Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral! In accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Bishop Doyle, fully vaccinated worshipers are no longer required to wear masks or physically-distance. However, anyone who prefers to wear a mask may continue do so. Worshipers who are not fully vaccinated, including children over age two, are expected to wear masks. The east transept and first rows near the pulpit are reserved for those who choose both to physically distance and wear masks.

We have resumed administering wine at Holy Communion. Intinction (i.e.-dipping the wafer in the chalice) is permitted. However, in accordance with Bishop Doyle’s guidelines, at Communion we will not drink from the common cup. It is also acceptable to receive bread but not wine, as each element of Communion contains a full measure of grace. The congregation will be invited to the altar rail to receive Communion. If you choose to sit in the area reserved for physical distance, Communion will be brought to you in your pew.

We’re glad you’re here! Let us prepare to worship the Lord.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

THE VERY REV. BARKLEY S. THOMPSON, DEAN
Celebrant

Opening Voluntary
Prelude in E minor, BWV 548
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Choral Introit

Tone VII

V. Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me, O Lord; for I am desolate, and in tribulation:
R. Look thou on mine affliction, and my travail; and forgive me all mine iniquities, O my God.
1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

2 Unresting, unwearied, allrest in light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rul’st in might;
thy justice like mountains high, soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all life thou giv’st, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree;
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

4 Thou reign’st in glory, thou rul’st in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
’tis only the splendor of light hid-eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.
Music: St. Denio, Welsh hymn, from Cantadogia y Cyssegr, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Healey Willan (1880–1968)
The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, we beseech thee, thy household the Church in thy steadfast faith and love, that by the help of thy grace we may proclaim thy truth with boldness, and minister thy justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading 1 Samuel 15:34–16:13

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature,
because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

Hymn 209

St. Botolph

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no 
2 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and 
3 that, when our life of faith is done, in 

gracious words we hear from him who spoke as 
may our faith abound, to call on you when 
realms of clearer light we may behold you 

none e’er spoke; but we believe him near. 
you are near, and seek where you are found: 
as you are, with full and endless sight. 

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The Holy Gospel

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

People  Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Deacon  The Gospel of the Lord.

People  Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon  The Rev. Kathy Rock Pfister, Canon Vicar

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.
Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

_Silence_

*The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant then prays:*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of thy people, and strengthen us to do thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

_Silence may be kept._

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,**  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. **Amen.**

*The Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
The Peace

Celebrant  The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People       And with thy spirit.

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory

Anthem  Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Jesu, joy of man’s desiring,
Holy wisdom, Love most bright,
Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring,
Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God our flesh that fashioned
With the fire of life impassioned.
Striving still to Truth unknown,
Soaring, dying, round thy throne.

— Robert Bridges (1844–1930)

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant  The Lord be with you.
People       And with thy spirit.
Celebrant  Lift up your hearts.
People       We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant  Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People       It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,
All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and
didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son
Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our
redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did
institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that
his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given
thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my
Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to
them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which
is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink
it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these
thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded
us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty
resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and
great glory.
And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER
And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant

Al-le-lu-ia. Christ our Pas-ter is sac-rified for us;

People

There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu-ia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
All baptized Christians are welcome and encouraged to receive Holy Communion. Communion is received either kneeling or standing at the altar rail. Receive the Bread in the palm of your hand, and the Wine by intinction, touching the Bread to the Wine. Gluten-free Bread is available; ask at the altar rail.

At the Administration

Anthem

Johann Sebastian Bach

Grant me true courage, Lord,
To front each new endeavor,
Confiding in thy word
That thou wilt leave me never;
Alike in gloom or joy
Each duty to fulfill,
My faithful heart employ
To do thy perfect will.

— Henry Wilder Foote (1875–1964);
ed. Archibald T. Davidson (1883–1961)

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing
Hymn 375

Du Lebensbrot Herr Jesu Christ

Unison or harmony

1. Give praise and glory unto God, the Father of all blessing;
2. The host of heaven praiseth thee, O Lord of all dominions;
3. What God hath wrought to show his power he evermore sustainth;

his mighty wonders tell abroad, his graciousness con-
and mortals then, on land and sea, beneath thy shadowing
he watches o'er us every hour, his mercy never

fessing. With balm my inmost heart he fills, his
pinions, exult in thy creative might that
waneth. Through all his kingdom's wide domain, his

comfort all my anguish stills. To God be praise and glory.
doeth all things well and right. To God be praise and glory.
righteousness and justice reign. To God be praise and glory.

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The Dismissal

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

Closing Voluntary

Fugue in A Major, BWV 536    Johann Sebastian Bach

Music Notes

“Immortal, invisible, God only wise,” the popular hymn we sing to open our service, is the happy product of a Welsh tune joined to a Scottish text by an English hymn editor. The text is one of many written by Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908), a minister in the Free Church of Scotland. He served congregations in both Glasgow and Edinburgh. Though a prolific author, this is his only poem still in use. It was selected by Ralph Vaughan Williams in 1906 for inclusion in the English Hymnal but it had no tune associated with it. It was Vaughan Williams who decided to pair it with the anonymous Welsh tune we now know as St. Denio, and a classic was born. — RLS

The Book of Remembrance

This week we remember Mary Gilbert Sieber.

The Beauty of Flowers

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar are given to the glory of God in honor of John C. Flanagan for his birthday by Michael DeVoll and Anne Flanagan.
Welcome
Sunday, June 13, 2021
Announcements

❖ TODAY
Welcome • If you are a guest today, we offer a warm welcome to Christ Church! Please complete a virtual welcome card at christchurchcathedral.org/welcome so we can get to know you. Feel free to contact the cathedral offices during the week at 713-222-2593 and let the receptionist know you would like to learn more about Christ Church Cathedral.

❖ CUSE Online Mission • Cathedral youth are invited to join the Treehouse June 14–16 and participate with CUSE in an online mission experience that includes an in-person service day at IMGH (Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston). Learn more and register at www.christchurchcathedral.org/cuseonlinemission

❖ Summer Shade • We have a spectacular line-up for Cathedral Youth this Summer! Each Thursday we will gather at 6 p.m. via Zoom or at the Treehouse to have a game night with awesome prizes, watch a movie, or do an activity together. Learn more at christchurchcathedral.org/summershade.

❖ Summer Place • Ministry councils will be hosting Summer Place in Reynolds Hall and the Bishop’s Courtyard from 10 to 11 a.m. on Sundays through August 15. The Community Life Council will host next week on June 20. See additional information at www.christchurchcathedral.org/summerplace

❖ Donuts and Devos • In lieu of Vacation Bible School, we’re hosting a similar concept for Cathedral Kids in a one-hour format on selected Saturdays and Sundays. Donuts will be provided at events in the driveways of volunteer host families. Participants can register online for a location nearby or drive to one of their choosing. Learn more at www.christchurchcathedral.org/donutsanddevos

❖ Cathedral Reads: The Logic of Love • Join Cathedral friends this summer as we discuss James Carroll’s novel, The Cloister. For families with children, we’ll be reading Kate DiCamillo’s The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane. We’ve also got a spell-binding adventure for youth in Cornelia Funke’s Inkheart. Cathedral Reads events begin June 6. Additional information and registration links are available at www.christchurchcathedral.org/cathedralreads

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