

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

The Word of God

8:00 am

The Opening Sentence (*Stand at the bell*)

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: His mercy endureth for ever.

Hymn 439: What wondrous love is this (v. 1 & 2)

The Collect for Purity

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The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Reading

Exodus 3: 1-15

The Psalm (*see insert*)

Psalm 63: 1-8

The Gospel

John 3: 1-6

The Sermon

The Very Reverend Christopher J. Hackett

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The Peace

The Offertory Sentence & Offertory

The Doxology

(Tune: Old 100th)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow

The Great Thanksgiving page 333

The Proper Preface

Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast;

The Holy, Holy, Holy and Blessed is He page 334

The Lord's Prayer page 336

The Communion of the People

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Hymn 344: Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing (v. 1 & 2)

Postlude: *Allegro moderato on a theme of Orlando Gibbons*

Charles Villers Stanford (1852-1924)

10:30 am

The Opening Sentence (*Stand at the bell*)

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

Hymn 152: Kind Maker of the world, O hear

Baptismal Sentences

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

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever *Amen.*

The Reading

Exodus 3: 1-15

The Psalm (*see insert*)

Psalm 63: 1-8

Sequence Hymn 635: If thou but trust in God to guide thee

The Gospel

John 3: 1-6

The Sermon

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The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (*see Insert*)

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The Peace

Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks

The Doxology

(Tune: Old 100th)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow

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Eucharistic Prayer A

Proper Preface

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast;

The Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

(S 124 Hurd)

10:30 am Holy Communion continued

The Communion Anthem

Ben Hutto (1947–2015)

Just as I am

Communion Hymns:

393: *Praise our great and gracious Lord*

309: *O Food to pilgrims given*

The Post Communion Prayer

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Hymn 344: *Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing*

Postlude: *Allegro moderato on a theme of Orlando Gibbons*

Charles Villers Stanford (1852-1924)

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Flowers & Anthems

The flowers in the Church are given to the glory of God and with great love for our children and grandchildren
Brian, Alex, Renee, Dave, Stuart, Meg, Patrick, Jamie,
Preston, Cooper, Colmore, McAfee, Charles Henry, Beau,
Jack and Ada by Kerry and Missy Sprouse.

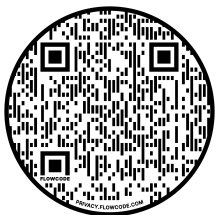
The flowers in the Chapel are given to the glory of God and
in honor of the first birthday of Eloise Steven Carter by
Diane ad Daniel Carter.

Lay Ministries

8:00 Usher	John Melnick
8:00 Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer	Diana Samples
8:00 Acolyte	Steve Bailey
Ushers	David Jones, Mercy & Sid Hankins, Bailey Sharp & Tommy Siler
Greeter	Anne Wilson
Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer	Clark Seiler
Lector / Chalice Bearer	Carl Reitz
Crucifer	Stacy Taylor
Thurifer	Samer Shatara
Verger	Lloyd Terry
Acolytes	Elizabeth Overall, Luca & Zoey Laverdure
Safety	Larry Hutsell
Altar Guild	Suzanne Rogers & Team
Flower Guild	Karen Gilbertson & Team

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Announcements

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Today at the Cathedral

9:15 am Nursery Opens - ages newborn to 4 yrs. old - 2nd Floor

9:30 am Lenten Pop- Up: Cocktails & Conversation

- Haslam Room

9:30 am Coffee, Cards, & Conversation - MS & HS Youth - Rm 7

9:30 am Lectionary Bible Study - Rm 9, Bottom Floor

10:30 am S.K.i.P. Children's Church - 4 yrs. old & up - 2nd Floor

11:30 am Cookies, & Coffee - Ross Great Hall

Lenten Pop-Up Experience:

Today at 9:30 am - Cocktails & Conversation

Each Sunday during the Lenten season we will offer a Pop-Up opportunity to experience one of our weekday spiritual practice offerings on Sunday morning. This Sunday at 9:30 am, The Very Rev. Chris Hackett will host and lead Cocktails & Conversation. This is a great time to experience this gathering and learn more.

Downtown Lenten Services with Lunch

Wednesdays during Lent at 12 Noon

Celebrate Lent with the downtown Knoxville faith community! The annual Lenten Lunches offer a time for reflection, worship, and fellowship. Join for a 12 Noon service and stay for lunch as we journey through this sacred season together.

Wed. March 26th

First Baptist Church

Wed. April 2nd

St. John's Episcopal Cathedral

Wed. April 9th

Church of the Immaculate Conception

Big Ears Festival

Thursday, March 26th - Sunday, March 30th

The Big Ears Festival returns to Downtown Knoxville this week. Artists and visitors from around the world will join this showcase of music and talent. St. John's will once again be a venue for multiple events throughout the weekend and our own St. John's Cathedral Choir are a part of the varied offerings.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday Services

Sunday, April 13th 8:00 & 10:30 am

Labyrinth Walk or Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, April 16th 6:00 pm

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 17th 6:00 pm

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 18th 12 Noon

Easter Sunday Services

Sunday, April 20th 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am

The Reading

Exodus 3: 1-15

A reading from Genesis

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm 63: 1-8

8:00: The Psalm is read in unison by ALL (disregard the Refrain)

10:30: The refrain is sung by all before the Psalm and repeated as indicated. The choir chants the verses.



from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory. **REFRAIN**
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name. **REFRAIN**
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches. **REFRAIN**
- 7 For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast. **REFRAIN**

The Gospel

John 3: 1-6

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke:

8:00 am People: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD.

10:30 am People: GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

Offertory Anthem: *Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks*
(Herbert Howells)

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks :
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God :
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night :
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?
Psalm 42:1-3

Communion Anthem: *Just as I am* (Ben Hutto)

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of thy great love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above:
O Lamb of God, I come.

Holy Baptism

St. John's Episcopal Cathedral
Sunday, March 23, 2025



O God of gentle strength

1. O God of gen - tle strength, your
2. Your wa - ters of re - birth have
3. And when life's chal - len - ges e -
4. Where will the jour - ney lead? The

love em - bra - ces me. With - in the sure - ness
claimed us as your own. As mem - bers of one
clipse our minds with doubt, let ho - ly wis - dom
path may be ob - scure. But prom - ised hope of

of your care my heart rests will - ing - ly.
bod - y, we shall nev - er be a - lone.
spark a flame to drive the dark - ness out.
things un - seen will keep our foot - ing sure.

Presentation of the Candidates

- Celebrant:* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Parents & Godparents: I present John Howard Rothermel to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
Celebrant to Parents & Godparents: Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Parents & Godparents: I will, with God's help.
Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help John Howard Rothermel grow into the full stature of Christ?
Parents & Godparents: I will, with God's help.
Celebrant asks candidate or parents and godparents who speak on behalf of infants and younger children.
Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer: I renounce them.
Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer: I renounce them.
Celebrant to congregation: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support John in his life in Christ?
People: We will.
Celebrant: Let us join with John who is being committed to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Baptismal Covenant

- Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father? *People:* I do.
Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? *People:* I do.
Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? *People:* I do.

<i>Celebrant:</i>	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?	<i>People:</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant:</i>	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?	<i>People:</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant:</i>	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?	<i>People:</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant:</i>	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?	<i>People:</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant:</i>	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?	<i>People:</i>	I will, with God's help.

Prayers for Candidates

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

Leader: Open his heart to your grace and truth. *People* Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit. *People* Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church. *People* Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit. *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 live and reigns now and for ever more. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving over Water

Celebrant blesses water: 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. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John.

Celebrant touching water: Now sanctify this water, we pray, 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. *Amen.*

Baptism

Candidates presented by name to Celebrant, priest, or deacon, who immerses, or pours water upon candidate saying

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

Bishop or Priest prays over candidate.

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 him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him 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*

Bishop or Priest places hand on candidates's head, marking forehead with sign of the cross using Chrism.

Celebrant John, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All 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.

As newly baptized are presented to congregation, all sing 4th verse of baptism hymn.

