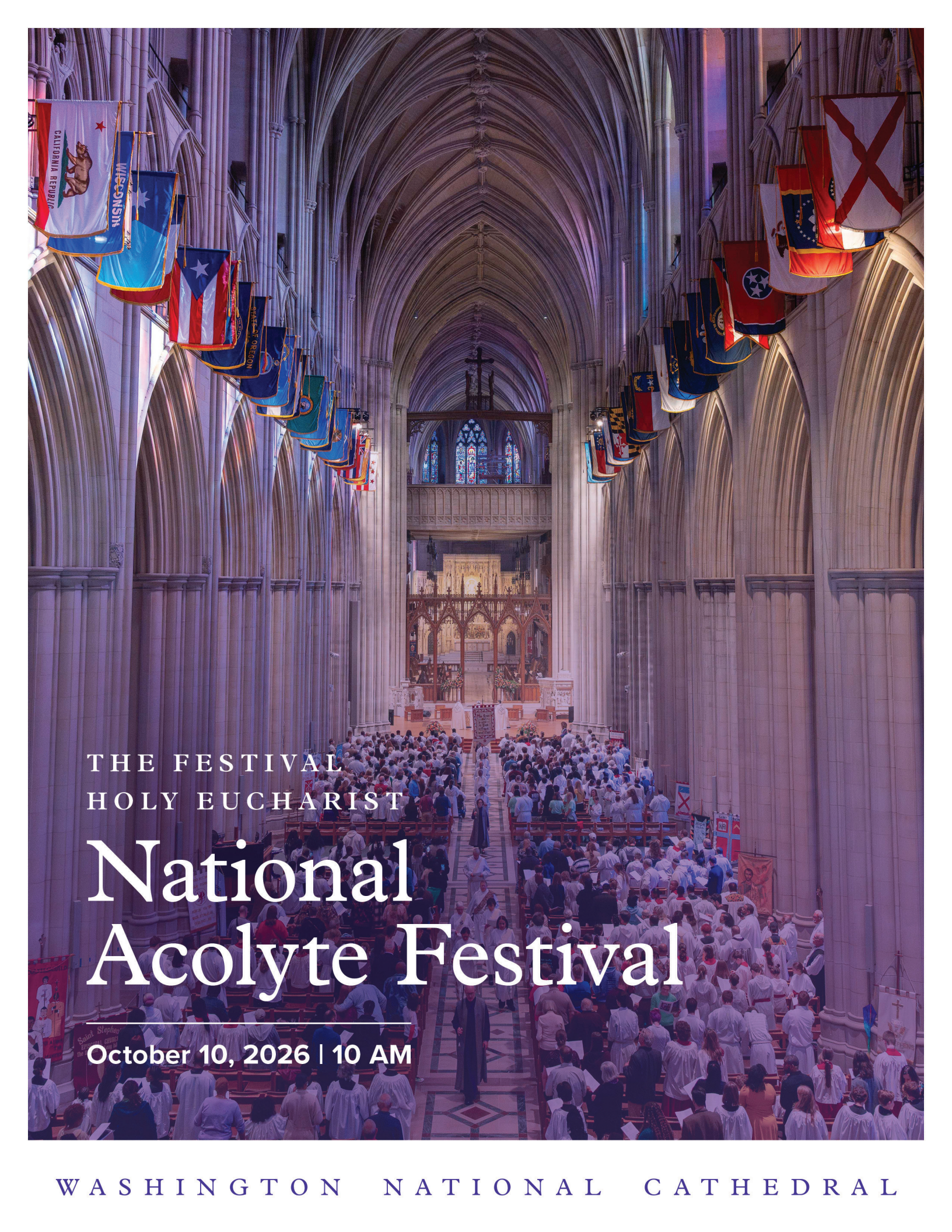


A wide-angle photograph of the interior of the Washington National Cathedral. The image captures the vastness of the nave, with its high, vaulted Gothic arches and ribbed ceiling. Numerous state and territorial flags are suspended from the upper galleries, creating a colorful canopy over the central aisle. The floor is a complex geometric tile pattern. In the distance, the altar area is visible, featuring a large, ornate wooden structure and a cross. A large group of people, many wearing white robes, are seated in the pews, facing the altar. The lighting is soft and even, highlighting the architectural details and the gathering of people.

THE FESTIVAL
HOLY EUCHARIST

National Acolyte Festival

October 10, 2026 | 10 AM

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

WELCOME TO THE ACOLYTE FESTIVAL!

We are excited to welcome you to the Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, your Washington National Cathedral. We invite you to explore this magnificent building and to take advantage of the day's many activities. You can find the full schedule at the back of this leaflet.

Following is some information to help you get settled and ready for the Grandest of Processions. If you have questions, please look for a Cathedral verger in purple or one of the deacons or volunteers wearing an "Ask Me" button.

SEATING

Your group is welcome to sit anywhere. Remember the transepts also offer seating near the altar and pulpit.

If your group includes both individuals in the procession and those not in the procession, it will be easiest if those in the procession sit toward the outer aisles and those not processing toward the center aisles.

APPOINTMENTS

Before and during the service, you may place crosses, torches, banners, streamers, thuribles, etc. at the piers along the center nave and transepts. Please be mindful not to block paths to seats.

A verger will assist in lighting processional torches and other candles once you are lined up for the procession. Please remember that thuribles cannot be lit.

THE GRANDEST OF PROCESSIONS

The procession provides an opportunity for us to join together in the rich diversity of our traditions as we begin the Festival Holy Eucharist and recommit to our ministries of service. At the appropriate time, a verger will line you up for the procession. The procession begins with those in the transepts and then moves to those seated in the center of the nave. All groups will exit and return to their seats via the outer aisles.

A TIME OF RENEWAL

Whether this is your first or fifteenth Acolyte Festival, we hope that you enjoy this time of renewed servanthood among colleagues from across the country. The festival is a rare and special opportunity to come together in such large numbers for a day of fellowship, worship, and learning. May you return home filled with the Spirit of this day, reminded once again of the gifts we receive through offering ourselves in service.



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The people's responses are in bold.

PRELUDE

O Clap Your Hands

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

We Have Come Into His House

Bruce Ballinger (1945–2004)

WELCOME

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

HYMN AT THE OPENING • 518

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Sung by all.

Westminster Abbey



1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner - stone,
2. All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of God on high,
3. To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, to - day;
4. Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of thee to gain;



cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one;
in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy;
with thy wont - ed lov - ing kind - ness hear thy ser - vants as they pray,
what they gain from thee, for ev - er with the bless - ed to re - tain,



ho - ly Zi - on's help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
God the One in Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
and thy full - est ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
and here - af - ter in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Cn. Duncan Dean Hollerith, I present to you these persons who have been called to a ministry of service at the altar of God, and who have come today to the Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Washington National Cathedral, and to this Festival, to affirm their commitment to service in Christ's Holy Church.

THE PROCESSION OF ACOLYTES & SERVERS

The acolytes of Washington National Cathedral lead the procession.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come, We That Love the Lord

Sung by all.

Marching to Zion

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2. Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
3. The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets
4. Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;

join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with sweet ac - cord,
but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King,
be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields,
we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground,

and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur - round the throne.
may speak their joys a - broad, may speak their joys a - broad.
or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on;
we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

The people are seated.

ANTHEM

I Was Glad

Sung by the choir.

Charles H. H. Parry (1848–1918)

I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

(Psalm 122:1-3, 6-7)

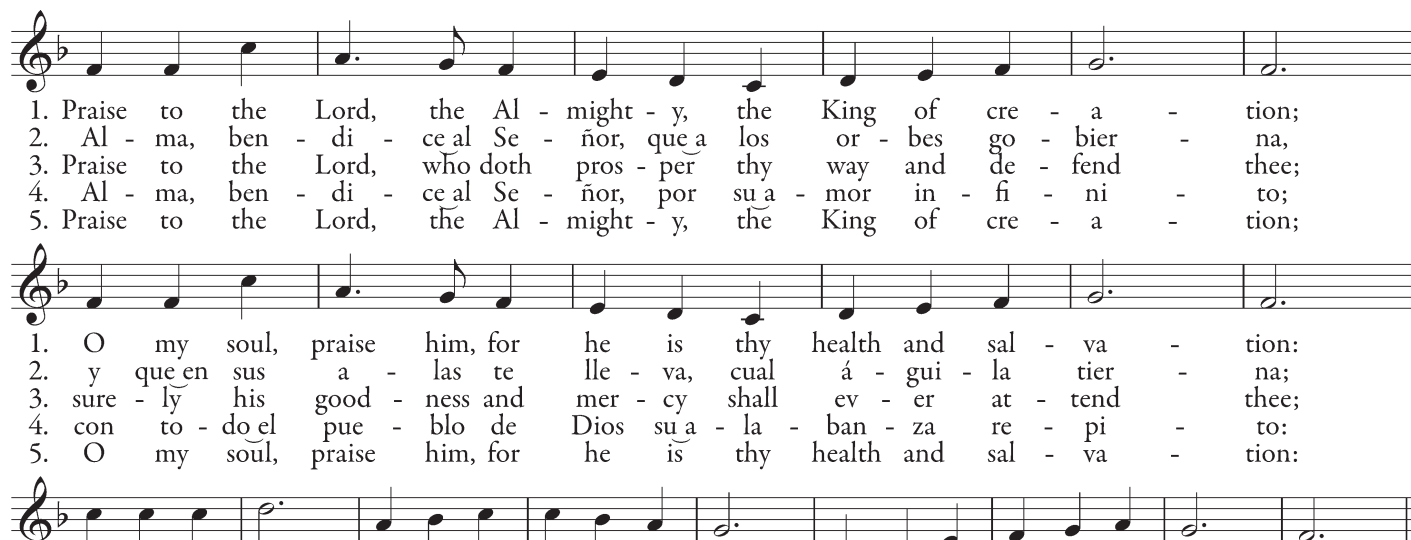
The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Sung by all.

Lobe den Herren



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion;
 2. Al - ma, ben - di - ce al Se - ñor, que a los or - bes go - bier - na,
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de - fend thee;
 4. Al - ma, ben - di - ce al Se - ñor, por su a - mor in - fi - ni - to;
 5. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion;

1. O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion:
 2. y que en sus a - las te lle - va, cual á - gui - la tier - na;
 3. sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall ev - er at - tend thee;
 4. con - to - do el pue - blo de Dios su a - la - ban - za re - pi - to:
 5. O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion;

1. join the greatthrong, psal - ter - y, or - gan, and song, sound-ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 2. él te guar - dó, co mo me - jor le a - gra - dó, ¿no ves su ma - no pa - ter - na?
 3. pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 4. Dios, mi sa - lud, de to - do bien ple - ni - tud, ¿se - as por siem - pre ben - di - to!
 5. join the greatthrong, psal - ter - y, or - gan, and song, sound-ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.

The people are seated.

ANTHEM

Every Praise

Sung by the ensemble.

Hezekiah Walker (b. 1962)

Every praise is to our God.
Every word of worship with one accord.
Every praise is to our God.
Sing hallelujah to our god.
Glory hallelujah is due our God.
Every praise is to our God.
God my Savior,
God my Healer,
God my Deliverer,
Yes he is.

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 473

Lift High the Cross

Sung by all.

Crucifer

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim



till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



1. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
2. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

THE DEDICATION & BLESSING OF ACOLYTES AND SERVERS

Dean Friends in Christ, we acknowledge, in the name of God, the acolytes and servers gathered here today; and we pray that God will richly bless them in their ministry.

Dear people of God, you present yourselves here today as those called to serve at the altar of God in your congregations. Do you dedicate yourselves to a life of loving service to God, desire to assist in the leadership of worship, and promise to remain faithful in prayer, service, and praise?

Acolytes & Servers **We dedicate ourselves and our gifts to the service of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

Dean Let us pray.

Acolytes & Servers **Gracious God, you call us to light the way for your people. Grant us reverent hearts, steady hands, and the will to persevere in service at your altar. Bless and guide us by your wisdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Dean Will all you who witness these promises do all in your power to support these servants in their ministry?

People **We will, with God's help.**

Dean Everliving God, bless these acolytes and all who serve. May they praise your holy Name as they attend your people at worship, in the celebration of Sacrament, and at prayer.

People **Amen.**

Dean Praise God who made heaven and earth.

People **Whose promise endures for ever.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Dean The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Dean Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-9

The word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." "Alas, Sovereign Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord. Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Jeremías 1:4-9

El Señor se dirigió a mí, y me dijo: «Antes de darte la vida, ya te había yo escogido; antes de que nacieras, ya te había yo apartado; te había destinado a ser profeta de las naciones.» Yo contesté: «¡Ay, Señor! ¡Yo soy muy joven y no sé hablar!» Pero el Señor me dijo: «No digas que eres muy joven. Tú irás a donde yo te mande, y dirás lo que yo te ordene. No tengas miedo de nadie, pues yo estaré contigo para protegerte. Yo, el Señor, doy mi palabra.» Entonces el Señor extendió la mano, me tocó los labios y me dijo: «Yo pongo mis palabras en tus labios.»

Lectora Palabra de Dios.

Pueblo **Demos gracias a Dios.**

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.
 You trace my journeys and my resting-places
 and are acquainted with all my ways.
 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
 but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
 You press upon me behind and before
 and lay your hand upon me.
 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
 it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
 Where can I go then from your Spirit?
 where can I flee from your presence?
 If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
 if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
 If I take the wings of the morning
 and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
 Even there your hand will lead me
 and your right hand hold me fast.

¡Ay Dios! Tú me examinas y me conoces:
 sabes cuándo me siento y cuándo me levanto;
 y de lejos me lees la mente.
 Tú conoces mis trajines y descansos;
 todos mis caminos te son familiares.
 Porque no hay palabra en mi lengua
 que tú, Señor, no sepas ya.
 Detrás y delante me rodeas
 y me cubres con la palma de tu mano.
 Tal conocimiento me es maravilloso;
 tan sublime que es inalcanzable.
 ¿A dónde podría huir de tu Espíritu?
 ¿A dónde escapar de tu presencia?
 Si subo al cielo, allí estás tú;
 si me acuesto en la tumba, allí tú estás.
 Si alzo vuelo con las alas de la aurora
 y vivo en el confín del mar,
 aún allí me guiará tu mano
 y tu diestra me sostendrá.

THE SECOND LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17

Colosenses 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Dios los ama a ustedes y los ha escogido para que pertenezcan al pueblo santo. Revístanse de sentimientos de compasión, bondad, humildad, mansedumbre y paciencia. Sopórtense unos a otros, y perdónense si alguno tiene una queja contra otro. Así como el Señor los perdonó, perdonen también ustedes. Sobre todo revístanse de amor, que es el lazo de la perfecta unión. Y que la paz de Cristo reine en sus corazones, porque con este propósito los llamó Dios a formar un solo cuerpo. Y sean agradecidos. Que el mensaje de Cristo permanezca siempre en ustedes con todas sus riquezas. Instrúyanse y amonéstense unos a otros con toda sabiduría. Con corazón agradecido canten a Dios salmos, himnos y cantos espirituales. Y todo lo que hagan o digan, háganlo en el nombre del Señor Jesús, dando gracias a Dios el Padre por medio de él.

Lector Palabra de Dios.
Pueblo **Demos gracias a Dios.**

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

We've Come This Far by Faith

Sung by all.

Albert A. Goodson (1933–2003)

Refrain

We've come this far by faith, Lean-ing on the Lord;
Trust-ing in his ho-ly word, He's nev-er failed me yet.
O can't turn a round. We've come this far by faith.
Don't be dis-cour aged when trou-ble's in your life. He'll bear your
bur-dens and move all mis-er-y and strive. That's why we've

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35-38

Mateo 9:35-38

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

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

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Diácono Santo evangelio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo según Mateo.

Pueblo **Gloria a ti, Cristo Señor.**

Jesús recorría todos los pueblos y aldeas, enseñando en las sinagogas de cada lugar. Anunciaba la buena noticia del reino, y curaba toda clase de enfermedades y dolencias. Al ver a la gente, sintió compasión de ellos, porque estaban cansados y abatidos, como ovejas que no tienen pastor. Dijo entonces a sus discípulos: «Ciertamente la cosecha es mucha, pero los trabajadores son pocos. Por eso, pidan ustedes al Dueño de la cosecha que mande trabajadores a recogerla.»

Diácona El evangelio del Señor.

Pueblo **Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.**

The people are seated at the invitation of the bishop.

THE SERMON

The Right Reverend Matthew D. Cowden

The people stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped
and glorified.
He 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.

Creemos en un solo Dios,
Padre todopoderoso,
Creador del cielo y de la tierra,
de todo lo visible e invisible.

Creemos en un solo Señor, Jesucristo,
Hijo único de Dios,
nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos:
Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz,
Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero,
engendrado, no creado,
de la misma naturaleza que el Padre,
por quien todo fue hecho;
que por nosotros, y por nuestra salvación bajó
del cielo,
y por obra del Espíritu Santo
se encarnó de María, la Virgen,
y se hizo humano.
Por nuestra causa fue crucificado
en tiempos de Poncio Pilato;
padeció y fue sepultado,
resucitó al tercer día, según las escrituras,
subió al cielo,
y está sentado a la derecha del Padre;
de nuevo vendrá con gloria para juzgar
a vivos y muertos,
y su reino no tendrá fin.

Creemos en el Espíritu Santo, Señor y dador de vida,
que procede del Padre y del Hijo,
que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe
una misma adoración y gloria,
y que habló por los profetas.
Creemos en la iglesia,
que es una, santa, católica y apostólica.
Reconocemos un solo bautismo
para el perdón de los pecados.
Esperamos la resurrección de los muertos
y la vida del mundo futuro. Amén.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each intercession,

Deacon Lord, in your mercy
People Hear our prayer.

Diácona Señor, en tu piedad
Pueblo Escucha nuestra oración.

The dean prays the concluding collect, and the people respond, Amen.

THE PEACE

Dean The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

Deán La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.
Pueblo Y también contigo.

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

All are invited to make a gift to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love by scanning the QR code on the inside of the back cover of this leaflet, online at cathedral.org/give, or in the collection boxes at the rear of the nave.

The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Let the Peoples Praise You, O God

Sung by the choir.

Bruce Neswick (b. 1956)

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance
and come to us.
Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand
in awe of him.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

(Psalm 67, Book of Common Prayer, 1979)

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION • 424

For the Fruit of All Creation

Sung by all.

East Acklam



1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God. For his gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done. In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
3. For the har - vests of the Spi - rit, thanks be to God. For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Dean The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Dean Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Dean Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The dean offers thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ, and in response the people sing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Santo, santo, santo

Sung by all.

Argentine folk melody

1. San - to, san - to, san - to. Mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra. Mi
2. In God's name is com - ing the One whom we call Bless - ed. Ho -

cor - a - zón te sa - be de - cir: "San - to e - res, Señ - or."
san - na in the high - est. Praise and thanks to God.

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...,

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.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre;
venga tu reino;
hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en la tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

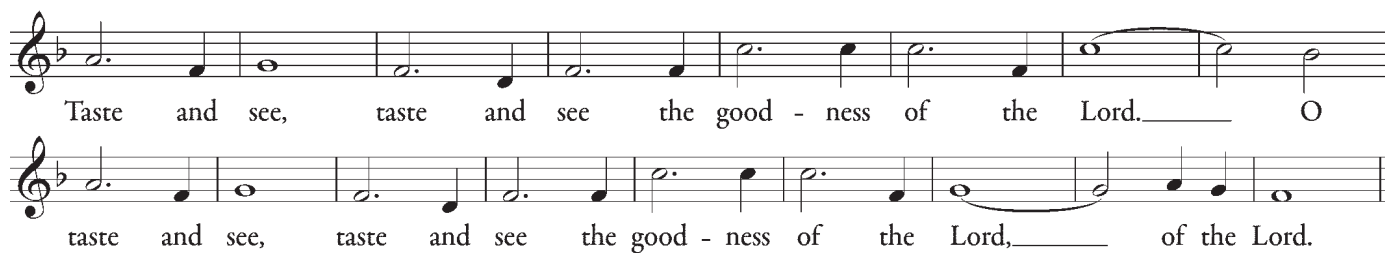
The dean breaks the bread in silence.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Taste and See

Sung by all.

James E. Moore (1951–2022)



The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. The lyrics are: "Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. O". The second staff continues the melody and lyrics: "taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord." The notation includes various note values (quarter, eighth, and half notes) and rests, with a final double bar line at the end.

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The people are seated.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please move at the direction of the ushers. You may receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Receiving the bread only is full participation in the Eucharist. For those who wish to consume wine, there are separate chalices for drinking and intincting (dipping the bread). You may either drink from a silver chalice or intinct (dip the bread) into a glass chalice. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of receiving Communion, you may indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.

Those unable to receive Communion today are invited to say the Prayer of Spiritual Communion.

ANTHEM DURING THE COMMUNION

Psalm 23 (I Am Not Alone)

Sung by the ensemble.

Joshua Sherman, Laurel Taylor (b. 1956),
Steven Musso (b. 1991)

Never alone, I am never alone.

The Lord is my Shepherd,

He goes before me.

Defender behind me,

I won't fear.

I'm filled with anointing.

My cup's overflowing.

No weapon can harm me.

I won't fear.

Refrain Hallelujah, I am not alone.
He's my comfort, always holds me close.

He always guides me

Through mountains and valleys.

His joy is refreshing,

Restores my soul.

Mercy and goodness

Give me assurance,

That I'll see His glory

Face to face.

Refrain

Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days,

Days of my life.

I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever and ever.

HYMN DURING THE COMMUNION

How Great Thou Art

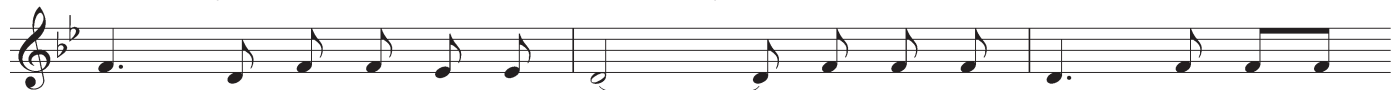
Sung by all.

O store Gud



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er

2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der and hear the



all the works thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the

birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, when I look down from loft - y



roll - ing thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.

moun-tain gran - deur, and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.

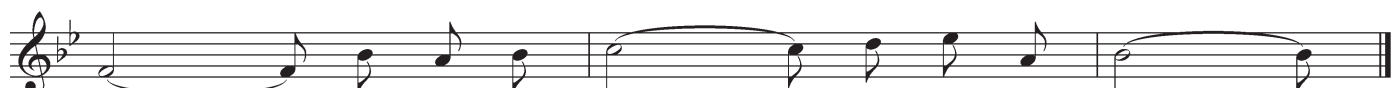
Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to thee; how great thou



art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to



thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

The people stand as able.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food of the most precious
Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Dios poderoso y eterno:
Te damos gracias por habernos alimentado
con la cena espiritual del inestimable cuerpo y sangre
de tu Hijo nuestro Salvador Jesucristo;
y por asegurarnos, en estos santos misterios,
que somos miembros vivos del cuerpo de tu Hijo
y herederos de tu reino eterno.
Y ahora, Padre, envíanos al mundo
a cumplir la misión que nos has encomendado
para amar y servirte
en fiel testimonio de Cristo nuestro Salvador.
A él, a ti, y al Espíritu Santo
sean honor y gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.

THE BLESSING

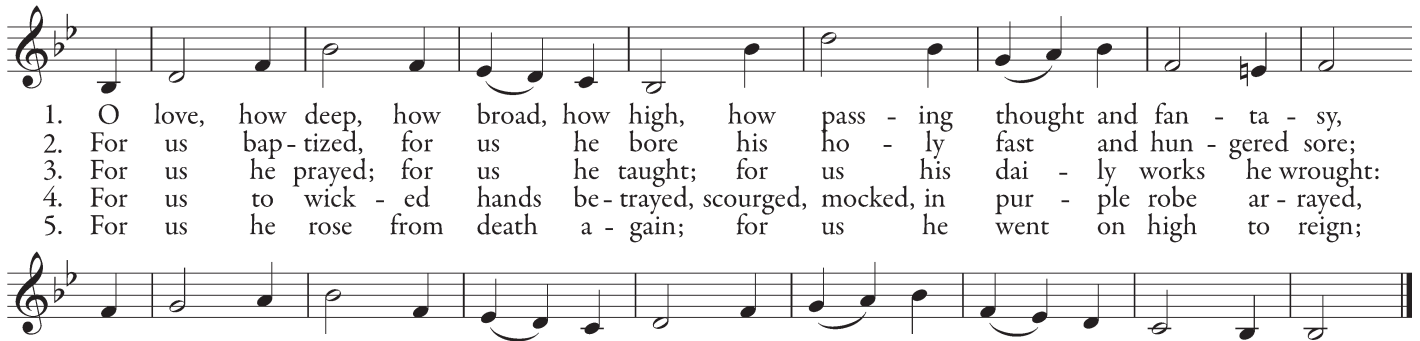
The bishop blesses the people, and the people respond, Amen.

HYMN AT THE CLOSING • 448

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Sung by all.

Deus tuorum militum



1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing thought and fan - ta - sy,
2. For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;
3. For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his dai - ly works he wrought:
4. For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in pur - ple robe ar - rayed,
5. For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he went on high to reign;

1. that God, the Son of God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
2. for us temp - ta - tions sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
3. by words and signs and ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
4. he bore the shame - ful cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
5. for us he sent his Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.

6 All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
for ever and for evermore.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in
the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

Diácono Salgamos con gozo al mundo en el poder del
Espíritu.
Pueblo Demos gracias a Dios.

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List includes all congregations and schools registered as of press time.



SCHEDULE

A Day of Worship, Fellowship, Exploring & Learning

All afternoon activities are open to all.
No pre-registration required.

8:30am Doors & check-in open

**10:00 am The Grandest of Processions and
Festival Holy Eucharist**

Acolytes, servers, clergy, and vergers from across the country join in a colorful procession from the Great West Doors and down the center aisle of the sixth-largest Cathedral in the world.

11:30 am [1] Pre-purchased Lunch

Available in rear, left side of the nave.

12:00– [2] LEGO® Exhibit

2:00 pm Check out the progress on the 13' long, LEGO® model of the Cathedral and add your brick! See box for more details. (Gift Shop)

[3] Now and Forever Windows Activities

Learn more about the Cathedral's newest stained glass windows and practice your puzzle skills. (south aisle)

Stone Carving Booth

Try out the tools of a stonemason! Try your hand at carving a block of limestone with chisels and mallets.

[4] Cathedral Treasures

View some of the Cathedral's beautiful and historic liturgical appointments. (St. Mary's Chapel)

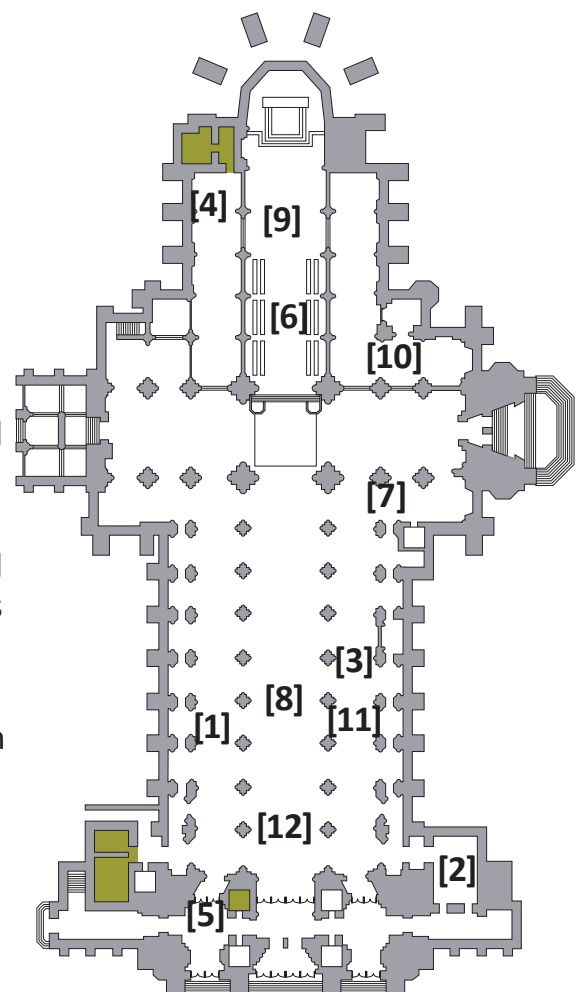
[5] Pilgrim Observation Gallery

Take the elevators up the towers for an unparalleled city view. (nave level elevators)

VISIT THE CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP

Open today 8:30am–3:30 pm

NAVE LEVEL



- 12:30–
1:00 pm** **[6] Organ Restoration and Demonstration**
Associate Director of Music and Cathedral Organist Ed Hewes gives a short talk about the current, multi-year restoration of the 10,650-pipe Great Organ followed by a mini-recital. (Great Choir)
- 12:30–
2:00 pm** **[7] Liturgical Kite & Streamer Making**
Pop in anytime for a fun, hands-on activity; make your own liturgical kites & streamers! (south aisle)
- [8] Hands-on with Cathedral Streamers**
Try your hand at processing with the colorful Cathedral streamers under the guidance of the Cathedral acolytes. (center aisle/mid-nave)
- 1:15–
2:15 pm** **[9] Holy Smoke: The Ministry of the Thurifer**
A hands-on workshop that showcases the special ministry of the thurifer. (Great Choir)
- [10] History of Acolytes**
Go behind the scenes of the service and learn everything you ever wanted to know about the history and work of acolytes. (War Memorial Chapel)

In the Crypt: *Americana in Plain Sight* is a small exhibit currently on display as part of the nation's 250th-anniversary celebrations. (North crypt and crypt hallway)

Final Resting Places of Helen Keller and Matthew Shepard (St. Joseph's Chapel)

The crypt is accessible by parclose stairs or via south transept elevator.

Pre-purchased Tours Meeting Spots [11, 12] If you purchased tickets for a Tower Climb or Spotlights Tour please gather at the appropriate time in the designated spot.

[11]: Tower Climb [12]: Spotlights Tour

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Save the date for next year's Acolyte Festival:

October 9, 2027

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The Cathedral is under active construction as part of the Organ Renovation Project, and St. John's Chapel is currently closed and inaccessible. Learn more about the Organ Renovation at www.cathedral.org/organ.

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Sound amplification is available for worship services held in the nave. Please ask an usher for the appropriate device.



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