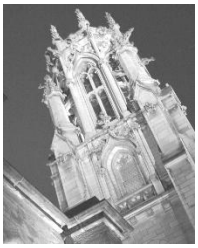
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

The 24th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 27 Year A
November 8, 2026, 10:30 a.m., Rite 1
Be Here, Be You, Be Loved



Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral!

The People's responses are in **bold** print.
We have large print bulletins and individual hearing devices for use in worship. Speak to an usher.

Land Acknowledgment for the Diocese of Missouri (updated July 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 *Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten,* BWV 642, by J.S. Bach

THE OPENING HYMN 68 *(Music is on page 9) Please stand in body or spirit.* Rejoice! Rejoice, believers, *Llangloffan*

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.*

OPENING ACCLAMATION
Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for 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 SONG OF PRAISE S-236 *(Music is on page 10)* Canticle 13, A Song of Praise, Rutter

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY
Officiant God is with you.
People **And with thy Spirit.**
Officiant Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

THE FIRST READING *Please be seated.* **Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16**

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM OF THE DAY Canticle A Song of Wisdom *Sung by all.* Anglican Chant by Ray Francis Brown



The be- | ginning • of | wisdom *
is the true desire | to re- | ceive — | teaching,
and a longing | to be | taught *
comes | from a | love of | her;
the | one who | loves her *
will | keep — | her — | laws.
Observing the | laws of | wisdom *
as- | sures — | im- • mor- | tality,
and immor- | tality • brings | one *
— | nearer | still to | God;
so the de- | sire • for | wisdom *
leads to the au- | thority • of | one who | rules.

THE SECOND READING **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN LEVAS 208 *(Music is on page 11)* We've come this far by faith

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL: **Matthew 25:1-13**

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

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'

And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON **The Very Rev. Kathie Adams-Shepherd, Dean**

Moment for silent reflection

THE NICENE CREED *Please stand as you are able.*

All **We believe in on 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He 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

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: Pondering the two great commandments of the law, let us pray together, saying: O Lord of love, hear our prayer.

That the church throughout the world may love you with all its heart and soul and mind, and may exemplify your love in all its life and in our offerings to your mission, O Lord of love,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: That our country, in all its foreign and domestic policies, may care for refugees and immigrants, the indigent and the oppressed, all victims of economic exploitation, and all poorer and smaller nations, O Lord of love,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: That the leaders of the churches, especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; 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 the people and ministry of Christ Episcopal Church in Cape Girardeau and for Carol, their Deacon-in-Charge. In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Center of Behavioral Health. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo. In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries cycle of prayer, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, all our Marine Corps service members on their 251st birthday, and those serving in Delaware. O Lord of love,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: That like the Thessalonians, our community may live in the faith and joy of the Holy Spirit, O Lord of love,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: That the wealth of our land may enable us to live in just stewardship of the earth's goods, in care for our natural resources, and in compassion for the needy, O Lord of love,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: That our gracious God may guide us to work together with God, to strengthen the good work of creating and sustaining our world in your love. O Lord of love,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: That the ones we know and love who need Christ's healing presence may be healed and protected, including the people of the Middle East, Cuba, Ukraine, Russia, Haiti, Sudan, and Libya; all affected by recent weather disasters, our tornado affected neighbors, immigrant and trans siblings; the Tyler/Ludbrook and Swift families, Anita, Liz, Bonnie, Kerri, Lennell, Eunice, Janice, Tom, Beverly, George, Bryant, LaTanya, Lynne, Curtis, Deacon Dayna, Rhayma, Eileen, Sue, Richard, Shep, Karen, Lisa, Julie, Huldah, Dannie, Canon Desirée, Adele, Warren, Thelma, Kathy; all in prison and their families; those affected by violence and oppression in all forms, O Lord of love,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: That all who have died, including at the hand or in the custody of DHS, all slain in Sudan, the Middle East, and Ukraine; Trevor Taylor, Raymond Swift, those 97 lives taken by gun violence in the city of St. Louis in 2026 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, may rise to eternal live in Christ, O Lord of love,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Please join me in the Stewardship Prayer:

All **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.**

All: **O God, ruler of all, grant that our nation and its citizens may respond to your call, and that we may live out all civic virtues in honesty and integrity. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son and our Lord. Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence is kept.*

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

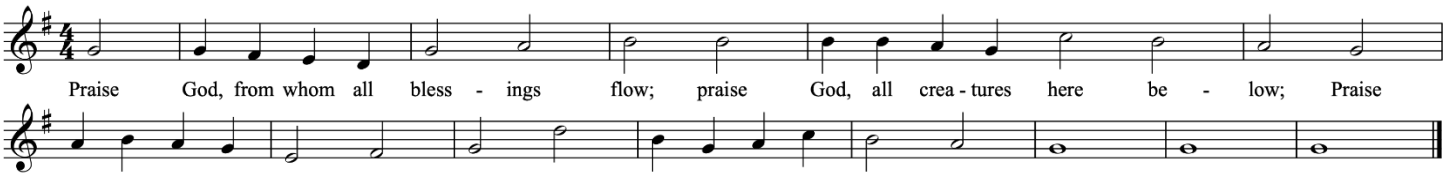
The ministers and people safely greet one another in the name of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Light Everlasting*, by Olaf Christiansen

O Light Everlasting, O Love never failing. Illumine our darkness and draw us to thee.
May we from thy spirit receive inspiration As children together thy wisdom may see.
Make known to all nation thy peace and salvation, And help us O Father, thy temple to be.

THE DOXOLOGY *OLD 100th, revised*



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GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

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

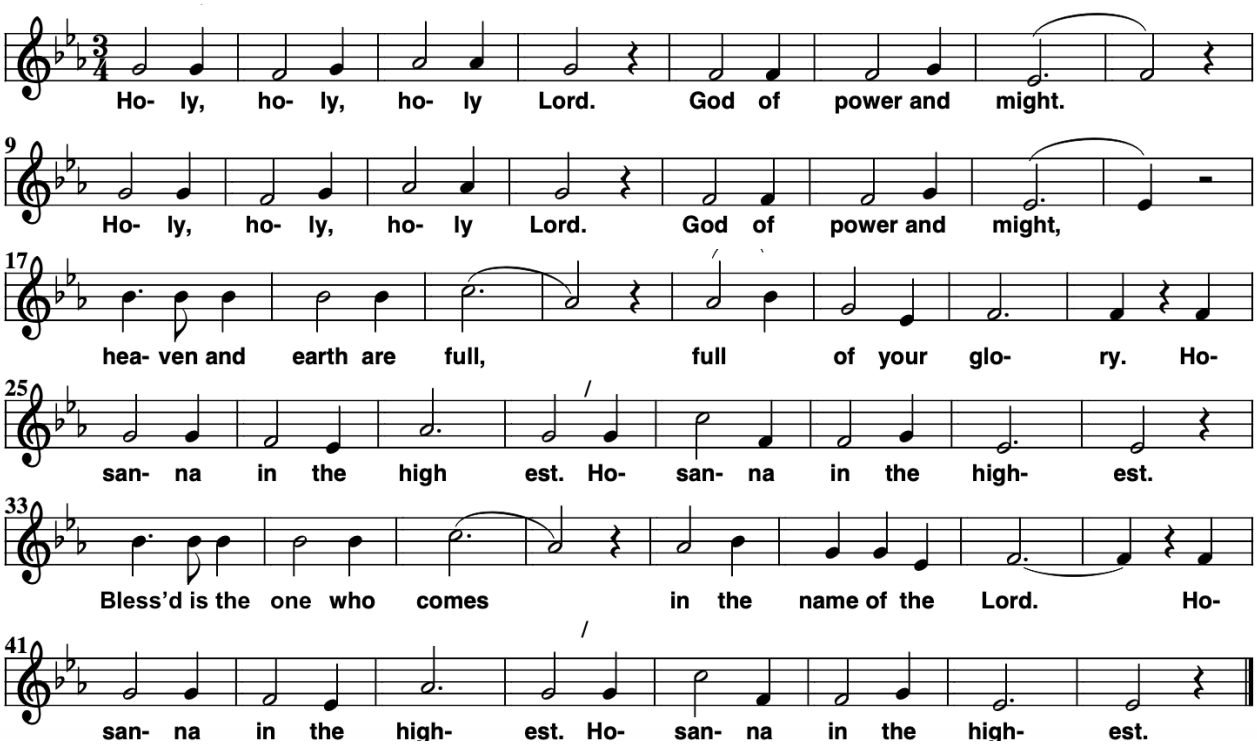
Presider God is with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

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-130 Schubert



Music: From Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010), copyright © 1985 GIA

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 Savior.

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

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.

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.

Communion is administered at the head of the aisle in front of the altar.
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 *O vos omnes,* by Tomás Luis Victoria
Sung by the Cathedral Schola

O vos omnes qui transitis per viam, attendite et videte:
Si est dolor similis sicut dolor meus. Attendite, universi populi, et videte dolorem meum.
Si est dolor similis sicut dolor meus.

O all ye that pass by the way, attend and see:
If there be any sorrow like to my sorrow. Attend, all ye people, and see my sorrow:
If there be any sorrow like to my sorrow.

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

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.**

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 abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Presider blesses the people as a reminder of God's extravagant love.

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 CLOSING HYMN 436 *Please stand in body or spirit.* Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates, *Truro*



Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878). Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II*, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

THE SENDING

Deacon Our worship has ended. Our service in the world begins anew. Go in peace. Go in hope. Go in love.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *"Pièce d'Orgue" Fantasia in G major*, BWV 572, by J.S. Bach

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THE OPENING HYMN 68 *Please stand in body or spirit.* Rejoice! Rejoice, believers, *Llangloffan*



Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt. Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865.

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2. Just the other day I heard someone say
He didn't believe in God's word;
But I can truly say that God had made a way,
And he's never failed me yet.
That's why we've...

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