

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Sunday, June 13th, 2021

Service items listed in red can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer. Hymns, listed in blue, can be found in the blue Hymnal.

Prelude: Prelude in G, Op. 37 No. 2
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809–1847)

The Word of God

The Opening Sentence (Stand at the bell)
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People AND BLESSED BE HIS KINGDOM,
NOW AND FOR EVER. AMEN.

Hymn 522: *Glorious things of thee are spoken*

The Collect for Purity

The Collect of the Day

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The First Reading *Ezekiel 17: 22-24*

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People THANKS BE TO GOD.

Sequence Hymn 424: *For the fruit of all creation*

The Gospel *Mark 4: 30-34*

People GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST.

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it?

It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST.

The Sermon *The Very Reverend John C. Ross*

The Nicene Creed *page 358*
The Prayers of the People - Form VI *page 392*

The Peace

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem *Richard Shephard (1949–2021)*
The secret of Christ

For a long time I have held my peace, but now will I speak. I will lead the blind in a way they know not, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn their darkness into light, and I will not forsake them.

And he showed me a pure river of the water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God; and on either side of the river was there a tree of life, and the leaves of the trees were for the healing of nations.

Help us, Lord, to persevere in prayer with minds awake and thankful hearts, that we may share the secret of Christ with those we meet on our earthly pilgrimage, following in the steps of Jesus, our Master and our Friend. Amen.

Isaiah 42; Revelation 22; The Pilgrim's Prayer

The Doxology (Tune: Old 100th)
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow

The Great Thanksgiving *from Enriching Our Worship*

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.

Celebrant and People sing together:
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

The Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (S 125-Proulx)

Blessed are you Lord God. You formed us to dwell in your infinite love as you gave the world into our care so that we might be good stewards of Your bountiful grace.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave it to his disciples saying this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup of wine, gave it to them and said Drink this all of you. This is my Blood which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We offer you this bread and wine. Sanctify them to be for your people the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. To you be honor, glory and praise for ever and ever.

Amen (S 146 Robinson)

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People THEREFORE LET US KEEP THE FEAST.
ALLELUIA.

The Communion of the People

The Communion Anthem Elizabeth Poston (1905–1987)
Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green;
The trees of nature fruitless be,
Compared with Christ the Apple Tree.

His beauty doth all things excel,
By faith I know but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see,
In Jesus Christ the Apple Tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought;
I missed of all but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the Apple Tree.

I'm weary with my former toil -
Here I will sit and rest awhile,
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ the Apple Tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the Apple Tree.

Hymn 302: Father, we thank thee who hast planted

The Post Communion Prayer **The Blessing**

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Hymn 616: **Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!**

Postlude Fugue in G, Op. 37 No. 2 Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809–1847)

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Altar Flowers

Flowers in the Church are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lt. Col. James Grayson McCain,
Mr. & Mrs. W. Gilbert Adkisson, and
Mr. & Mrs. John Cordell McCain by Barbara McCain.

Flowers in the Chapel are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the clergy, staff, and Cathedral Choir of St. John's by Rick Boyd.

Lay Ministries

Ushers	Dave Gohn, Sid Hankins, Mark Williams
Lay Reader / Lector	Mercy Hankins
Crucifer	Becca Burress
Acolytes	Bill Hackett, Caelan McElrath, Jim Hackett, Graeme McElrath
Thurifer	Samer Shatara
Verger	John Werner
Audio / Video	Paul Ruff & Team
Altar Guild	Anne Wilson & Team
Flower Guild	Kathy Lasater & Team

Announcements

Sundays at the 'Shore

9:00 AM - *Lakeshore Park Pavillion*

All are welcome, including your dogs, to join our outdoor summer worship experience at Lakeshore Park. Bring your chair, dress casually, and bring a friend as we gather together.

Martin Luther King Jr. & Juneteenth Celebration

Saturday, June 19th - 1:00 PM - World's Fair Park

Details available at www.mlkknnoxville.com

Mardi Growl

Saturday, June 26th 10 AM - 3 PM - World's Fair Park

We are excited to return to Mardi Growl! The clergy will be offering pet blessings and we will be sharing about Sundays at the 'Shore. It's a fun, family-friendly, way to reach out and support our community. Would you like to help at our booth? Email if interested: whitneyross@stjohnscathedral.org

Independence Day Celebration

Sunday, July 4th - Lakeshore Park

Once again will host our Independence Day Celebration at Lakeshore Park. This year the 4th just happens to fall on a Sunday. Join us for a festive gathering featuring members of the Knoxville Symphony, the Cathedral Choir, and Americana music. We will all gather at Lakeshore Park for this special service. **There will be no downtown services at the Cathedral on Sunday, July 4th.** More details coming soon!

Choir Returning to England and You're Invited!

July 13th-27th 2022

The Choir has been invited to sing a week-long residency in Ely Cathedral in the summer of 2022. Located 20 minutes from Cambridge, Ely is one of England's most beautiful cathedrals. The choir will first spend a few days in Paris, where they will sing at the American Cathedral on Sunday morning. As with the Bristol trip, non-singing pilgrims are enthusiastically invited to come along! Interest forms with cost details are available at the Welcome Desk and online. www.stjohnscathedral.org

Education for Ministry News

Bill and Marita Pratt, the co-mentors for Education for Ministry (EfM) group sponsored by St. John's, will be in the courtyard after the service with a table of texts and information about this incredible program. If you have interest, please come by and talk with them and consider joining the next EfM class in the fall.