

# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

## ORDER OF WORSHIP



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:  
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD  
A CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

JANUARY 11, 2026  
8:45 a.m.

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## HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

VOLUNTARY

Kristina Arakelyan

*Alleluia, vidimus stellam*  
Alleluia, we have seen the star

(b. 1994)

### The Word of God

References to the BCP are to the red Book of Common Prayer in your pew rack.  
Families may find materials for children behind the right lectern and near the font to the left of the pulpit.

HYMN

The sinless one to Jordan came

*Solemnis haec festivitas*  
#120 *The Hymnal 1982*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*    Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People*        **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant*    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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S 280

Robert Powell

*S page numbers are found in the front of the Hymnal.*

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### THE FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 29

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
    ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
    worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
    the God of glory thunders; \*  
    the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
    the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
    the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
    and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
    the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
    the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
    and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD \*  
    all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
    the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
    the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## THE SECOND LESSON – Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Standing as you are able*

*Ratisbon*

Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,

Sun of Right - eous - ness, a - rise! Tri - umph o'er the shades of night:

Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.

## THE GOSPEL LESSON – Matthew 3:13-17

*Gospeller*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

*Gospeller*      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON – The Very Reverend Serena Sides  
*A moment of silence and reflection follows the sermon.*

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS (*BCP*, p. 292)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury designate; for Sean our Presiding Bishop; for John, our Bishop of Tennessee; for those selecting the candidates for our bishop election; and for the Cathedral clergy and people.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless our Walking Together Partnership with St. Anselm's Episcopal Church, Nashville; our outreach partners at the Amistad Mission, Bolivia, and St. Luc (Luke), Thomassique, Haiti; and all our grant recipients who seek to do your will.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land; and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially John Colton; Roger Proctor, husband of Marjorie Proctor; and Glen Warren, grandfather of Amanda Williamson and great-grandfather of Thatcher and Lucia, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

## *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## 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



*You may leave your offering in the plates as they are passed or scan the QR code with your phone to give online.*

## HYMN

"I come," the great Redeemer cries

*This Endris Nyght*

#116 *The Hymnal 1982*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer A*)

*Please turn to page 361 in your Book of Common Prayer to follow along. Page numbers are found in the front of the Hymnal.*

### The Proper Preface (*BCP*, pp. 337-338)

Sanctus S 129

Robert Powell

### The Lord's Prayer (*BCP*, p. 364)

### The Breaking of the Bread (*BCP*, p. 364)

## Fraction Anthem S 154

## *New Plainsong*

David Hurd

## THE INVITATION

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.

*Please be seated.*

## THE SACRAMENT IS DISTRIBUTED

*All baptized Christians (including children) are invited to take the Bread and the Wine. Please fill the communion railing from the center to the outside. You may kneel or stand.*

*If you wish to receive the Sacrament by intinction please leave the Bread in your hand. The chalice bearer will dip the Bread in the Wine and return it to your hand. You may also receive a blessing from one of the priests instead of the Bread and Wine. Let us know if you need a low-gluten wafer when you are at the communion railing.*

*If you wish to receive Healing Prayer, please proceed to the Chapel after receiving Communion.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Please join in the singing of the Communion hymns.*

Hymn *Salem Harbor*

From God Christ's deity came forth #443 *The Hymnal 1982*

Hymn *Caithness*

Christ, when for us you were baptized #121 *The Hymnal 1982*

## SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (*as scheduled, please stand*)

*We share the consecrated bread and wine from our worship today with those who are unable to attend in person.*

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation I 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, because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

## THE BLESSING

### HYMN

*Dix*

As with gladness men of old #119 *The Hymnal 1982*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

*Grand Choeur*

Théodore Salomé  
(1834-1896)

### FLOWERS

**The flowers in the Chancel** are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of the Reverend Stuart John Phillips by his family.

### PRAYERS

**We give thanks for** Georgia Diane Thomas, daughter of Jessi and Ben Thomas who will be baptized this morning at the 11:15 a.m. liturgy.

**We pray for our parishioners**, especially Billy, John, Jojo, Jim, Phyllis, Kevin, Jan, Susan, Paul, Theresa, Scott, Peggy, Melanie, Rachel, Dee, Stacey, Geoff, Marjorie, Mimi, Roger, Jerry, Betsy, Bobby, and Shona.

**We also pray for the families and friends of parishioners** especially Rob, Brett, Colin, Darci, Bernie, Patty, Rusty, Sarah, John David, Amanda, Dede, Glynn, Olinka, Michael, Liam, Mitzi, Xandre, Allison, Kenneth, Sandi, Kimera, Buena, Polk, Kathryn, Amy, and Nichole.

**We pray for those who have died** especially John Colton; Roger Proctor husband of Marjorie Proctor; Glen Warren, grandfather of Amanda Williamson and great-grandfather of Thatcher and Lucia; and Catherine Terry Wright mother of Kelly Wright, mother-in-law of Judy Wright and grandmother of Jesse, Tyler, and Andrew Wright.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**January 11, 2026**

7:30 AM | Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
8:45 AM | Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11:15 AM | Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
6:00 PM | BreakingBread@6 Taizé Service

Nursery and Toddler Atrium is available from 8:15 AM – 12:45 PM.  
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Formation for all ages takes place during the 10:00-11:00 AM hour.

Join us for coffee and fellowship in the Entry Hall after both the 8:45 and 11:15 AM services!

*If you need a low-gluten communion wafer, please let us know at the communion railing.  
We offer healing prayer in the Chapel during communion at our 8:45 and 11:15 AM services.*

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### Upcoming Events

**ADULT FORMATION: ESSENTIAL THEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS** Today, Dean and Rector Serena Sides will be teaching Essential Theological Questions, a six-session adult formation class examining questions about the nature of God, atonement, the Trinity, and other topics. This week we will be covering the relationship between God and humanity through questions about evil and suffering. This class will be held in Lancaster Hall during the 10:00-11:00 AM hour. We hope you'll join us!

**ADULT FORMATION: JOURNEY IN FAITH** Today, Rev. Canon Madeleine Rebouché will be teaching this year's Journey in Faith (JIF) adult inquirers class during Sunday formation hour in the Wheeler Room. JIF is a ten-week exploration of the Episcopal tradition and our Anglican heritage for the curious and those interested in adult baptism, confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation. This week our class is on Christianity 101: Creator and Creation. Email Rev. Madeleine at [mrebouche@christcathedral.org](mailto:mrebouche@christcathedral.org) for more information!

**2026 VESTRY NOMINATIONS** The Vestry has announced a wonderful list of candidates for our January Vestry election. Please see the insert in this week's bulletin to learn more about each candidate. We will select five of the ten candidates to serve on the vestry, and **the election will take place electronically from January 18 to January 25**. If you are a confirmed member of the Cathedral or are otherwise eligible to vote, you will be emailed a link closer to the date. Contact Catherine Clark at [cclark@christcathedral.org](mailto:cclark@christcathedral.org) if you have questions about your eligibility.

**SOUTHERN BAPTIST GARAGE PARKING NOTICE** As a reminder, when parking in the SBC garage, **you must exit through the same way you enter on 9th Avenue**. Exiting at any of the other exits prevents the gates from properly closing behind you. Please do **not** move the orange cones in order to exit from a different gate. Additionally, cars must be removed by 1:30 PM on Sundays before the gates lock again until Monday morning. Once our attendant leaves at 1:30 PM, you will be unable to access your car. For questions about parking, please email Leslie McGilberry at [lmcgilberry@christcathedral.org](mailto:lmcgilberry@christcathedral.org).

**YOUTH DISCOVERY WEEKEND REGISTRATION DEADLINE** Youth Discovery Weekend returns on Friday, January 16-Sunday, January 18! Come join us at the Cathedral over MLK weekend for a spiritual formation retreat (imagine all the goodness of summer camp crammed into a weekend!), open to all youth and friends in grades 6-12. The weekend will be filled with worship, service, small group discussion, and tons of fun. All youth are welcome no matter their level of prior involvement. Registration fee for the weekend is \$130, and scholarships are available if cost is a barrier. **Deadline for registration is THIS Wednesday, January 14.** Contact Director of Youth Ministries Emily Berry at [eberry@christcathedral.org](mailto:eberry@christcathedral.org) for more information!

**ANNUAL MEETING AND VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION LUNCH** All are welcome on Sunday, January 25 for our Annual Parish Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Lunch! After one service at 8:45 AM, we will start the meeting at 10:00 AM, where we will hear about the Cathedral's work in 2025 and receive updates from our Dean and Rector, Senior Warden, and Treasurer. A catered lunch in honor and recognition of all of our volunteers will follow the meeting. The meeting and lunch are open to all, so please join us!

**WOMEN'S RETREAT** Registration for the 2026 Women's Retreat is happening now—and Friday night is sold out, but **there are still a limited number of spots for Saturday night** (and plenty of room for those who wish to attend as a day trip only). To get more details and register, visit the Events page at [www.christcathedral.org](http://www.christcathedral.org).

**NAME TAGS FOR THE NEW YEAR** Make your new year's resolution to wear a name tag on Sundays. All parishioners and regular attendees are invited to sign up—you can pick up your name tags when you enter the building on Sundays and drop them off in the baskets provided as you leave, and we will store them for you on our name tag boards. To request your name tag, please complete the form by scanning the QR code here. We look forward to getting to know you better!



### SAVE THE DATE

**Theology on Tap**—Wednesday, January 14, 7:00 PM

**EFM Community Gathering**—Saturday, January 31, 9:30 AM

**Happy Dog Duo Cathedral Arts Concert**—Sunday, February 1, 3:30 PM

**Cathedral Arts Icon Retreat** — Monday, February 23 - Friday, February 27

### Parking Information

On Sundays, please reserve the spots in the lot adjacent to the Cathedral for those with limited mobility. The Southern Baptist garage is free on Sunday mornings until 1:30 PM (no green parking tag required), and the Tempo Hotel garage is free all day on Sundays and for any church events (green parking tag required). For more parking information, please email [info@christcathedral.org](mailto:info@christcathedral.org).

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CELEBRANT

The Reverend Canon Anna Russell Friedman,  
*Canon and Associate Rector for Family Ministries*

PREACHER

The Very Reverend Serena Sides, *Dean and Rector*

DEACON

The Reverend Mary McCarthy, *Deacon*

ASSISTING

The Reverend Canon Madeleine Rebouché,  
*Canon and Associate Rector for Outreach and Formation*

The Reverend Richard K. Wineland,  
*Associate Rector for Evangelism and Parish Life*

MUSICIANS

Canon Dr. Michael Velting, *Organist and Choirmaster*  
Dr. Peter Rogahn, *Associate Organist and Choirmaster*  
The Cathedral Choristers

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George Paine, Cammie Claybrook, Jere Lane, Sheri Sellmeyer

SACRISTAN

Charlie Cook

ACOLYTES

Bea Robbins, Max Robbins, Edgar Robbins

LECTORS

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Betsy Stubblefield

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Shelley Cammack

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Roger Rhoads

CATHEDRAL VESTRY

**2026**

Billy Ballard  
Christina Isbell  
Donald McKenzie  
David Morton  
Sarah Tally (*Senior Warden*)

**2027**

Susan Barge  
Sam Bessey (*Junior Warden*)  
Ellie Teal Gardner  
Anna Grimes  
David Paine

**2028**

Maura Black Sullivan  
Lawrence Blank-Cook  
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