

Mobile, Alabama
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026
Holy Baptism and The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
Ten o'clock in the morning

We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is Holy Baptism and the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two in The Book of Common Prayer. For ease of use, this booklet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and service music. Congregational responses are printed in bold. Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982. Page numbers refer to the Prayer Book for those wishing to use it. Lesson and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Unless requested, applause isn't necessary; please give quiet thanks to God for the elements of worship that are meaningful for you.



We extend a warm welcome to all visitors. Please complete a visitor card and place it in the alms basin so that we can know you better. A nursery is available. A gentle reminder: please turn off all electronic devices before the service. Sound enhancement receivers for the hearing impaired are available. Please see an usher.

Prelude

At the Name of Jesus

Eugene Butler

Cathedral Choir

(1935-2024)

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, Every tongue confess Him King of Glory now.
Tis the Father's pleasure we should call Him Lord, Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

At His voice creation sprang at once in sight. All the angels faces; All the hosts of light.
Thrones and dominations, stars upon their way, all the heavenly orders in their great array.

In your hearts enthrone Him, there let Him subdue all that is not holy, All that is not true.
Crown Him as your captain in temptation's hour. Let His will enfold you with its light and power.

Welcome

Children's Formation (Ages 4 to Grade 7)

Children process with their leader and return at the time of the Baptism.

The Word of God

Processional Hymn

Lobe den Herren

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymnal 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration.
Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:
borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been granted in what he ordaineth?
Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for ever adore him.

Holy Baptism

BCP 299

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

BCP 233

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading: *Genesis 50:15-21*

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:8-13

Benedic, anima mea

Please read responsively by whole verse.

BCP 733

⁸ The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

⁹ **He will not always accuse us, ***
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

¹⁰ He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

¹¹ **For as the heavens are high above the earth, ***
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

¹² As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.

¹³ **As a father cares for his children, ***
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

Second Reading: *Romans 14:1-12*

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to

pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Down Ampney

Hymnal 516

Come down, O Love divine

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace,
till Love create a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

The Holy Gospel: *Matthew 18:21-35*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Procession to the Font

Point Loma
Hymnal 294

Baptized in water

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King: heirs of salvation,
trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King: one with his rising,
freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King: born of one Father,
we are his children, joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

BCP 301

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents: I present Mary Blackwell Mattei to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

Celebrant: Let us join with this person who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant: Let us now pray for Molly who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing her in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Celebrant: Molly, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Molly, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People: **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Philip W. J. Stopford
(b. 1977)

God Be Merciful unto Us and Bless Us

Cathedral Choir

God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and show us the light of his countenance,
and be merciful unto us; that thy way may be known upon earth,
thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God; yea, let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations rejoice, let the nations rejoice and be glad;
for thou shalt judge, shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God; yea, let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase; and God,
even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

God shall bless us; and all the ends of the world shall fear him. Amen.

At the Presentation

Old 100th vs. 3

Hymnal 380

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

America vs. 4

Hymnal 717

**Our father's God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;
long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; protect us by thy might, great God, our King.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S-125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: **Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

**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.**

Fraction Anthem

Christ our Passover

Hymnal S-155

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Music at Communion

Let Us Break Bread

Hymnal 325

Let us break bread together on our knees

Let us break bread together on our knees;

Let us break bread together on our knees;

Refrain: when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;

Let us drink wine together on our knees; **Refrain**

Let us praise God together on our knees;

Let us praise God together on our knees; **Refrain**

Hymn

Adoro devote

Hymnal 314

Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen

Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen,

who thy glory hidest 'neath these shadows mean;

lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed,

tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the cloud.

Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail;
faith, that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil.

I believe whate'er the Son of God hath told;
what the Truth hath spoken, that for truth I hold.

O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death;
living Bread that givest all thy creatures breath,
grant my spirit ever by thy life may live,
to my taste thy sweetness never-failing give.

Jesus, whom now hidden, I by faith behold,
what my soul doth long for, that thy word foretold:
face to face thy splendor, I at last shall see,
in the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of thee.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Cwm Rhondda

Hymnal 690

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.
Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



Please join us after the service for a time of hospitality in the servery.

Prayer for the Remembrance of September 11

God the compassionate one, whose loving care extends to all the world, we remember this day your children of many nations and many faiths whose lives were cut short by the fierce flames of anger and hatred. Console those who continue to suffer and grieve, and give them comfort and hope as they look to the future. Out of what we have endured, give us the grace to examine our relationships with those who perceive us as the enemy, and show our leaders the way to use our power to serve the good of all for the healing of the nations. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord who, in reconciling love, was lifted up from the earth that he might draw all things to himself. Amen.

The Most Reverend Frank T. Griswold XXV Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church



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Baptism:

Mary Blackwell Mattei, daughter of Blair and Kirk Mattei, granddaughter of Meg and Bo Mattei

Flowers:

The flowers on the font are given in the Glory of God and in loving memory of Anne Bennett Mattei. The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Guy Leslie Rutledge, Jr. John Houston Rutledge.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia

Cathedral Cycle of Prayer:

St. Simon on the Sound, Ft. Walton Beach

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer:

We pray for the Church in Benin, Ivory Coast, Togo, and Joy Tabernacle, Mobile

Prison Ministry Cycle of Prayer:

Coffee County Jail County Complex, New Brockton.

RALLY DAY NOTES



RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 13

Join us as the new year of worship, formation, and service begins. Come see what God has in store for you! We are working within the constraints of our construction, so Rally Day looks a little different this year. Our usual ministries continue with some modifications. Thank you for being flexible as we navigate this stage in our lives together.

Hospitality will be in the servery. After enjoying a snack, we hope you will all venture to the second floor of the Chapter House to sign up for ministries and to visit the Atrium for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

KICKING OFF A NEW PROGRAM YEAR!

RALLY DAY MINISTRY SIGN-UP

Even as we navigate construction, our ministries continue slightly modified. Please join us upstairs (you may take the elevator or the stairs near the Chapel) to learn more about and to sign-up for ministries. There are tables set up with sign-up sheets, and knowledgeable volunteers who can answer your questions will be present. If you are unable to make it to the Ministry Sign-Up, please go to the Ministry Sign-Up page of our website at christchurchcathedralsmobile.org/ministrysign-up to join.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Deacon Pratt Paterson will be at the Community Engagement table to talk with you about Loaves and Fish Feeding Ministry and the Blessing Box. There are a variety of ways to aid the feeding ministries. You can shop for food, help prepare it, stock the shelves, and deliver lunches. Deacon Pratt will have all of the information.

GUILDS

In The Episcopal Church, a guild is a group of lay volunteers who contribute their time and talents to a specific ministry or area of church life, often involving behind-the-scenes service to support worship and fellowship. Guilds provide a way for parishioners to express their faith, build relationships, and deepen their involvement in the church community. Sign-ups are open for the Altar Guild, Flower Guild and for the Garden Guild.

MINISTRIES

Our ministries give us ways to care for one another. We send cards to commemorate birthdays and to let the sick know they are in our prayers. We lovingly prepare food for Sunday morning, and we welcome those who come to visit, or to stay. You may sign-up to join the Card Ministry, a Hospitality Team, or to become an Usher.

ACOLYTES

We have a robust acolyte corps, however during our time out of the church, we are only using crucifers. Once we return to the church we will schedule an acolyte training where everyone can learn to serve as torchbearers and lighters of candles.

CATHEDRAL NOTES



SERVICE OF THE SIMPLE PRESENCE

Resumes on Wednesday, September 16 at 5:15 p.m. in the Chapter House

This year, when appropriate, the lessons for this service will commemorate Saints of the Episcopal Church. We begin with Ninian, Bishop and Missionary to Scotland, 430.



DEAN'S MIDWEEK MEDITATION

Begins Wednesday, September 16 at Noon Via Zoom

Everyone is welcome to join this 30-minute midday pause, in the middle of the working week, to reflect on the Gospel and to pray together. Each week you will receive an email containing the text of the upcoming Sunday's Gospel, along with a Zoom link to our gathering. In our time together, we will read the text together, sit briefly in silent reflection, and hear a short meditation. After a time of prayer, listening for how the Gospel is speaking to us in this moment, we will close with brief sharing of our reflections. No preparation needed, and visitors are always welcome.



MORNING CIRCLE

Begins Monday, September 14 at 10:30 a.m.

The ladies of the Morning Circle have been recruiting this summer. They are ready to begin a new year with new friends to read the Letters of Paul. They will begin with 2 Corinthians 5, 6, 7. The group meets at the home of Nancy Bryan and is led by Mary Cook.



VESTRY NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Meets on Tuesdays, September 22, 29, and October 13

Please speak with the members of the nominating committee and give them names of those you would like to have considered for vestry. You may submit names by phone or email. It is not necessary for you to tell those you are suggesting for vestry that you are doing so. The Nominating Committee is charged with presenting a slate for vestry elections in December, as well as a slate of delegates to our diocesan convention in February of 2027. Annual Parish Meeting with Vestry and Convention Delegate Elections is on Sunday, December 6. The Vestry Nominating Committee is made up of the six retiring Vestry members; Cartledge W. Blackwell III, Bruce E. Rockstad, Charlotte B. Taylor, Jane Bartlett P. Nenstiel, Elissa E. Watkins; and six who are appointed by the Dean.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We have printed a Fall 2026 version of the pictorial directory. Please take a copy today. If there are errors or corrections, please contact the Cathedral office. We ask that anyone who has not submitted photos to do so by uploading them directly to our database, OnRealm, or by sending them via email to Carolyn Jeffers. We would like a family photo. As always our database is available for you to register to use. It will always have the most up-to-date information. Next week we will send an invitation to everyone who has not yet joined Realm.



LAY MINISTER CALENDARS

The September, October, November Lay Minister Calendar are linked to the weekly emails. If you serve in a ministry, please check the calendars for dates when you serve. If you have a conflict, please contact Melissa Hicks in the cathedral office.

SAVE THE DATE

LOAVES AND FISH MEAL PREP

Every Sunday morning between 8:45 and 9:15 a.m.

SIMPLE PRESENCE RESUMES

Wednesdays at 5:15 in the Chapter House beginning September 16

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETS

Tuesdays September 22, 29, October 13 at 5:15 p.m.

BAYLIGHTS AT BECKWITH CATHEDRAL COOKOUT

Friday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Courtyard

COMMUNION CONVERSATION

Sundays October 11, 25 following worship in the Chapel

STEWARDSHIP 2027: GOD'S PLENTY

October 18 through November 22

MATERIALS FOR ADVENT

Sunday, November 22 following worship

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 6 at 10:00 a.m.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WITH VESTRY ELECTIONS

Sunday, December 6 following worship

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 13 at 9:30 a.m.



CATHEDRAL ORGAN FUND

Currently we cannot see or hear our organ because the console and organ chambers have been carefully covered during construction, but it will be tuned and cared for when the scaffolding comes down. As early fall is our traditional time to request donation to the Cathedral Organ Fund, we are again soliciting donations for the care and improvement of our organ. Please consider making a donation to our Cathedral Organ Fund by completing a card found on the ministry table and returning it with a donation, or by visiting our website to give electronically. We are deeply grateful for your support.



GIVING QR CODE

Please use the QR code to make a one-time donation, pay to your existing pledge, and donate for specific ministries. Once on the giving page, use the arrow on the right to scroll down to the fund to which you wish to donate. Thank you for your gifts to the mission of Christ Church Cathedral.



BIRTHDAYS

September 13

Matt Ritchie

September 14

Will Israel

Laura Rutherford

David Reeves

September 15

Livy Ferguson

Cornelia Gaillard

Elizabeth Arnold

September 17

Sara Phillips

September 18

Mary Lindsley Golden

Susan Leach

Hugh McClelland

September 20

Yvonne Holladay

September 21

George Inge

September 22

Jane Bartlett Nenstiel

Susannah Wood

September 23

Stephen Griffith

John Ross

September 26

Anna Israel

Charlie Carlisle

September 27

Thomas Simmons

September 28

Scout Warren

Susie Pappas

Sissie Brutkiewicz

September 29

Ginny Behlen

Blake Ferguson

Steve Hall



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Please complete the Christian Formation Registration form to give us the most up to date information on your child(ren) for 2026-2027. This is the way to sign-up for Confirmation, Communion Prep, and all of our children's and youth activities.

Rally Day is the beginning of our formation year. We will communicate with our parents for all age groups—Nursery through EYC—via texts and emails. And, all formation events will be posted on the formation page of our website. Please be sure you are signed up for our weekly Cathedral emails as well.

NURSERY

Our nursery is open from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m. each Sunday morning. Shameca Williams, and Hayley Autry welcome infants through children age 3. Please ask an usher for directions to the nursery.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Children's Chapel has become the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. The Atrium is open every Sunday morning. Have your child age three through grade 3 join the procession. They will be taken to The Atrium and will return with their teachers at the time of the peace.

CATECHESIS

Catechesis for children in grades 4 through 7 will begin today. They will gather and process with the younger children until they know their way to class. This group will also follow the curriculum for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. They will return today at the time of the Baptism. The Fun Club, under the direction of Leigh Rendfrey and Margaret Andres, is planning fun-filled fall events.

EYC/AFFIRM

There is a fall calendar of events being planned for our youth in grades 8 through 12. They will meet for fellowship and worship on Sunday afternoons. Information of their initial meeting will be communicated with parents and will be on the Formation page of our website.

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sundays, October 11 and 25 following worship in the Chapel

This class is for children who will take communion for the first time. The two sessions are identical, one led by Dean Beverly and one by Father Thomas. Children and parents will attend together.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

We confirm youth grades 7 and above on Sunday afternoons in Lent and Easter Season beginning February 14, 2027. Carolyn Jeffers and Caroline Etherton serve as Catechists. Use the formation registration form to let us know your child is interested in joining the group.

LAY MINISTER CALENDAR

	September 20 17th Sunday after Pentecost	September 27 18th Sunday after Pentecost	October 4 19th Sunday after Pentecost
First Reader Psalmist and Intercessor 2nd Reader Chalice Bearers	Carl Cunningham, Jr. Douglas Kearley John Ferguson Skip Archer Robby McClure	Richard Gaal Holly Hall Lissa Watkins Bill Skinner Jill Chow	Leigh Taylor Cheryl Winters-Heard Ginny Behlen Ron Snider
Crucifers Acolytes	George Seawell Louise Slaton No Acolytes until November 29	Monica Beasley Wright Bolt No Acolytes until November 29	May Gamble Mary Lindsley Golden No Acolytes until November 29
Flower Guild	Barbara Mitchell	Janet Rich Pittman	
Open/Close	Mark Weeks	Bruce Rockstad	Henry Seawell
Vestry Greeter	Charlotte Taylor	Bill Skinner	Rick Mitchell
Ushers	Mark Weeks Chris Hume Bill Skinner	Lewis Golden Weathers Bolt Henry Seawell John Ruzic	Cart Blackwell John Ferguson Fred Rendfrey
Hospitality Team	Laura Rutherford Tray Hamil Linda Ross Brenda Stanton Charlotte Taylor Lissa Watkins Hayley Van Antwerp	Janet Rich Pittman Monica Beasley Lucy Brady Sadie Davis Erica McElhaney Debbie Ramsey Lara Sherer Meg McGovern	Caroline Etherton Adrienne Golden Lisa Drew Shannon Harris Meg Mattei Leigh Rendfrey Sydney Betbeze Mindy Englemeier Cheryl Winters-Heard

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MINISTERS FOR TODAY

Celebrant and Preacher	The Very Reverend Beverly F. Gibson
Assisting.....	The Reverend Thomas K. Heard
Deacon	The Reverend Pratt Paterson
Chalice Bearers.....	Bob Israel, Mark Weeks
Psalmist.....	Bob Israel
Lay Readers	Tony Brown, Cheryl Winters-Heard
Organist	Josh Coble
Lead Catechist.....	Sabrina Evans
Crucifers.....	Talmadge Hines, Wright Bolt
Flower Guild.....	Homer McClure, Lucy Pryor Slaton, Abby Slaton
Open/Close	Tony Brown
Vestry Greeter	Cart Blackwell
Ushers.....	Leigh Taylor, Richard Jeffers
Altar Guild.....	Barbara Archer, Skip Archer, Linda Grill, Ginny Behlen, Leslie Ladd, Rosemarie McClure, Lucy Harrison, Bill Haffner
Hospitality.....	Barbara Mitchell, Jill Chow, Allison Gamble, Cammie Israel, Betsy McCafferty, Kristyn Seawell, Margaret Andres



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Andy R. Palileo, *Audio-Visual Specialist*
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