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The Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri

# Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral!

The People's responses are in **bold** print.

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## Welcome! Beinvenido! Karibu!

Scattered in the world, we gather together as God's people in worship. We bring the fragments of our lives to be healed and made whole in Christ as we gather in community.

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as God's people. One of the glories of the Episcopal/Anglican Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words and actions through which public worship is conducted.

As we gather, we bring our diverse gifts: gifts of music, dance, prophecy, teaching, preaching, and friendship. We present these gifts in the form of our most precious offering to God, our very selves, that all that we do may be for God's glory in the unity of Christ's church.

## About the Holy Eucharist

In the Episcopal Church the Holy Eucharist is the sacrament of Christ's body and blood, and the principal act of Christian worship. The term is from the Greek, "thanksgiving." Jesus instituted the Eucharist "on the night when he was betrayed." At the Last Supper he shared the Bread and cup of Wine at a sacred meal with his disciples. He identified the Bread with his body and the Wine with his blood of the new covenant. Jesus commanded his disciples to "do this" in remembrance of Jesus. For Episcopalians, the Holy Eucharist becomes the very Real Presence of Christ, his Body and Blood, the ordinary made also extraordinary, sacred by Jesus' own words and by the Holy Spirit.

In the Episcopal Church, we seek to adapt ancient liturgy for today. If you grew up in a less formal church, worship may feel pretty traditional. If you grew up in a formal church, our worship may deconstruct that formality, and ask you to pray using more modern words, or sing new songs. We seek to balance tradition and culture in our worship. When we hold the tension well between the ancient and the modern, the Holy Eucharist comes alive.

## About the Season after Pentecost

The Season after Pentecost, often called "ordinary time" or the "green season," follows the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Church at Pentecost. During this season the usual liturgical color is green, hence being referred to as the green season. Throughout this season we hear sacred stories that highlight the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church along with themes of God's creative providence. The Season after Pentecost is the longest season of the Church year; …these are the days where we grow into who we are called to be by imitating the lived reality of Jesus. *(The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson)* 

## Land Acknowledgment for the Diocese of Missouri (updated 7/2022)

In humility, we recognize and acknowledge that we in the Diocese of Missouri worship and live on the traditional ancestral lands of the Osage Nation, the Illiniwek/Peoria Tribe, the O-Gah-Pah (Quapaw) Tribe, the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, and other First Peoples. We recognize our mutual dependence upon and benefit from this land; we proclaim our solidarity with and our debt to the Peoples who first claimed and improved this land as their home. We acknowledge our complicity in the process of colonization that dispossessed the First Peoples from their ancestral lands. We affirm our commitment to stand with indigenous communities today and henceforth as they seek justice and resist continued threats to their sovereignty and humanity.

We are also cognizant that the history of The Episcopal Church is intertwined with the history of colonialism and slavery in the United States. More than four centuries ago, the first enslaved Africans were brought to the Americas, and two centuries ago enslaved and indigenous persons contributed to the exploration of this state by Lewis and Clark. Our state's history is entangled with both the Missouri Compromise making this state officially a slave state, and the case of *Scott v. Emerson* that petitioned for Dred and Harriet Scott's emancipation. We acknowledge the tragic legacy of slavery in our diocese, and the blood, sweat, and tears of enslaved people that soak the earth beneath our feet in Missouri. This legacy persists today as we continue to work towards racial justice, equity, liberation, and community, here in Missouri and across The Episcopal Church.



## **WELCOME!**

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Presider Let us gather ourselves into Christ's presence with a moment of silence. Moment of silence to open our hearts.

#### GREETING

*Presider* Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

*People* Glory to God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Presider* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

**THE SONG OF PRAISE** Glory to God, based on #390 Hymnal 1982

Bishop Johnson, LOBE DEN HERREN





#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* God is with you.

#### People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. Ever-faithful God, whose being is perfect righteousness: you reconcile us in your Son with the helpless and the needy, with those we would ignore or oppress, and with those we call our enemies, so that we, as your hands of love, may serve all people and sit at the feet of those who need our compassionate care. Amen. Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.; from Alternative Collects for Years A, B & C of the Revised Common Lectionary 2022, Anglican Church of Canada

## WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

#### THE FIRST READING Please be seated.

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

*Reader* Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's People.

#### *People* Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY 15 (A Liturgical Psalter General Synod 2016, Anglican Church of Canada)

1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*

## Who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, \*

#### who speak the truth from their heart.

3 There is no guile upon their tongue; they do no evil to a friend; \*

they do not heap contempt upon a neighbor.

4 In their sight the wicked are rejected, \*

#### but they honor those who fear the Lord.

They have sworn to do no wrong \*

and do not take back their word.

5 They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take a bribe against the innocent. \*

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

#### THE SECOND READING

#### Colossians 1:15-28

Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and

#### Genesis 18:1-10a

for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

*Reader* Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church.

*People* Thanks be to God.





#### THE GOSPEL

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

#### People Glory to you, O Christ.

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

#### People Praise to you, O Christ. Please be seated.

## THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Kathie Adams-Shepherd, Dean

Moment for silent reflection

O-SO-SO

#### THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED (Expansive Liturgies, ECUSA) Please stand as you are able.

- All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
  - maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
  - We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
  - begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
    - was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
  - For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
  - On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
  - he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
  - He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
  - We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father,
    - who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
    - who has spoken through the prophets.
  - We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
  - We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
  - We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Form 3 (Book of Common Prayer)

- Deacon Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers. The people audibly or silently name those for whom they are interceding.
- *Leader* Creator, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
- *People* That we all may be one.
- *Leader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
- *People* That your Name may be glorified by all people.
- Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, including Sean, Presiding Bishop; Deon, our bishop; Kathie, our dean; and the staff and Chapter of our Cathedral. In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for Faith Christian Church of India in Ballwin and Clive & Susanna their Priests. In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for St. Thomas the Apostle Mission in Carolina. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of Pakistan (United).
- *People* That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
- *Leader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
- *People* That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
- *Leader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
- People That our works may find favor in your sight.
- *Leader* We pray for those in need of Christ's presence, including the people of Texas, New Mexico and beyond affected by the recent severe storms, those effected by the Oak Ridge fire in Navajo Nation in NE Arizona, Israel, Palestine, Iran and the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia, Haiti, Sudan, and Libya; the Smith, Dunn, Villanueva and Kriegel, families, Theresa, Amanda, Hardina, Basil, Patricia, Robert, Patty, Milton, Tammy, Dave, Helen, Richard, Deacon Barbi, Deb, Rev. Julie; all in prison and their families; and those affected by violence and oppression in all forms. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.
- People That they may be delivered from their distress.
- *Leader* We pray for those who have died, including all slain in Sudan, the Middle East, and Ukraine, all killed in recent severe storms, Robin Smith, Lula Dunn, Autumn Villanueva, Frank Kriegel, those 70 lives taken by gun violence in the city of St. Louis in 2025, represented in the light of the small candles on the high altar; and all who die at the hand of another, or by their own hand. Give to the departed eternal rest.
- *People* Let light perpetual shine upon them.

- *Leader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
- *People* May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
- All Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (Enriching our Worship)

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence.

- All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.
- *Presider* Gracious God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE Please stand as you are able.

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

## People And also with you.

The people greet each other with a sign of peace.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

## GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE





## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: The Great Thanksgiving Enriching Our Worship 2

Presider	God is with you.
People	And also with you.
Presider	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Presider	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Presider	We praise you and we bless you, holy and grac

Presider We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time, you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so, this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

**SANCTUS** *Please kneel or stand as you are able.* 





Please stand or kneel as you are able.

*Presider* Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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The bread is broken; silence is kept.

#### FRACTION ANTHEM

LAND OF REST, adapt. by Richard Proulx



#### THE INVITATION

*Presider* These are God's holy gifts, for you, God's holy people.

The Presider may add:

So come to this table you who have much faith or you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

## SHARING THE SACRED MEAL

This is Christ's table and all are welcome to be fed. Please follow the movement to the altar; communion will be distributed at the head of the center aisle. Remember to take your purse/personal belongings with you when leaving your seat for communion.

Those participating at home may, if they wish, say this prayer during the time of Communion:

Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

**COMMUNION ANTHEM** Softly and Tenderly, as sung by Cynthia Clawson

arr. Raymond Brown

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER Please stand as you are able

*Presider* God is with you.

People And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray.

All God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life and cup of salvation. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING

*Presider* God who created you in love and for love, fill your life with love, increase your faith, and strengthen your hope, that you may walk in peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Grace of Christ the Son and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.** 



#### THE SENDING

*Deacon* Our worship is ended. Our service in the world now begins. Go into the world to love what God loves. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

**POSTLUDE** Prelude für Orgel in G-dur

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel

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