

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 59: Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding** (v. 1 & 2)

**The Collect for Purity**

**The Summary of the Law** page 324

**The Collect of the Day**

Intimate God, we yearn for the light of your coming and the warmth of your embrace; focus our hearts on the truly important and keep us centered on that still point, Jesus our Emmanuel, who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Reading** Malachi 3: 1–4

**The Psalm** Psalm 72: 1–7, 18–19

**The Gospel** Matthew 3: 1–12

**The Sermon** The Very Rev. Chris Hackett

**The Nicene Creed** page 327

**The Prayers of the People – Form VI** page 392

**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**

For when Christ humbled himself to come among us, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world.

**The Sanctus** page 334

**The Lord's Prayer** page 336

**The Communion of the People**

**Post Communion Prayer** page 339

**Hymn 76: On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry** (v. 1 & 2)

**Postlude**

**10:30 AM**

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Amen

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**The Collect for Purity**

**Opening Canticle: Gloria in excelsis** (S 280 Powell)

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**The Reading** Malachi 3: 1–4

**The Psalm** Psalm 72: 1–7, 18–19

**Sequence Hymn 65: Prepare the way, O Zion**

**The Gospel** Matthew 3: 1–12

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**The Peace**

### Holy Communion

**The Offertory Sentence**

**The Offertory Anthem** Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)  
*This is the record of John*

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

**The Great Thanksgiving** page 361  
*Eucharistic Prayer A*

**Proper Preface**

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## 10:30 AM Holy Communion *continued*

*The Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord* (S 129 Powell)  
The Lord's Prayer

The Communion Anthem Robert Lehman (b. 1960)  
*O mortal man, remember well*

### Communion Hymns:

*71: Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes*  
*75 There's a voice in the wilderness crying*

The Post Communion Prayer page 365

*Hymn 76: On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

Postlude: I. *Preludio* from Suite in G Major  
Ottorino Respighi (1879–1936)

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### Altar Flowers

The flowers in the Church are given to the glory of God and  
in memory of parents, Dr. & Mrs John Pryse,  
D. R. Jones & Martha Jane Jones by Sharon & Joe Pryse.

And in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. McClellan by  
Martha & Matthew McClellan.

And in honor of the birthdays of Natalie Ennen and Grant  
Fulmer by Phillip & Vicky Fulmer.

### Lay Ministries

8:00 AM  
Usher John Melnick  
Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer Chris Copelan  
Acolyte Vince Stevens

10:30 AM  
Ushers Adam Brock, Jay Baker,  
Dave Gohn, Bailey Sharp  
Greeters Susan Conway, Regina Cox  
Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer Jennifer Tyrell  
Lector / Chalice Bearer Sally Judd  
Chalice Bearer Jarrett Vance  
Crucifer Becca Burress  
Acolytes Oliver DeAlejandro, Beatrice DeAlejandro,  
Henry DeAlejandro

Thurifer Oliver DeAlejandro  
Verger Lloyd Terry  
Safety Matt Carr  
Altar Guild Suzanne Rogers & Team  
Flower Guild Karen Gilbertson, Martha McClellan & Team  
Guest Musicians Sean Claire, violin and viola  
Stacy Taylor, violin  
Josh Ulrich, viola  
Christie Graffeo, viola  
D. Scot Williams, cello

## Announcements

more information available at [www.stjohnscathedral.org](http://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  
9:20 AM Daughters of the King – Haslam Room, Bottom Floor  
9:30 AM Lectionary Bible Study – Rm 9, Bottom Floor  
9:30 AM New Comer's Class – Rm 7, 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  
11:45 AM Stay & Play – Ross Hall – until 2:00 PM

### Supporting our Mission Partners this Holiday

#### 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](http://www.sjcknox.org).

#### A Festival of Christmas Lessons & Carols

*with Choir & Brass*

Sunday, December 21st | 10:30 AM

*Holy Eucharist at 8:00 AM only on Sunday 12.21*

#### A Visit with St. Nicholas

Sunday, December 21st | 11:30 AM | Ross Hall

#### Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, December 24th, 2025

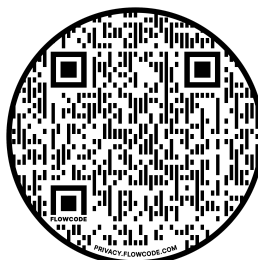
2:00 PM Choir & Organ  
4:30 PM Choir & Orchestra  
*with Messiah prelude*  
7:00 PM\* Choir & Orchestra  
*with Messiah prelude*  
10:45 PM\* Choir & String Quartet

Nursery & S.K.i.P. offered at 2:00 PM, 4:30 PM, and 7:00 PM.  
\* Streamed LIVE on YouTube & Knoxville Community Media

#### Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25th, 2025

10:00 AM Organ & Violin



#### Scan QR Code for:

- Guest Information
- Online Giving
- Prayer Request Submission
- Weekly Cathedral Update
- And more

## The Reading

*Malachi 3: 1–4*

### A reading from the prophet Malachi:

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like washers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD, as in the days of old and as in former years.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* THANKS BE TO GOD.

### Psalm 72: 1–7, 18–19

*8:00: The Psalm is read in unison by ALL      10:30: The Psalm is sung by the choir*

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| 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *<br>and your righteousness to the King's Son;                        | 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *<br>like showers that water the earth.                           |
| 2 That he may rule your people righteously *<br>and the poor with justice;                                 | 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *<br>there shall be abundance of peace<br>till the moon shall be no more. |
| 3 That the mountains may bring<br>prosperity to the people, *<br>and the little hills bring righteousness. | 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *<br>who alone does wondrous deeds!                                    |
| 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *<br>he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.       | 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *<br>and may all the earth be filled with his glory.<br>Amen. Amen.     |
| 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *<br>from one generation to another.                   |   |

**The Gospel**  
*Matthew 3: 1–12*

**A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew:**

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

*People:* GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST.

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**Offertory anthem:** *This is the record of John*  
(Orlando Gibbons)

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent  
priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask  
him, Who art thou?  
And he confessed and denied not, and said  
plainly, I am not the Christ.

And they asked him, What art thou then?  
Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not.  
Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No.

Then said they unto him, What art thou? that we may  
give an answer unto them that sent us.  
What sayest thou of thyself?  
And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the  
wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord.

**Communion anthem:** *O mortal man, remember well*  
(Robert Lehman)

O mortal man, remember well,  
when Christ our Lord was born,  
he was crucified between two thieves,  
and crownèd with the thorn.

O mortal man, remember well,  
when Christ died on the rood,  
'twas for our sins and wicked ways  
Christ shed his precious blood.

O mortal man, remember well,  
when Christ was wrapped in clay,  
he was taken to a sepulchre  
where no man ever lay.