



# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri



## *Annual Meeting Eucharist*

*The Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
The Holy Eucharist with the 205th Annual Meeting  
of Christ Church Cathedral*

*January 26, 2025*

*10:30 AM*

*Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral  
**BE HERE. BE YOU. BE LOVED.***

## Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral!

### A Hopeful Epiphany Season to all.

The People's responses are in **bold** print.

We have **large print bulletins** and **hearing devices** available. If you need them, ask an usher.

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#### **Land Acknowledgment for the Diocese of Missouri (updated 7/2022)**

In humility, we recognize and acknowledge that we in the Diocese of Missouri worship and live on the traditional ancestral lands of the Osage Nation, the Illiniwek/Peoria Tribe, the O-Gah-Pah (Quapaw) Tribe, the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, and other First Peoples. We recognize our mutual dependence upon and benefit from this land; we proclaim our solidarity with and our debt to the Peoples who first claimed and improved this land as their home. We acknowledge our complicity in the process of colonization that dispossessed the First Peoples from their ancestral lands. We affirm our commitment to stand with indigenous communities today and henceforth as they seek justice and resist continued threats to their sovereignty and humanity.

We are also cognizant that the history of The Episcopal Church is intertwined with the history of colonialism and slavery in the United States. More than four centuries ago, the first enslaved Africans were brought to the Americas, and two centuries ago enslaved and indigenous persons contributed to the exploration of this state by Lewis and Clark. Our state's history is entangled with both the Missouri Compromise making this state officially a slave state, and the cases of *Scott v. Emerson* that petitioned for Dred and Harriet Scott's emancipation. We acknowledge the tragic legacy of slavery in our diocese, and the blood, sweat, and tears of enslaved people that soak the earth beneath our feet in Missouri. This legacy persists today as we continue to work towards racial justice, equity, liberation, and community, here in Missouri and across The Episcopal Church.

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#### **Welcome one and all: Cathedral member, visitor, and neighbor!**

If you are visiting today, please stay and join us; you are part of this community this morning, and, we hope, for longer! What a blessing it is to gather in celebration of our life together in Christ, our mission and ministry in the diocese, this city and in the world. Today is the 205<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Christ Church/Christ Church Cathedral enfolded with the blessing of our Eucharistic life. The worship of the church and the business of the church are all of one beautiful whole in our life in Christ. The same is true when we gather in fellowship, Chapter, committee meetings, studying Scripture, tending our ongoing faith formation, celebrating and engaging our children and youth, feeding our hungry neighbors, singing our love to God, planting and sowing in the cathedral gardens, volunteering at the Cathedral or beyond, speaking up and marching for justice for all..... in these things we are praising God, affirming our call to serve, interpreting the Word for our lives, praying, confessing, offering our lives and burdens to God, receiving the gifts of Christ's sacrifice which renew us, strengthen us for new life and send us forth in peace to love and serve God. Alleluia!

We will be reflecting on the Second Reading from First Corinthians Chapter 12 verses 12 through 31a, and sharing what we hear God saying to the church in our day. We will be thanking leaders finishing their terms, electing and commissioning new leaders, hearing words of thanks for the sacrificial gifts offered in thanksgiving for all that God has given into our lives.

There are crayons and coloring paper on a table in the south aisle for any families here with children; please feel free to sit in the soft spaces so our children can color and read or flip through one of the books in the activity bags nearby.

In the midst of all these things Christ will re-member us as the Body of Christ; feeding and empowering us to be his hands, heart, arms and body in the world. What marvelous gift and grace!!

In the love of Christ, The Chapter and clergy of Christ Church Cathedral

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#### **MISSION STATEMENT OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL**

**We seek a deeper relationship with God and each other in Jesus Christ through:**

**Celebrating the sacraments faithfully**

**Proclaiming the Gospel boldly**

**Embracing diversity joyfully**

**Serving all passionately as a Cathedral.**

**PLEASE READ: The draft minutes of the 204<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on pgs. 5, 6 of the Annual Meeting Reports.**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO ORDER

The Very Rev. Kathie Adams-Shepherd, Cathedral Dean

GATHERING SONG WLP 778 *Please stand as you are able.*

NYLAND

1. We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,  
2. We all are called for ser - vice to wit-ness in God's name.  
3. We all be - hold one vi - sion, a stark re - al - i - ty;  
4. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent, our pur - pose is the same:  
the stew - ard of sal - va - tion was nailed up - on a tree.  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share  
We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.  
free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

# THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Presider* Let us gather ourselves into Christ's presence with a moment of silence.

*Moment of silence to open our hearts.*

## GREETING

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* God is with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray. God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit, so that all people may be free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

**Amen.** *Common Worship: Additional Collects 2004; from Alternative Collects for Years A, B & C of the Revised Common Lectionary 2022, Anglican Church of Canada*

## SONG OF PRAISE HYMN WLP 780 verses 1 & 2

ABBOT'S LEIGH

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the  
2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my  
3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my  
4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther,  
5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; "I am

sick and preach the word." Lest the church ne -  
name bap - tize and teach." That the world may  
bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for  
what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as  
with you to the end." Faith and hope and

glect its mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un -  
trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for  
earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly lift life heav - en -  
pri - vate trea - sure all that you so free - ly  
love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in -

heard, help us wit - ness to your pur - pose  
 each, give us all new fer - vor, draw us  
 ward, ask - ing that the world - a - round us  
 give. May your care and mer - cy lead us  
 tend and, a - mid the cares that claim us,

*Refrain*

with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.  
 clos - er in com - mun - i - ty.  
 share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty. } With the Spir - it's  
 to a just so - ci - e - ty.  
 hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.

gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

Please be seated.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ELECTIONS**

- Approval of Minutes of the 204<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting (*pages 5, 6 Annual Meeting Report*) Dean
- Introduction of election process John Emery, Sr. Warden
- Candidates introduced briefly (*page 9, Annual Meeting Report*) Dean
- Eligibility for voting Lorraine Kee, Jr. Warden
- One minute of silent prayer Dean
- Voting takes place
- Collection of Ballots

**WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES**

**THE FIRST READING**

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed

their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

*Reader* Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's People.

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

**THE SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

*Reader* Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church.

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN WLP 779, verses 1, 3, 5** *Please stand as you are able.*

*DUNEDIN*

1. The church of Christ in every age, be-set by  
 2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3. Then let the ser - vant church a - rise. A car - ing  
 4. For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5. We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but spir - it led, must claim and test its her - i -  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for bread to  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's sac - ri -  
fe - ver in our blood. And teach us how to share our  
be - dience to our Lord: to care for all with - out re -

tage and keep on ri - sing from the dead.  
eat and nev - er live un - til they die.  
fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
serve. And spread Christ's lib - er - a - ting word.

**THE GOSPEL**

**Luke 4:14-21**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of our Savior.

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

*Please be seated.*

**BIBLE REFLECTION** (10 minutes) **I Corinthians 12:12-31a** (bulletin page 6)

- a. What word or phrase most resonates for you? Why?
- b. What do you hear the Apostle Paul saying to the church?
- c. How does/could God use us as the church to reflect the spirit of God’s love among us and in our neighborhood?

**SECOND BALLOT** (if necessary)

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Deacon* Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

*The people audibly or silently name those for whom they are interceding.*

*Leader* We have heard God's word in faith. Let us now respond in prayer for all the world, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For Christian people around the world, that we may become one as Christ wills us to be, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For all who hear and read God's word with faith, that the Spirit may touch their hearts with joy. We pray for Sean, Presiding Bishop; Deon, our bishop; Kathie, our dean; and the staff and Chapter of our Cathedral. In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Carondelet /St. Louis and Jeff, their interim priest. In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for St. Raphael the Archangel (Misión San Rafael Arcángel) in Yauco. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria. Let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For all members of the body of Christ, that we may use the gifts God has given us to build up your Beloved Community of equity, peace and love. Let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For ourselves, that we may heed the Spirit's call to help all in suffering or affliction and to bring the Good News of God's love to all. Let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For the sick, those in need of your healing presence, and those for whom we have been asked to pray, including all the people of Israel, Palestine and the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia, Haiti, Sudan, Iran, Libya; all those affected by the fires in California, the Garroway, Vincent and Carter families, Ann, Jim, Andreas, Cornelia, Hans-Michael, Bishop Chilton, Nelson, Gilbert, Larry, Hardina, Nicole, Tim, Lowell, Michelle, Helen, Alicia, John, Timothy, Renie, Eddy, Urlene, Ed, Kathy, Rev. Julie, Rev. Josie, Susan, Norm; all in prison and their families; and those affected by violence and oppression in all forms; that they may be held in the healing mercy of the God of peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For those who have died, including all killed in the Middle East, Ukraine, in the attack in New Orleans and in the fires burning in California; Durie Shiebler, Paul Vincent, James Earl Carter, Jr., those eight lives taken by gun violence in St. Louis City in 2025 represented in the light of the small candles on the high altar; and all who die at the hand of another, or by their own hand. Let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For those you have helped, O Lord, to answer your call to the ministry of leadership in this place. We give our heartfelt thanks for those who continue in leadership roles and those who have blessed us with their gifts including Chapter members and Convocation/Convention Delegates and Alternate Delegates from the Cathedral community now completing current terms. Let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For the gift of your wisdom O Holy One. We thank you for calling your faithful people to serve you as elected leaders in your church; we give thanks for Thom Gross, Lorraine Kee, Mary Randlett, and Muffin Rowlyk as they complete their Chapter terms; Debbie Nelson Linck completing a term as Delegate and Pat Rohan as Alternate Delegate. We give thanks for Robert England, Carol Fletcher, Richard Smith and Alan Robert Young who have responded 'yes' to the call to serve on Chapter, and Mary Randlett and Mary Hovland as they begin their terms as Delegate and Alternate Delegate. We are grateful for your faithfulness. Let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**



*Leader* For the many faithful members of this congregation who lead and co-lead your ministries and mission here and beyond this glorious cathedral, we offer our profound gratitude. Let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For the faithful and dedicated staff of your cathedral, O Holy One, paid and volunteer, without whom we would surely flounder, but for their devotion to you and this your community. Thank you for their gifts and blessings shared so richly among us. We offer thanks for Connor Scott's time among us and ask your continued presence with him. Let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*All* **Gracious and loving God, you have called us together as the body of Christ and you have taught us to do justice, love kindness, and practice humility before you; make our faith active in love, that your name may be praised and your people served throughout the earth. Hear the prayers we make in the name of the Son you sent to dwell among us, the neighbor who is right in front of us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

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

*Presider* Our loving God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### THE PEACE

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The people exchange a sign of God's promised peace.*

**BRIEF Ministry presentations: Black History Month: Alice Stanley, Visioning update: Thomas Adams, Lead Missioner; Reparations work at CCC: Lorraine Kee, Rob Good, Mary DeHahn, PRJ Reparations Team**

**BRIEF UPDATE on the Final Actuals for the 2024 Budget: Ron Freiwald, Ass't. Treasurer** (*page 33, Annual Meeting Report*)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS & OFFERTORY SENTENCES

Dean

### GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** My Song Shall Be Always of the Loving-Kindness of The Lord Godfrey Sampson  
*My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord; with my mouth will I ever be shewing Thy truth from one generation to another.*  
- Text from Psalm 84:1

### THE DOXOLOGY 380 verse 3, adapted

*OLD 100TH*



*Please stand as you are able.*

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: The Great Thanksgiving** *Eucharistic Prayer B (expansive language text)*

*Presider* God is with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*Presider* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Savior.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever offer this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS S-125, adapted** *Please kneel or stand as you are able.*

Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

*Presider* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days, you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command O God:

*All* **We remember Christ's death, we proclaim Christ's resurrection, we await Christ's coming in glory;**

*Presider* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

*All* **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 bread is broken; silence is kept.*

*Presider* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*Presider* Behold what you are.

*People* **May we become what we receive.**

### **THE INVITATION**

*Presider* These are God's holy gifts, for you, God's holy people.

*The Presider may add:*

So come to this table you who have much faith or you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

### **SHARING THE SACRED MEAL**

*This is Christ's table and all are welcome to be fed. Please follow the movement to the altar; communion will be distributed at the head of the center aisle. Remember to take your purse/personal belongings with you when leaving your seat for communion.*

*Those participating at home may, if they wish, say this prayer during the time of Communion:*

**Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.**

*Unison or harmony*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

**SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITOR**

*Deacon* In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread, one cup.**

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER** *Please stand as you are able.*

*Presider* God is with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*People* **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, Divine Creator, 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.**

**COMMISSIONING OF CHAPTER AND CONVENTION DELEGATES**

*ALL members of Chapter and Delegates/Alternate Delegates present come forward to the Dean.*

*Dean* Siblings in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our intent is to commission these persons duly elected in the name of God, and of Christ Church Cathedral to the special ministry to which each is called.

You have been called to a ministry on the Chapter of this Cathedral or as convention/convocation Delegate and Alternate Delegate. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work and ministry, perform it with commitment and diligence? Please say: "I will with God's help."

*Chapter Members/Delegates/Alternate Delegates* **I will, with God's help.**

*Dean* Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation and Cathedral? Please say: "I will with God's help."

*Chapter Members/ Delegates/Alternate Delegates* **I will, with God's help.**

*Dean* Let us pray. O eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace members of Chapter, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things, they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Dean to Chapter Members* In the Name of God and of this Cathedral, I commission you as Members of Chapter in Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis, MO and in the Diocese of Missouri.

*Dean* Let us pray. Eternal Lord God, who by the Holy Spirit presided at the council of the Apostles to guide them in all knowledge and truth: Be present with the Delegates and Alternate Delegates to Convention & Convocation from this Cathedral. In the passions of debate give them a quiet spirit, in the complexities of the issues give them clear minds, and in the moments of decision give them courageous hearts. Guide them in all things to seek only your glory, the good of your church on earth and the wellbeing of all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Dean to Delegates (and Alternate Delegates to Convention)* In the Name of God and of Christ Church Cathedral, I commission you as Delegates and Alternate Delegates to Diocesan Convention.

*Dean* O Lord, without whom our labor is lost: We beseech you to prosper all works in your church undertaken according to your holy will. Grant to these your faithful Members of Chapter, Convention Delegates and Alternate Delegates a pure intention, a patient faith, a prayerful heart, commitment to You above all else and by your grace a deep care for the justice, mercy, hope and work of all your people in this place for the building up of your body now and for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Dean to Chapter, Delegates (and Alternate Delegates)* May the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier be upon you now and always. **Amen.**

**SR. WARDENS' REMARKS**

John Emery

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Dean Kathie

**THE BLESSING** (*Book of Occasional Services*)

*Presider* May Christ the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light of love and hope to this nation and to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Grace of Christ the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**



1 Go forth for God; go \_\_\_\_\_ to the world in peace;  
 2 Go forth for God; go \_\_\_\_\_ to the world in love;  
 3 Go forth for God; go \_\_\_\_\_ to the world in strength;  
 4 Go forth for God; go \_\_\_\_\_ to the world in joy,



be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,  
 strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;  
 hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;  
 to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,



in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,  
 help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove  
 ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length  
 and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,



till in his king - dom we \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold his face.  
 his love sup - plies the grace \_\_\_\_\_ and power we seek.  
 shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.  
 re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

**MOVE TO ADJOURN**

Dean

**THE SENDING**

*Deacon* Our worship has ended. Our service in the world now begins. Go forth into the world and share the Good News of God's love. Go in peace to love and serve the Risen Christ. Alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

**ABUNDANT EPIPHANY BLESSINGS!**

*If you have questions or wish to continue the conversation with the Chapter Members, Treasurer or Dean, we will remain following the service.*

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