

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 25th, 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 527: Singing songs of expectation

(v. 1 & 2)

The Collect for Purity

The Summary of the Law

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The Collect of the Day

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and all the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Reading

Isaiah 9: 1-4

The Psalm

Psalm 27: 1,5-13

The Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Christopher J. Hackett

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People – Form VI

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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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Post Communion Prayer

Hymn 533: How wondrous and great thy works (v. 1 & 2)

Postlude: How lovely shines the Morning-star

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

10:30 AM

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Amen

Hymn 527: Singing songs of expectation

The Collect for Purity

Opening Canticle: Gloria in excelsis

(S 280 Powell)

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The Peace

Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

The Offertory Anthem Charles Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)
Dear Lord and Father of mankind

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

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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 Roland Martin (b. 1955)
One thing have I asked of the Lord

Communion Hymns:

661: They cast their nets in Galilee

INSERT: As we gather at your table

The Post Communion Prayer page 365

Hymn 530: Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

Postlude: How lovely shines the Morning-star
Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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Altar Flowers

The flowers in the Church are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lily Felton and in honor of Hannah & Kate's 25th birthday by John, Johnna, Sadie & Jack Felton.

And in honor of the birthdays of Courtney Fulmer Peace and Tori Peace by Phillip and Vicky Fulmer.

And honor of the anniversaries of Liz and Alan Lee and daughter Elizabeth and Terry Darling, by William, David, and George Darling.

Lay Ministries

8:00 AM	
Usher	John Melnick
Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer	Chris Copelan
Acolyte	Rusty Russell
10:30 AM	
Ushers	Dave Gohn-Lead, Norvell Burrow, Zollie Cantrell, Judith Foltz, & Stuart Oakes
Greeters	Susan Conway, Michelle McMahan
Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer	Clark Seiler
Lector / Chalice Bearer	Carl Reitz
Chalice Bearer	Bob Sullivan
Crucifer	Stu Sprouse
Acolytes	Ruby Soltau, Eloisa Soltar, Bailey Oakes, James Oakes
Thurifer	Lloyd Terry
Verger	Braxton Hunter
Safety	Ryan Anderson
Broadcast Team	Caleb Bales, Mike Bensey, Nick Cassell, Jim Foust, Christibeth Paul, & Whitney Ross
Altar Guild	Candy Brownlow & Team
Flower Guild	MH Bedinger & Team

Announcements

more information available at www.stjohnscathedral.org

Today at the Cathedral

9:20 AM Donuts & Discussions – Mid/ High School – 2nd Floor
9:20 AM Nursery & Childcare Opens – 2nd Floor
9:30 AM Lectionary Bible Study – Rm 9, Bottom Floor
9:30 AM Youth Confirmation Class – Haslam Rm.
10:30 AM S.K.i.P. Children's Church – 5 & up – 2nd Floor
11:30 AM Cookies and Coffee – Ross Hall
11:30 AM Stay & Play
4:45 PM Evensong

Youth Confirmation Class Continues Today

9:30 AM | Haslam Rm

Stay & Play

Sunday, January 25th | 11:30 AM to 2 PM

Children are invited to Stay & Play on Sunday, January 25th from 11:30 AM to 2 PM. Games, activities, and more will be provided and lunch will be served. Please RSVP to kids@stjohnscathedral.org.

Choral Evensong

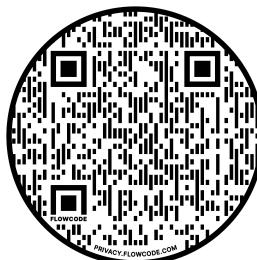
Sunday, January 25th | 4:45 PM

Music for the service will include Eriks Ešenvalds unaccompanied 'Merton College' Service and Jonathan Dove's popular anthem Seek Him that Maketh the Seven Stars. Prelude recitalist: Dr. Peter Rogan (Assoc. Organist & Choirmaster of Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville)

Reception to follow.

Three Choir Festival

Saturday, February 7th. The Treble Choirs from All Souls Cathedral Choir from Asheville, NC and Christ Church Choir from Charlotte, NC will be joining us for the festival and performing on Sunday, February 8th at the 10:30 service.



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The Reading
Isaiah 9: 1–4

A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

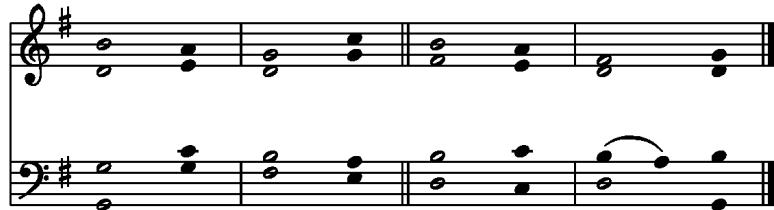
There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy: they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of heir burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

Psalm 27: 1, 5-13

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

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be a-fraid?
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall
keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round a-bout me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in dis-pleasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not a-way; *
do not forsake me, O God of my sal-vation.

The Gospel
Matthew 4: 12-23

A reading from the Gospel according to John:

People: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD.

People: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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: *Dear Lord and Father of mankind* (C. Hubert H. Parry)

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
 Forgive our foolish ways!
 Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
 In purer lives Thy service find,
 In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
 Beside the Syrian sea
 The gracious calling of the Lord,
 Let us, like them, without a word
 Rise up and follow Thee.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
 Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
 And let our ordered lives confess
 The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
 Thy coolness and Thy balm;
 Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
 O still, small voice of calm.

Communion anthem: *One thing have I asked of the Lord* (Roland Martin)

One thing have I asked of the LORD;
 one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of
 the LORD all the days of my life;
To behold the fair beauty of the LORD and to seek
 him in his temple. Therefore I will offer in his
dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;
 I will sing and make music to the LORD.

As we gather at your table



1. As we gath - er at your Ta - ble, as we
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the
3. Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us sum-mon oth-er

lis - ten to your Word, help us know, O God, your
sac - ra - ment of life; send us forth to love and
guests to share that feast where tri - um - phant Love will

pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nour-ish
serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife. Give us,
wel - come those who had been last and least. There no

us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our
Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for -
more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace des -

own; teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to
gave; may we still be - hold your im - age in the
troy, as we join with saints and an - gels to re -

make Love's vic - tory known.
world you died to save.
peat the sound - ing joy.

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