

**April 28, 2024
Announcements**

Final Choral Evensong of the Season on Sunday, April 28

The service includes the Responses of Bermuda-born contemporary composer Gabriel Jackson and the Service In G of British-born composer Francis Jackson. An organ prelude is at 4:45 pm. Visit spcathedral.org/music-events for more information.

All Invited to the FAST Nehemiah Action on Tuesday, April 30

The Cathedral has a goal to bring 90 people to the Action! This is an opportunity for us to use people power to work for systemic change in our community. We will meet with public officials and hear updates on our three justice issues: affordable housing, criminal justice reform, and water quality. Hosted by First Baptist Church of St. Petersburg (1900 Gandy Blvd N). Carpool and childcare available. Visit spcathedral.org/fast for more information.

Join us for Beauty and the Beast in the Park on Friday, May 3

Thanks to a new partnership between the Cathedral and American Stage, we are able to offer a special discount code to attend this performance at Demens Landing Park. Use code COMSPONSORS. This code is good for the whole run of the show, but we are hoping as many people as possible can join us for a Cathedral night on May 3. Contact Hillary Peete (hpeete@spcathedral.com) with any questions or to let us know you plan to attend!

Pray, Meditate and Connect Group Gathers on Saturday, May 4

This faith-filled group gathers at 1:30 pm to share prayer concerns, 20 minutes of silent meditation, and a brief prayer service to conclude. Our aim is to deepen our fellowship through prayer. All are welcome, whether you have experience with silent meditation or are just curious. Visit spcathedral.org/meditate for more information.

Pentecost Picnic and Festivities on Sunday, May 19

Plan to join us for a festive picnic with activities, games, and a raffle for all ages! We'll provide the fried chicken, please bring a side dish to share. Pans are available to pick up Sunday May 5 and 12. Volunteers are needed for set up, hospitality, and games. Visit spcathedral.org/pentecost to sign up.

Moving Up Sunday Celebrates Children and Youth on May 19

This is a wonderful time to celebrate our high school seniors and recognize faith milestones for our children and youth. Families will be invited to come forward for a special blessing. If your child is 4 years old, a 2nd grader, or a rising 6th or 10th grader, please plan to join us!

Ways to Give and Serve

- Giving is an act of worship and trust where we prayerfully consider the abundance of God's gifts in our lives and gratefully respond by making an offering to God in support of the mission of the church. Visit spcathedral.org/give to give online.
- **April Outreach: Diapers for Dignity**
Throughout April we are collecting adult diapers (pullups), pads, and flat under-pads for beds and other furniture for the Diapers for Dignity Program. Learn more at [Diapers for Dignity \(agingcarefl.org\)](http://DiapersforDignity.org). Please bring your donations to the church on Sundays or during office hours.

This Sunday at the Cathedral

Holy Eucharist Rite I		8:00 am
Transforming Questions		9:00 am
Confessions of St. Augustine		9:00 am
Holy Eucharist Rite II		10:15 am
Children's Chapel		10:15 am
Coffee Hour		11:30 am
Choral Evensong		5:00 pm
EYC (6th-12th grade)		5:00 pm

This Week at the Cathedral

FAST Nehemiah Action		Tuesday at 7:00 (<i>First Baptist Church of St. Petersburg</i>)
St. Veronica's Guild		Wednesdays at 10:00 am
Holy Eucharist & Healing Service		Wednesdays at 12:05 pm
Men's Bible Study		Thursdays at 7:45 am
Cathedral Choir Rehearsal		Thursdays at 7:00 pm
Beauty and the Beast		Friday at 7:30 pm (<i>Demens Landing</i>)
Funeral for Caroline Bosbyshell		Saturday at 11:00 am
Pray, Meditate, and Connect		Saturday at 1:30 pm

Welcome to St. Peter's.

We invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God.

Worship Bulletin In our worship bulletin, we print the acronym for which book in the pew to use during worship for the service and the music.

Service We use *The Book of Common Prayer* (red) designated by BCP, followed by the page number.

Music Primarily we use *The Hymnal 1982* (blue). The bulletin has two hymnal references: # preceding a number refers to a hymn. # S preceding a number is for music within the service other than a hymn, such as the Sanctus at the Eucharist and located at the front of the hymnal. Our other hymnal is *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (green) in which there is no division of service music and hymns, so all bulletin references use only #.

Please silence all cell phones in consideration of others.

PRELUDE

Fanfare on *Abbot's Leigh* (Hymn 379)

Charles Callahan

OPENING HYMN

"God is Love, let heaven adore him"

379 (BLUE HYMNAL)

EASTER ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ has risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER (Pascha Nostrum)

Engelberg



God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore with
Now is Christ raised and will not die a - gain; Death has no
In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead; Though Ad - am's



joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; For - sak - ing sin, we share the
more do - min - ion o - ver him. Through him we die to sin and
sin has doomed all flesh to die, In Christ's new life shall all be



bread of truth. Al - le - lu - ia!
live to God. Al - le - lu - ia!
made a - live. Al - le - lu - ia!

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:24-30 *Sung by the choir*

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who
worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD
shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

THE SECOND READING

1 JOHN 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and

hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

492 (BLUE HYMNAL)

“Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness”

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 15:1-8

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

THE REV. MICHAEL R. ALFORD

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM IV

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CONCLUDING COLLECT

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Gluten-free wafers are provided upon request.

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Bob Chilcott

God so loved the world

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

Text: John 3:16, 17

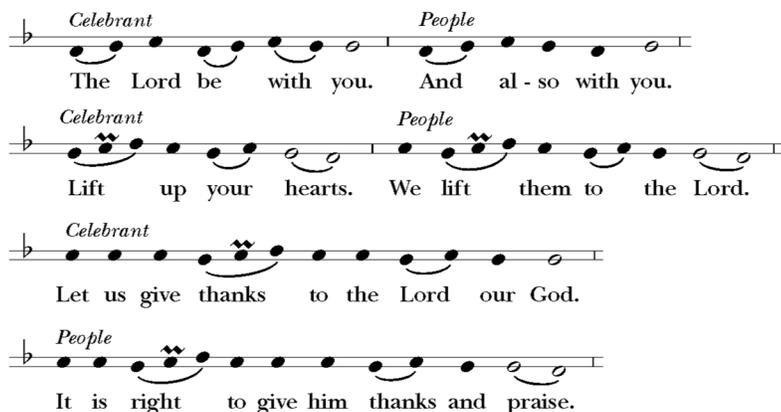
DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; O praise him. Alleluia! Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. O praise him, O praise him. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD *Sanctus*
THE LORD'S PRAYER
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD
FRACTION ANTHEM *The disciples knew the Lord Jesus*
THE INVITATION

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877 (GREEN HYMNAL)

COMMUNION ANTHEM

I sat down under His shadow

Edward Bairstow

I sat down under His shadow with great delight, and His fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love.
Text: Song of Solomon 2:3b-4

COMMUNION HYMN

"God is love, and where true love is"

577 (BLUE HYMNAL)

SENDING OF EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS

Deacon We, the church of Jesus Christ, send you forth bearing these holy gifts so that N. may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many, are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant and 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, 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.

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Celebrant blesses the people, first saying

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

The Deacon dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

HYMN IN PROCESSION

"Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"

376 (BLUE HYMNAL)

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C Major

Edward Bairstow

WORSHIP AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I & Sermon
	10:15 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II & Sermon
Wednesday	12:05 pm	Midweek Holy Eucharist & Healing Service
4th Sunday	5:00 pm	Choral Evensong (September through April, except December 2023 & March 2024)

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