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October 26, 2025, 10:30 a.m. **Be Here, Be You, Be Loved**



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.

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.

PRELUDE Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 633 from Das Orgelbüchlein

OPENING SONG VF 96

BEACH SPRING



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 (Enriching Our Worship)

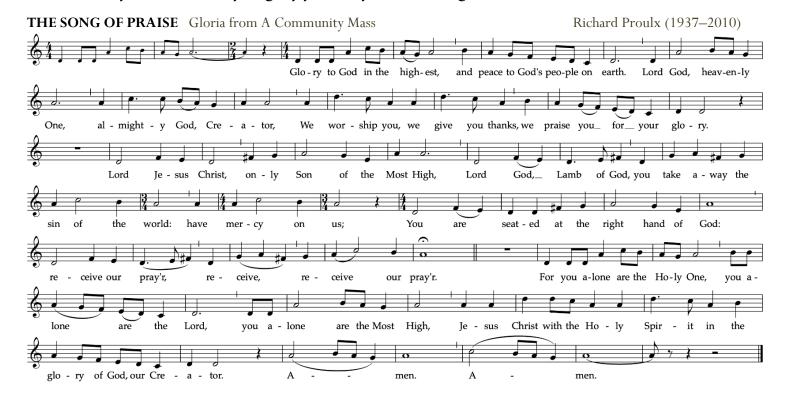
Presider Blessed be our God.

People 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:

People Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God is with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. O God of salvation, we come to you in joy, for you have heard the prayers of the poor and raised up the lowly. Pour out your Spirit on young and old alike, so that our dreams and visions may bring justice and peace to the world. **Amen.** Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002); 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.

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

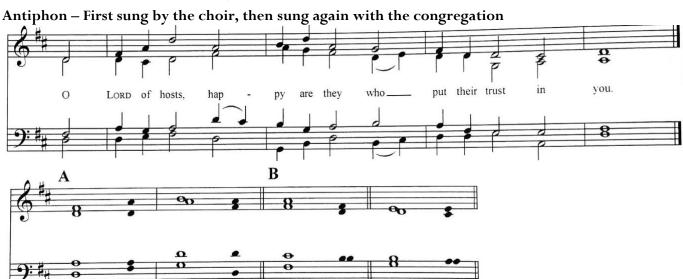
Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O Lord, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! Thus says the Lord concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the Lord does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with

us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O Lord our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

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

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY 84:1-6 (General Synod 2016 Liturgical Psalter, Anglican Church of Canada, pointed by Connor Scott)



- A 1 How dear to me is your | dwelling, *
 O Lord of | hosts!
- **B** My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the | Lord; * my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living | God.
- **A** 2 The sparrow has found her a | house * and the swallow a nest where she may lay her | young;
- **B** by the side of your altars, O Lord of | hosts, * my Sovereign and my | God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your | house! * They will always be | praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in | you, * whose hearts are set on the | pilgrims' way!
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of | springs, * for the early rains have covered it with pools of | water.
- 6 They will climb from height to | height, * and you, the God of gods, will reveal yourself in | Zion.

Antiphon - Sung twice

THE SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

People Thanks be to God.



THE GOSPEL Luke 18:9-14

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

People Glory to you, O Christ.

[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Kathie Adams-Shepherd

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 (Dr. Gail Ramshaw, adapted)

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 Grateful for our blessings, determined in our mission, and expectant for its fulfillment, let the church cry out to God, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For faithfulness, that we trust in God's promises and live in confident obedience, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For openness in reaching out to the people of the world, that together we may walk out of darkness into God's light. We pray for those called to lead us: Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury-designate, 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 Calvary Episcopal Church in Columbia and Ann, their Rector; Josh, their Associate Rector; and Beth

their deacon. In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for St. Steven the Martyr Mission in Guaynabo. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church in Wales. Let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For humility, that we glory only in God's forgiving, generous love, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For perseverance in seeking out all who are hurt, crying, or in need, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

For comfort for all those who are suffering; for health for the sick and food for the hungry; including Israel, Palestine, Iran and the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia, Haiti, Sudan, and Libya; the Evans and Kovac Families, Kamaya & Emaree, John, Basil, Mary, Kingsley & Ramona, Kathy, Mathew, Tom & Dennis, Michelle, Warren, Richard, Deacon Barbi, Deb; all in prison and their families; and those affected by violence and oppression in all forms, that touched by God, they may shine with the brilliance of holy light. Let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Blessed are those who have fought the good fight, and now share in the wondrous vision God promised from the beginning, including all slain in Sudan, the Middle East, and Ukraine, Jane Reed Hutcherson, Ulysses Franklin, Anthony Kovac, Lee Evans, Paco Wigger, those 114 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. That we may keep them always in our sight, eager for the day of our joyous reunion, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

O God, you make glad the hearts of all who dwell in your house. Accept our gratitude, enjoy our praise, and save us. Grant the fulfillment of our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Please join me in the Stewardship Prayer:

Dear Lord, help us to recognize that Stewardship is everything we do after we say "we believe." In every moment that goes by, your love and support are manifested in our daily lives. Help us thank you for all that you have given and done for us. Encourage us to return to you a sacrificial portion of all that you have given into our lives with our gifts of time, talent and treasure. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (Enriching our Worship)

Deacon 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.

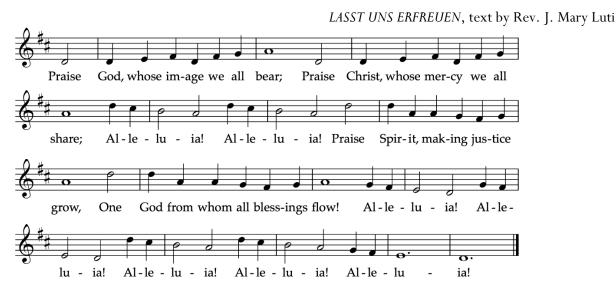
GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Teach Me, O Lord

William Byrd (c. 1540–1623)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law: yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein is my desire. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies: and not unto covetousness. O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity: and quicken me in thy way. O stablish thy word in thy servant: that I may fear thee. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. -Psalm 119:33–38

DOXOLOGY



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: The Great Thanksgiving A Prayer Book for Australia, adapted

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 thanks and praise.

Presider Loving God, we thank you for this world of wonder and delight. You have given it to us to care for so that all

your creatures may enjoy its bounty. Lord, our God:

People We give you thanks and praise.

Presider We thank you that when we turned away from you, you sent Jesus to live and work as one of us, and bring us

back to you. He showed us how to love you and set us free to love and serve one another. Lord our God:

People We give you thanks and praise.

Presider We thank you that on the cross Jesus took away our sin, all that keeps us from each other and from you. He frees

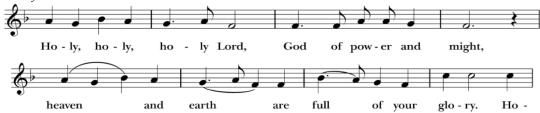
us from hate and fear, from all that destroys love and trust. Lord, our God;

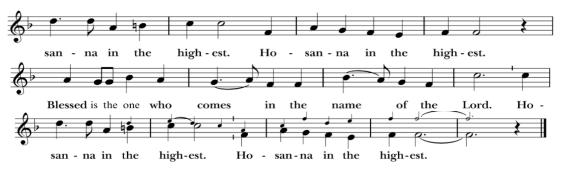
People We give you thanks and praise.

SANCTUS S-125 from A Community Mass

Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

Please kneel or stand as you are able.





Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Presider And now we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine. May we who receive them, as Jesus said, share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread and gave you thanks. He took the bread and give it to his friends, and said, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup and give you thanks. He shared the cup with them and said, "This is my blood poured out so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

You have gathered us together to feed on Christ and to remember all he has done for us:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Presider Fill us with your Spirit that we may follow Jesus in all we do and say, working for justice and bringing your peace to this world that you have made. Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Blessing and honor and glory and power are yours for ever and ever.

THE GREAT AMEN from A Community Mass

Richard Proulx (1937–2010)



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

The bread is broken; silence is kept.

AGNUS DEI A Community Mass

Richard Proulx (1937–2010)



Presider 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 ANTHEM The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Tom Dinan, Composer in Residence (b. 1957)

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen. -Numbers 6:24–26

COMMUNION HYMN 686 NETTLETON



SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITOR(S)

Deacon 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.

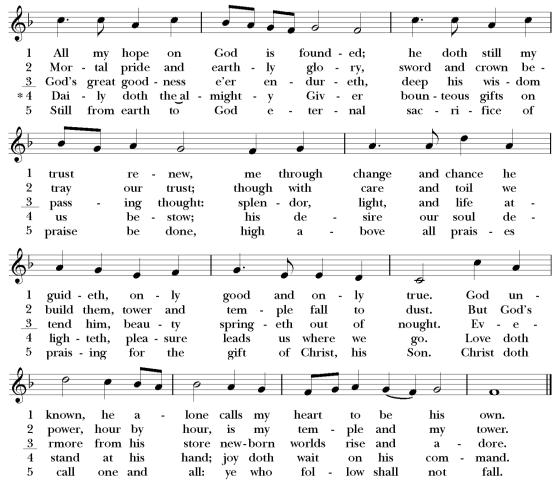
All Holy and Eternal God, we give you thanks for this feast of your goodness and love. Send us out to share the bread of life with all who hunger for your love; through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

Presider

The all-loving God, the giver of every good gift, fill you with hope, peace, and love; 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 has ended. Our service in the world begins anew. Go in peace. Go in hope. Go in love to serve God's beloved people.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Toccata in D minor BWV 565

J.S. Bach

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