



**Convention Eucharist**

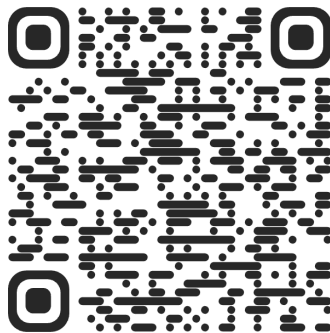
*for*

**The 41st Annual Convention of the  
Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee**

February 7, 2025  
Siler Gym, The Episcopal School of Knoxville

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# Imagine Our Possibilities: Convention Eucharist

Friday, February 7, 2025 | 6:00PM

*We follow a cross  
into worship,  
remembering  
the words of  
Jesus: "If any  
want to become  
my disciples, let  
them deny  
themselves and  
take up their  
cross and follow  
me." - Matthew  
16:24*

*Holy Eucharist  
Rite II –  
Expansive  
Language*

*Everyone  
assembled is  
invited to read  
the **bolded** text.*

*Italicized text are  
instructions.*

## Prelude

St. Anne's Reel

## Gathering Hymn:

Take Your Shoes Off Moses

**Well, God spoke to Moses at the burning bush,  
the burning bush, the burning bush**

**God spoke to Moses at the burning bush**

**Saying I am the LORD, thy God      *Refrain***

### *Refrain*

**Take your shoes off Moses, you're on holy ground**

**Holy ground, you're on holy ground**

**Take your shoes off Moses, you're on holy ground**

**For I am the LORD, thy God**

**Go yonder Moses and smite that rock**

**Smite that rock, oh smite that rock**

**Go yonder Moses and smite that rock**

**For I am the LORD, thy God      *Refrain***

**Stand still Moses, and see salvation work**

**Salvation work, see salvation work**

**Stand still Moses, and see salvation work**

**For I am the LORD, thy God      *Refrain***

## The Word of God

### Opening Acclamation

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

*People* **And blessed be God's reign, now and forever.**

*Together the Celebrant and People say*

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires know, and  
from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by  
the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

# Song of Praise:

# God of Grace



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;



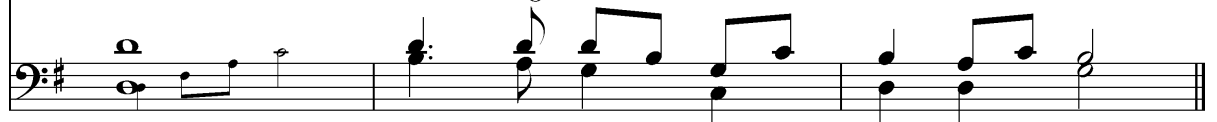
crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.



Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -



hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.



Music & Text:  
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## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Holy Wisdom, in your loving kindness you created us and restored us when we were lost: inspire us with your truth, that we may love you with our whole minds and run to you with open hearts, through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*This prayer concerns the theme of the day and prepares us for Liturgy of the Word.*

*Source: St. Alcuin of York, Mass of Wisdom*

## The Lessons

### First Reading: Isaiah 40:27-29

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,

'My way is hidden from the Lord,

and my right is disregarded by my God'?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;

his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,

and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,

and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,

they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary,

they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord.

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

*The weekly scripture readings are organized in a 3-year cycle called the Revised Common Lectionary in which every major portion of both Christian and Hebrew scriptures are arranged according to the liturgical Church calendar.*

The Psalm is read  
responsively by  
whole verse.

## Psalm 126

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,\*  
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 **Then was our mouth filled with laughter,\*  
and our tongues with shouts of joy.**
- 3 Then they said among the nations,\*  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”
- 4 **The LORD has done great things for us,\*  
and we are glad indeed.**
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD,\*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 **Those who sowed with tears\*  
will reap with songs of joy.**
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,\*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

Among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn:

## Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,  
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Music: Irish  
Traditional.  
Text: Mary  
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## Gospel Reading: Mark 4:26-32

All stand.

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

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

We stand to  
hear the Gospel,  
literally  
translated,  
"Good News,"  
and speak  
acclamations  
before and after  
the reading,  
because we  
recognize that  
Christ, the Word  
of God, has  
come among us  
in the flesh.

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.”

Deacon           The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

**Dr. Hannah Matis, PhD**

*Associate Dean for Academic Affairs &  
Associate Professor of Church History  
School of Theology (Sewanee)*

*Silence may follow.*

*A short period of  
silent reflection is  
observed after  
the sermon.*

## Nicene Creed

*All stand.*

**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.**

*We respond to  
the proclaimed  
Gospel in  
confessing the  
faith of the  
Universal Church  
in the words of  
the Nicene  
Creed (325/381  
AD).*



*We join our prayers with those of all the Faithful for the Universal Church, its members, and its mission; the nation and all in authority; the welfare of the world; the concerns of the local community; those who suffer and those in any trouble; and the departed.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

Holy God, we bring you our prayers for the church and for the world. Let your healing well up among us, O God, and make your church a place of abundant life, that people of every kind may find a dwelling place of nourishment in the shelter of your branches.

We pray for the Diocese of East Tennessee, for Brian our Bishop, for all deacons and priests, and for all the baptized. Give us vision and courage to nourish the seeds of the gospel that you have planted in us, that your love may spread and flourish.

Gathering God,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Open our hearts and our hands to all who hunger in body and in spirit, that we may share your grace with those who need it most. Make us hunger and thirst for justice, that all may feast at the abundance of your table.

Sustaining God,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Teach us to look for your beauty everywhere, that we may find ourselves rooted deeply in your love. We pray for all who are sick, lonely or grieving, for those whose lives are shaped by war, oppression and climate collapse. Give us the will to work for the wholeness of this fragile earth, and for the neighbors with whom we share it.

Creating God,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks, Eternal God, for the community of saints, those who walk with us on this earth, and those who walk before us. [We especially remember now *N.N.*] Draw us together, O God, at tables earthly and heavenly, and as we taste your goodness,

show us yourself in the faces of one another.

Resurrecting God,

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Bishop concludes with the following*

O God the Creator and ruler of all things, like a mustard seed, your reign unfurls beyond our wildest imaginings. Bless those who plant and tend the new life of your Church, that it may grow evermore into a place of welcome, a refuge of healing, a garden for souls, and a life-giving spring; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ, our strength and our salvation. **Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**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.**

*The Bishop stands and says*

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

*"If you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."  
- Matthew 5:23-24*

The people share signs of peace with one another, usually with a handshake or hug.

## The Peace

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

## The Holy Communion

Bread and wine are brought to the altar, along with money offerings; tokens of both God's work in creation, as well as our own life and labor which we offer to God in thanksgiving.

Music & Text:  
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### Offertory Hymn:

### Welcome Table

**I'm gonna sit at the welcome table**

**I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days**

**I'm gonna sit at the welcome table**

**I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days**

**One of these days**

**I'm gonna feast on milk and honey...**

**I'm gonna tell God how you treat me...**

**All God's children gonna sit together...**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

In the Eucharist, we remember the mysteries of Christ, offer bread and wine (tokens of God's provision and human labor) in thanksgiving, and invoke the Holy Spirit to come upon the gifts, that by this holy Sacrament

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; 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 Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

we might receive forgiveness of our sins, strength in our union with Christ and one another, and receive a renewed foretaste of the heavenly banquet.

Music: "Land of Rest" American Traditional.  
Text: Sanctus.  
English Language Liturgical Consultation

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

The Words of Institution spoken by Jesus at the Last Supper, commanding us to remember the work of God in the broken Body of Christ, and giving us a share in the new life of the Resurrection as part of Christ's Body.

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

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.

*At the Epiclesis ("Calling Down") the Holy Spirit is invoked to come upon the bread and wine, and us, that by this holy sacrament we might receive forgiveness of our sins, strengthening of our union with Christ and one another, and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet.*

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary and 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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*The Lord's Prayer or "Our Father" is found in Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:24*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Luke 24:30-31  
 "...[Jesus] took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him..."

## The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

The Celebrant continues

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People

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

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation or similar words.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Holy Communion

All the Baptized from any tradition/denomination are welcome to receive Communion.

Please go to the nearest Communion Station as directed by the ushers.

If you are unable to go to a station and wish to receive, please notify an usher and Communion will be brought to you.

If you do not wish to receive Communion, but would like a blessing instead, please proceed to a station and cross your arms over your chest, and the Minister will give you a blessing.

**NOTE: All the bread is Gluten & Nut Free. The wine in the Chalice contains alcohol.**

## Communion Hymn:

## Come Thou Fount



1. Come, Thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing thy  
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by thy help I'm  
 3. O, to grace how great a debt - or, Dai - ly I'm con - strained to



1. grace; Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est  
 2. come; And I hope, by thy good pleas - ure, Sure - ly to ar - rive at  
 3. be; Let that grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - d'ring heart to





1. praise. Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a -  
 2. home. Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan-d'ring from the fold of  
 3. Thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel — it, Prone to leave the God I



1. bove. Praise the mount, O fix me on it. Mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 2. God. He, to save my soul from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
 3. love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it from thy courts a - bove.



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### Communion Hymn:

### Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

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# Communion Hymn:

# All Who Gather



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na  
 2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a  
 3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.  
 wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.  
 liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for  
 Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were  
 Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
 lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.  
 from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.



Taste and see that God is good.  
 Taste and see that God is good.  
 Taste and see that God is good.

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 Traditional  
 Text: Sylvia  
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## Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**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, and renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Blessing

### Sending Hymn:

### Down by the Riverside

1. Goin' to lay down my sword and shield,  
2. Goin' to lay down my war— shoes,  
3. Goin' to put on my long white robe,  
4. Goin' to meet my lov - ing sav - ior,

Down by the riv - er - side, Down by the riv - er - side,

Down by the riv - er - side.  
1. Goin' to lay down my sword and shield,  
2. Goin' to lay down my war— shoes,  
3. Goin' to put on my long white robe,  
4. Goin' to meet my lov - ing sav - ior,

Down by the riv - er - side, To stud - y war— no

I ain't goin't

more. \_\_\_\_\_ stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't

stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't stud - y \_\_\_\_\_ war no

I ain't goin't

more, \_\_\_\_\_ stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't

stud - y war no more, \_\_\_\_\_

stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't stud - y war no \_\_\_\_\_ more. \_\_\_\_\_

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The word "Mass" comes from the dismissal in Latin: *Ite, missa est*, "Go, it is the sending." We have been fed by Word and Sacrament, and are now sent as Christ's Body into the world.

## Dismissal

The Deacon gives the dismissal. The People respond:

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude:

**Keep on the Sunny Side**

## Leading Worship

Celebrant	The Rt. Rev. Brian Cole, Bishop
Preacher	Dr. Hannah Matis, PhD
Deacon of the Mass	The Rev. Beth Janney
Deacon of the Table	The Rev. Mark Colbert
Lectors	Eva Coleman Tristan Brown
Intercessor	Christina Sjoberg
Communion Ministers	The Rev. Kat Chappell The Rev. Ryan Lockwood The Rev. Sean McEwen The Rev. Casey Perkins The Rev. Ragan Schriver The Rev. Zac Settle The Rev. William Simerly The Rev. Ashton Sims
Musicians	The Dog Church Band ( <i>St. John's Cathedral</i> ): Joe Fowler—Bass Kerry Ruff—Guitar Don Cassell—Mandolin Keith Yoder—Banjo & Fiddle
Acolytes	East TN Youth
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