

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee

The Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, November 16th, 2025 | 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Service items listed in red are found in the red Book of Common Prayer. Hymns, listed in blue, are 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 11: Awake, my soul, and with the sun (v. 1 & 2)

The Collect for Purity

The Summary of the Law page 324

The Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Reading 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

The Psalm Psalm 98

The Gospel Luke 12: 22-31

The Sermon The Very Reverend Christopher J. Hackett

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The Peace

The Offertory Sentence & Offertory

The Doxology (Tune: Old 100th)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow

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.

The Holy, Holy, Holy and Blessed is He page 334

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Hymn 436: Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates (v. 1 & 2)

Postlude: Phantasie from Sonata I

Paul Hindemith (1895–1963)

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 11: Awake, my soul, and with the sun

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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The Psalm Psalm 98

Sequence Hymn 488: Be thou my vision

The Gospel Luke 12: 22-31

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The Baptism see insert

The Peace

Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)

Cantate Domino

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Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow

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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 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

(S 129 Powell)

The Communion Anthem Sterling W. Branton (1956–2018)
Steal away

Communion Hymns:

339: *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

304: *I come with joy to meet my Lord*

The Post Communion Prayer

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

Postlude: *Phantasie* from Sonata I

Paul Hindemith (1895-1963)

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Altar Flowers & Anthem Dedication

The flowers in the Church are given to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for the baptism of Virginia Ann
Schmidt and in memory of Adam Jennings Brock, Harry
Wesley Stowers, and Sarah Hobson Stowers by Jenny and
Adam Brock.

AND

In loving memory of Marty Russell by her family.

Lay Ministries

8:00 Usher	John Melnick
8:00 Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer	Bruce Gleissner
8:00 Acolyte	Rusty Russell
Ushers	Norvell Burrow, Stuart Oakes
	Tommy Siler, David Sprouse, Robert Straight
Greeters	Mary Keller, Jessica & David Wilds
Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer	Carl Reitz
Lector / Chalice Bearer	Jarrett Vance
Crucifer	Becca Burress
Thurifer	Stacy Taylor
Verger	Lloyd Terry
Acolytes	Ella Wilds, Ewan Ownby, Bailey & James Oakes
Safety	Tom Dolinak
Altar Guild	Anne Wilson & Team
Flower Guild	Kathy Lasater & Team



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Announcements

more information available at www.stjohnscathedral.org

Today at the Cathedral

9:20 am Donuts & Discussions - Middle / High School - 2nd Floor

9:20 am Nursery & Childcare Opens - 2nd Floor

9:30 am Newcomer's Class - Haslam Room, Bottom Floor

9:30 am Lectionary Bible Study - Rm 9, Bottom Floor

10:30 am S.K.i.P. Children's Church - 5 yrs. old & up - 2nd Floor

11:30 am Cookies and Coffee - Ross Hall

Supporting our Mission Partners during the Holidays

Thanksgiving: Vine School Health Center

Collecting through Sunday, November 23rd

We are collecting Thanksgiving food items and donations to support our mission partner Vine School Health Center. Our goal is a \$50 Food City gift card for each family. We also will be collecting the food item below. Please bring donated items to the Welcome Desk on Sundays or Cathedral Office during the week. To donate financially, scan the QR code below or visit www.sjcknox.org

-Boxes of Dried Mashed Potatoes

-Canned Cranberry Sauce

-Canned Pumpkin

-Boxes of Stuffing

Christmas: Green Magnet Academy Accepting

Donations through Sunday, December 14th

We have been asked to provide Christmas support for our neighborhood mission partner Green Magnet Academy. This support goes directly to students and families. To donate scan the QR code below or visit www.sjcknox.org.

Second Harvest Food Bank Offering

Donations Accepted through Tuesday, December 2nd

Each November/December we collect donations to support East Tennessee's largest hunger-relief charity. The Second Harvest food bank secures and distributes more than 18 million pounds of food and grocery products annually. Your donations directly serve our community. If contributing by check, please make your check out to St. John's and add "Second Harvest" on memo line. You may also donate online at www.sjcknox.org or by scanning the QR code in the Service Sheet. Donations will be accepted through Tuesday, December 2nd. We will participate in the Annual Double Donation day on Thursday, December 4th to maximize our impact.

The Reading
2 Thessalonians 3: 6–13

A reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians.

Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm 98

8:00: *The Psalm is read in unison by ALL* 10:30: *The Psalm is sung by ALL, changing pitches on the syllable(s) in **bold**.*

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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| 1 Sing to the LORD a new song , *
for he has done marvelous things . | 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp , *
with the harp and the voice of song . |
| 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory . | 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD. |
| 3 The LORD has made known his victory ; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in
the sight of the nations . | 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it , *
the lands and those who dwell there- in . |
| 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to
the house of Israel , *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our God . | 9 Let the rivers clap their hands , *
and let the hills ring out with joy before
the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth . |
| 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands ; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing . | 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity . |

The Gospel

Luke 12: 22–31

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke:

People: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD.

People: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST.

He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

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: *Cantate Domino* (Arvo Pärt)

The text of the anthem is Psalm 96 sung in Latin.
A translation may be found on BCP page 725.

Cantate Domino canticum novum:
cantate Domino omnis terra.
Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomini ejus:
annuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus.
Anniuntiate inter gentes gloriam ejus,
in omnibus populis mirabilia ejus.
Quoniam magnus Dominus, et laudabilis nimis:
terribilis est super omnes deos.
Quoniam omnes dii gentium daemonia:
Dominus autem coelos fecit.
Confessio et pulchritudo in conspectus ejus:
sanctimonia et magnificencia in sanctificatione ejus.
Afferte Domino patriae gentium, afferte Domino gloriam
et honorem: afferte Domino gloriam nomini ejus.
Tollite ipectoras, et introit omni atriis ejus:
adorate Dominum in atriis sancto ejus.
Commoveatur a facie ejus universa terra:
dicite in gentibus quia Dominus regnabit.
Etenim correxit orbem terrae qui non commovebitur:
judicabit populos in aequitate.

Laetentur Caeli, et exsultet terra:
commoveatur mare, et plenitudo ejus:
gaudebunt campi, et omnia quae in eis sunt.
Tunc exsultabunt omnia ligna silvarum a facie
Domini, quia venit:
quoniam venit judicare terram.
Judicabit orbem terrae in aequitate, et populos in
veritate sua.

Communion anthem: *Steal away* (Sterling Wesley Branton)

Steal away to Jesus!
Steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here!

My Lord, he calls me by the thunder;
the trumpet sounds within-a my soul;
I ain't got long to stay here.
Steal away...

Green trees are bending, poor sinner stands a-
trembling; the trumpet sounds within-a my soul;
I ain't got long to stay here.
Steal away...

Holy Baptism

O God of gentle strength

St. John's Episcopal Cathedral
Sunday, November 16, 2025



Virginia Ann Schmidt

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 Candidate

Celebrant: The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Godparents: I present Virginia Ann Schmidt to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant to Parents & Godparents: Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is 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 Virginia 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 to congregation: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Virginia in her life in Christ?

People: We will.

Celebrant: Let us join with Virginia who is being committed to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

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.

<i>Celebrant:</i>	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?	<i>People:</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant:</i>	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?	<i>People:</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant:</i>	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?	<i>People:</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant:</i>	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?	<i>People:</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant:</i>	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?	<i>People:</i>	I will, with God's help.

Prayers for Candidates

Celebrant to congregation: Let us now pray for Virginia, who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

<i>Leader:</i>	Open her heart to your grace and truth.	<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader:</i>	Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.	<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader:</i>	Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.	<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader:</i>	Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.	<i>People</i>	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

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

Celebrant: Virginia, 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 this your servant the forgiveness of sin and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a 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 Virginia, 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 newly baptized are presented to congregation, all sing 4th verse of baptism hymn.