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The Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri

# Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral!

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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 & 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 & actions through which public worship is conducted. As we gather, we bring our diverse gifts: gifts of music, dance, prophecy, teaching, preaching, & 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.

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## **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.

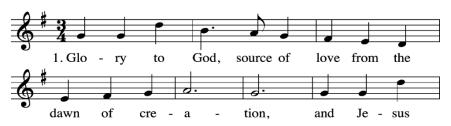
People Glory to God, for ever and ever. Amen.

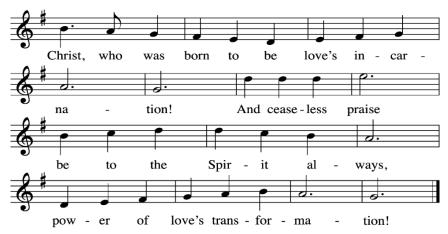
## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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. God, whose kingdom comes near: share with us the authority that sets others free and send us on the

way of challenge and conversion; through Jesus, who empowers us. Amen. Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) 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.

Isaiah 66:10-14

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

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

People Thanks be to God.

**THE PSALM OF THE DAY 66:1-9** (A Liturgical Psalter General Synod 2016, Anglican Church of Canada)

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands \*

be joyful, all the earth.

2 sing the glory of the divine name; \*

sing the glory of God's praise.

3 Say to God," How awesome are your deeds! \*

Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

4 All the earth bows down before you, \*

sings to you, sings out your name."

**5** Come now and see the works of God, \*

how wonderful you are, O God, in your doing toward all people.

- 6 You turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, \* and there we rejoiced in you.
- $7\ \mbox{In your might you rule for ever; your eyes keep watch over the nations; *$

let no rebel rise up against you.

8 Bless our God, you peoples; \*

make the voice of God's praise to be heard;

9 who holds our souls in life, \*

and will not allow our feet to slip.

THE SECOND READING Galatians 6:7-16

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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

People Thanks be to God.



THE GOSPEL Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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

# People Glory to you, O Christ.

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out

laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Presider 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

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 2 (Book of Common Prayer)

*Presider* 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

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean, Presiding Bishop; Deon, our bishop; Kathie, our dean; for the staff and Chapter of our Cathedral, for this gathering, and for all ministers and people. In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Francis' Episcopal Church in Eureka, Laurie, their Rector; and David, their Deacon. In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for The Christ the King Mission in Caguas. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people and ministry of The Church of Nigeria. Pray for the Church.

Silence.

Leader I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence.

Leader I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence.

Leader I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God

Silence.

Leader I ask your prayers for the departed; including all slain in Sudan, the Middle East, and Ukraine, Autumn Villanueva, Frank Kriegel, those 67 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. Pray for those who have died.

Silence.

Leader I ask your prayers for the people of St. Louis and beyond affected by the recent severe storms, those effected by the Oak Ridge fire in Navajo Nation, NE Arizona, Israel, Palestine, Iran and the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia, Haiti, Sudan, and Libya; the Villanueva and Kriegel, families, 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.

Silence.

Leader Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence.

All Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Dean Let us pray together for all those celebrating a birthday or an anniversary this month:

# **BIRTHDAY BLESSING**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants with birthdays in the month of July, as each one begins another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

O God, we give thanks for the blessed union of those couples with an anniversary in the month of July. Continue to bless them with the gift of your beloved presence; grant that they may always manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives they touch. May they grow together in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (Enriching our Worship)

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence.

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.

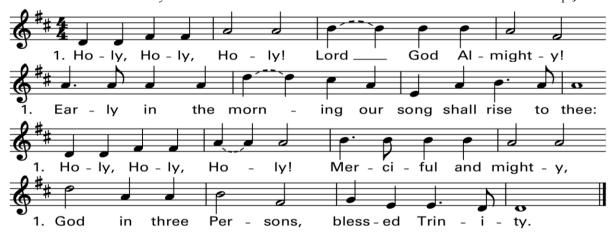
Presider We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time, you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image,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

Bishop Johnson, NICAEA



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

All

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

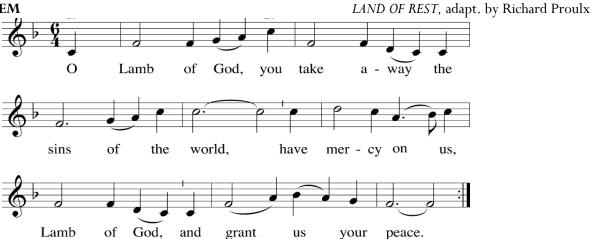
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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



Celebrant Behold what you are.

People May we become what we receive.

#### 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 HYMN 321**

ROCKINGHAM



## SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITOR(S)

*Presider* In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread, one cup.

## 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 v

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.** 



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#### THE SENDING

Presider 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** Fanfare for the Common Man, Aaron Copland

arr. by Thomas R. Vozzella

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