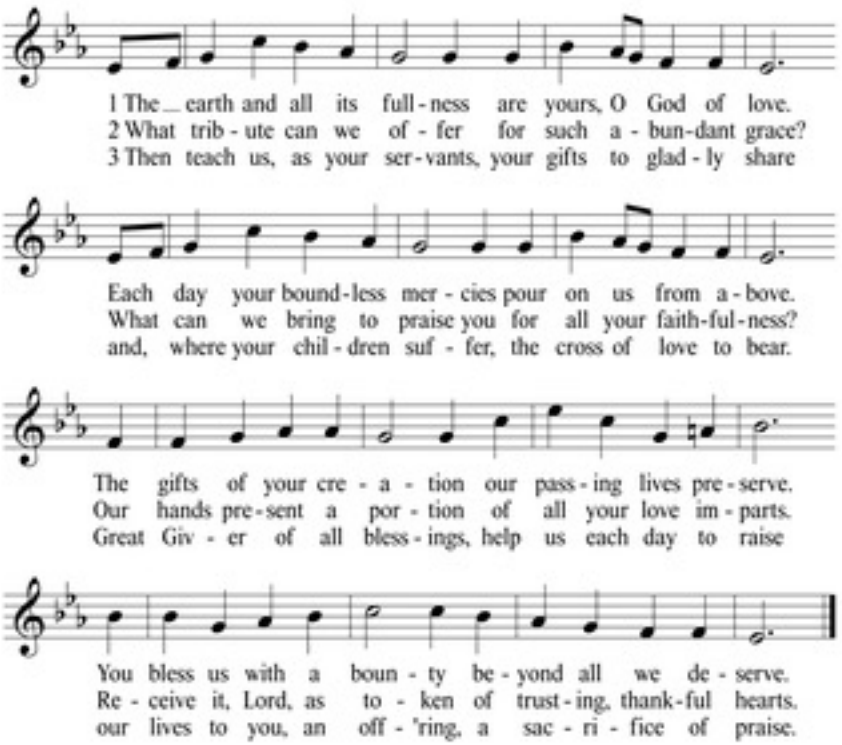
Communion anthem: *Cantate Domino*
(Giovanni Croce)

Cantate Domino canticum novum,
cantate Domino omnis terra.
Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomini ejus.
Annuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus.

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all you lands.
Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.

Psalm 96: 1–2

The earth and all its fullness



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