

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

10:30 am Holy Eucharist

ST. JOHN
THE DIVINE

The Holy Eucharist

The Very Reverend Winnie Varghese, *Celebrant*

The Reverend Dr. Serene Jones, *Preacher*

The Cathedral Choir

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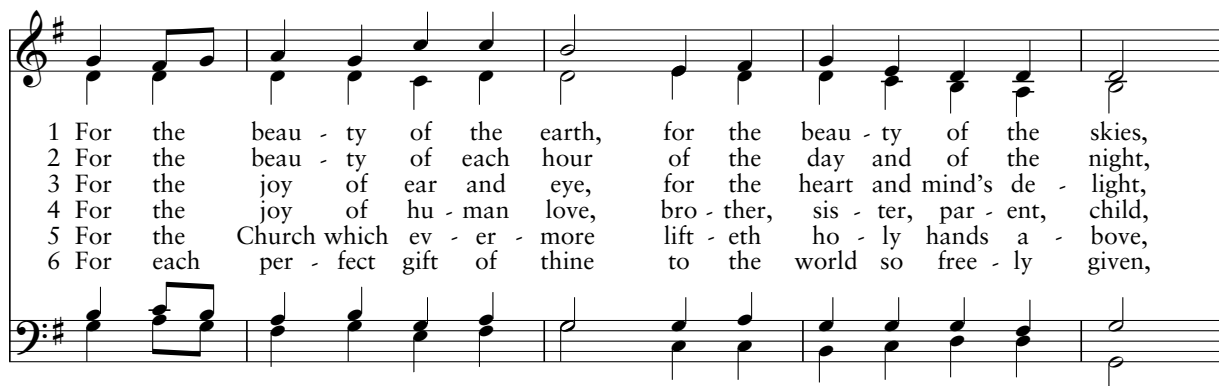
Opening Voluntary

Carillon

Herbert Murrill (1909–1952)

Hymn

Sung by All, standing as able.

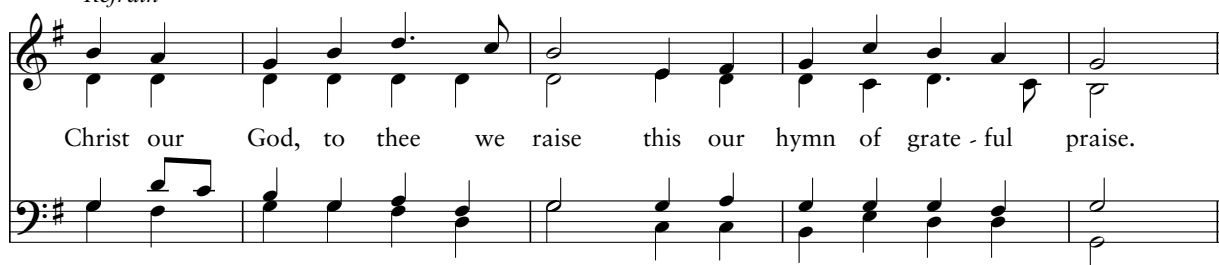


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, bro - ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For the Church which ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,
6 For each per - fect gift of thine to the world so free - ly given,



for the love which from our birth ov - er and a - round us lies,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
off - 'ring up on ev - ery shore thy pure sac - ri - fice of love,
faith and hope and love di - vine, peace on earth and joy in heaven.

Refrain



Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Words: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (1835–1917), alt.

Music: Dix, Conrad Kocher (1838)

Welcome

The Acclamation

Celebrant ✝ Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Gloria

Sung by the Choir and Congregation.

Festival Eucharist

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

The Refrain is sung by the Choir, then repeated by All.

Verses sung by the Choir.

Refrain

and peace to his people on earth.
 Lord God, heav'nly King,
 almighty God and Father
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory. **Refrain**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer. **Refrain**

For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen. **Refrain**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

GOD, you have prepared for those who love you
 such good things as surpass our understanding:
 Pour into our hearts such love towards you,
 that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may
 obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
 you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The People are seated.

A Reading From the Acts of the Apostles

THEN Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

“Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.” (17:22–31)

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:7–18

Jubilate Deo

Bless our God, you peoples;
 let the sound of praise be heard;
 God holds our souls in life,
 and will not allow our feet to slip.
 For you, O God, have proved us;
 you have tried us just as silver is tried.
 You brought us into the snare
 and laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
 You let enemies ride over our heads;
 we went through fire and water,
 but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
 and will pay you my vows,
 which I promised with my lips
 and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
 with the smoke of rams;
 I will give you oxen and goats.
 Come and listen, all you who fear God,
 and I will tell you what God has done for me.
 I called out to God with my mouth,
 and high praise was on my tongue.
 If I had found evil in my heart,
 God would not have heard me;
 But in truth God has heard me
 and has attended to the voice of my prayer.
 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
 whose love has not been withheld from me.

Gerre Hancock (1934–2012)

A Reading From the First Letter of Peter

NOW who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. (3:13–22)

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

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Sung by All, standing as able.



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
 2 O wide em - brac - ing won - drous Love, we read thee
 3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for
 4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the

and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hen - ded and un -
 in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
 us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on
 dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion

bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.
 low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
 high, our life to live, our death to die.
 light we read the full - ness of thy might.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808–1889)

Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (1894–1985)

A Reading From the Holy Gospel of John

Preacher The ✠ Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“**I**F you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”(14:15–21)

Preacher The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Serene Jones
President, Union Theological Seminary

The Nicene Creed

Said by All.

WE believe in one 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped
and glorified,
who 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

- Intercessor* Trusting in the risen Christ, who gives us the Spirit of truth and draws us into the life of God, let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "Risen Christ, hear our prayer."
- For the Church throughout the world: that, kept by the Advocate and led into truth, we may show forth our love for Christ not only with our lips but in lives of faithfulness and mercy. Risen Christ,
- People* Hear our prayer.
- Intercessor* For the nations of the earth, and for all entrusted with authority: that all people may seek the God in whom we live and move and have our being, and that leaders may turn from arrogance, falsehood, and violence toward justice and peace. Risen Christ,
- People* Hear our prayer.
- Intercessor* For all who are poor, displaced, imprisoned, or afraid, and for all who suffer for doing what is right: that they may be protected, strengthened, and upheld in hope. Risen Christ,
- People* Hear our prayer.
- Intercessor* For this Cathedral community: that the Spirit of truth may abide with us, deepen our common life, and make us a people of welcome, courage, and generous love in the heart of this city. Risen Christ,
- People* Hear our prayer.
- Intercessor* For mothers, and for all who have shown us maternal care: for those rejoicing today, for those who grieve, for those estranged from their children or their mothers, and for those who long to be mothers; that God may hold them in tenderness and peace. Risen Christ,
- People* Hear our prayer.
- Intercessor* For all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, and for all who need comfort or healing, especially those on our prayer list and those we now name silently or aloud. Risen Christ,
- People* Hear our prayer.
- Intercessor* For those who have died, and for all who mourn: that Christ, who does not leave us orphaned, may gather them into the fullness of resurrection life. Risen Christ,
- People* Hear our prayer.
- Celebrant* Risen Christ,
you do not leave your people orphaned,
but send the Advocate
to abide with us for ever:
keep us in your love,
and strengthen us to bear witness
in word and deed;
for you live and reign,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

After exchanging greetings, the People are seated.

Greeting

Offertory Anthem

Sung by the Choir.

Hallelujah: O Praise God in his holiness David Briggs (b.1962)

HALLELUIA! O praise God in his holiness;
Praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts;
Praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him with the sound of the trumpet;
Praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him with cymbals and dances;
Praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him with the well-tuned cymbals;
praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Psalm 150



A collection is taken. The People may place their offerings in the basket as it is passed or use the QR code.

Presentation Hymn

*Sung by All.**Refrain*

God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.

1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
 2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,
 3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,

Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.
 let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.
 when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.

Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.
 Ba - nished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.
 Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

To Refrain

Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one a - no - ther.
 Christ, our God, be al - ways pre - sent here a - mong us.
 be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prai - ses.

Words: Latin; tr. James Quinn (b. 1919), alt.

Music: *Ubi caritas* (Murray), A. Gregory Murray (1905–1992)

By his blood, he re-con-ciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

All:
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

Choir: might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. *All:* Ho -

Choir: san - na in the high - est. Blest is the one who comes in the

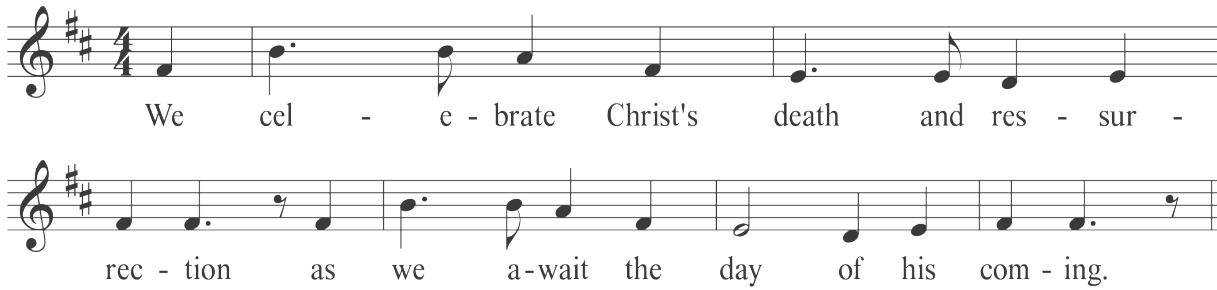
All: name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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


Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,



We cel - e - brate Christ's death and res - sur -
rec - tion as we a - wait the day of his com - ing.


Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.



Ris - en Lord, be known to us in the break - ing of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal. Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.



A - men. Music: Daniel Ficarri

The Lord's Prayer

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

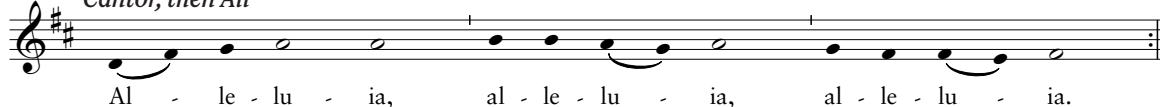
Celebrant and People

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

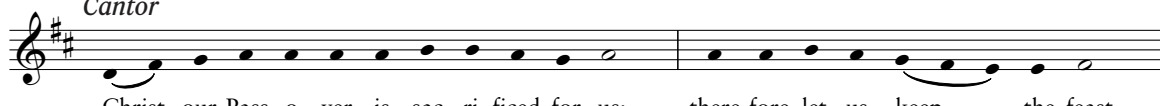
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Cantor, then All




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor



Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

All



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Invitation

The Celebrant says

THIS is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more.

So come:

You who have much faith and you who have little, You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time, You who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, it is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

The Communion

You are welcome to receive Communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward but would like to receive Communion, please inform an usher and we will bring Communion to your seat.

Healing Prayer during Communion: After receiving the elements, you are invited to stop by the designated Bay for quiet, confidential prayer. Our trained prayer ministers are available to pray for healing and wholeness with anyone who wishes to receive it before returning to their seat.

Communion Anthem*Sung by the Choir.**Non vos relinquam Orphanos*

William Byrd (1543–1623)

NON vos relinquam orphanos. Alleluia.
 Vado, et venio ad vos. Alleluia.
 Et gaudebit, cor vestrum. Alleluia.

*I will not leave you comfortless. Alleluia. I go, and I will
 come to you. Alleluia.
 And your heart shall rejoice. Alleluia.*

John 14:18 & 16:22

Post Communion Prayer*Celebrant* Let us pray.*All say together.*

LOVING God,
 we give you thanks
 for restoring us in your image
 and nourishing us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
 Now send us forth
 a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
 that we may proclaim your love to the world
 and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing*The Priest blesses the People.***The Dismissal**

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
 Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Hymn

Sung by All.

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be;

fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee:

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
 Thee we would be al - way bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 pray, and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811–1887)

Closing Voluntary

Marche Episcopale

David Briggs

Upcoming Congregation Events

Sunday, May 17

Introduction to the Book of Common Prayer

12–1pm | Chapel of St. Columba

Join Mother Rhonda Rubinson for a three-session introduction to the Book of Common Prayer, meeting on May 17, May 31, and June 7. Together, participants will explore the shape, theology, and spiritual richness of the Prayer Book, and gain a deeper appreciation for the ways it forms our worship and common life as Episcopalians. All are welcome.

Young Adult Bible Study

12pm | Chapel of St. Martin

Join the Young Adults of Saint Saviour as they reflect on John 17:1–11, hearing Jesus pray for his disciples as he prepares to depart from them.

Sunday, May 31

Young Adult Bible Study

12pm | Chapel of St. Martin

Join the Young Adults of Saint Saviour as they explore Matthew 28:16–20 for Trinity Sunday, as Jesus sends his followers into the world and promises to remain with them always.

Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care Team, led by the Rev. Deacon Kent Curtis, offers compassionate, experienced listening, care, and prayer to members of our community. If you would like accompaniment through illness, loss, transition, or joy, please contact pastoralcare@stjohndivine.org.

Congregation Prayer List

To add a name to the Cathedral's prayer list, please email pastoralcare@stjohndivine.org.

Names received by Sunday will appear in the following Sunday's bulletin.

We hold in our hearts and lift up in prayer the following members of our community:

In Grief and Need: Michael Kavanaugh, Aiden Rosa, Nancy Kavanaugh, DG Weber-Duffy, Kevin Duffy, Lois Schultz, Frank Perry, William Barnes, Tai Hart, Allison Curry, Kenny Curry, Ralph Davis, Matthew Chrastka, Spenser Simrill, Hatsumi Yamamoto, Kevin McCarthy, John Harris, Bob Cope, Gregory Cunningham, Agnes Compagnone, Lohr/Sapp Family, Davidson and Huntington Families, Jimmie Phaup, Mary Phaup, The family of Susan L. Taylor, Megan Regina Barron, Ashley Clark Patella, Allison Jardine, Julia D and Angie P's 11 year old daughter, Mary Ellen Blizzard, Phillip Franzen-Nicholson, Nkechi Nwigwa, Mary Burrell, Bryant, Josef Asteinza, Robison-Cohen family, Isabel Girão Thé Ensenhauer, The Family of Anne Dutton, Anita, April Tessmer.

For the Repose of Souls: Noel Silverman, Donna Doyle, Uriel Castro, Randall Bourscheidt, Penelope Boyer, Andrew Thomas, Michael Tilson Thomas, Joshua Robison, Seolhu Thoreau Park, Ann Dutton, Angela Veronica Barrett, The Rev. Canon Elliott Lindsley, Peter Howland.

Worship Schedule

Monday – Saturday • 8:30am | **Online**

Morning Prayer

Monday – Friday • 12:15pm | **Chapel of St. Ambrose**

Midday Eucharist

Monday – Saturday • 5:30pm | **Online**

Evening Prayer

Sunday

10:30am | **The Crossing** – Holy Eucharist

4pm | **The Great Choir** – Choral Evensong

Ways to Get Involved

Congregation of Saint Saviour

Formed in 1992, the Congregation of Saint Saviour is the Episcopal congregation of the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine, welcoming members from near and far who call the Cathedral their spiritual home. Learn more at www.saintsaviour.org.

Young Adults of Saint Saviour (YASS)

Young Adults of Saint Saviour are parishioners in their 20s & 30s who meet regularly for spiritual reflection, service projects, and social events.

Community at the Crossing

The Community at the Crossing is an ecumenical program for spiritual formation housed at the Cathedral. Members aged 21–33 spend a year in prayer and discernment, service and mission, biblical and theological formation, and intentional community. Visit stjohndivine.org/crossing for more information.

Community Good Episcopal Federal Credit Union

Rooted in the Episcopal Diocese of New York and located at the Cathedral, Community Good offers fair, affordable financial services. We're more than a bank. We're on a mission to bring economic justice, dignity, and hope to our communities. Join us. For more information, visit www.communitygoodfcu.org.

The Society of the Siblings at Bethany

A new community of young adults at the Church of the Atonement in the Bronx. In a life together centered on Jesus through daily prayer, we work throughout the city and support congregational life through ministry, hospitality, and material support. Learn more about what we do and how you can be a part of it at siblingsatbethany.org.

Today at the Cathedral

Sunday, May 10

Sunday Morning Conversation

9:30–10:15am | Nave

Join us before worship for an open conversation on the morning's readings and themes. Whether you come often or are simply exploring, all are welcome.

Choral Evensong

4pm | Nave

The Cathedral Choir sings music of David Briggs and Herbert Murrill.

Upcoming Cathedral Events

Please visit www.stjohndivine.org for more details.

Sunday, May 10

Community at the Crossing: Dialogues on Divinity

12:30pm | Great Choir

The Role of Faith Communities and Leaders in Shaping Public Discourse with Imam Khalid Latif • *Tickets Available for Purchase*

Tuesday, May 12

Community at the Crossing: Bridge Seminar

9:30am–4:30pm | L'Engle Library

Faith and Justice | Ernest J. Miller, FSC, D. Min. • *Tickets Available for Purchase*

Wednesday, May 13

New York Philharmonic Concert

7pm | Nave. • *Free Tickets Available beginning May 1*

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