

Welcome! As our Lord Jesus Christ said, Peace be with you. Wherever you come from and wherever you are on your journey of faith, we are glad you are with us. Let us enter into God's presence together.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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Prelude

“Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way”

Robert J. Powell

Opening Hymn

“Praise to the living God”

Hymnal #372

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant

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

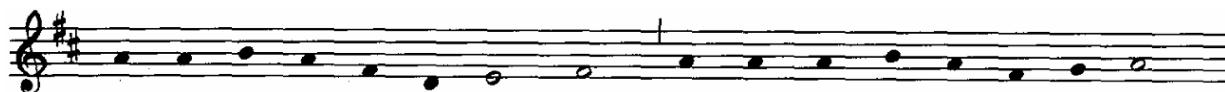
People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

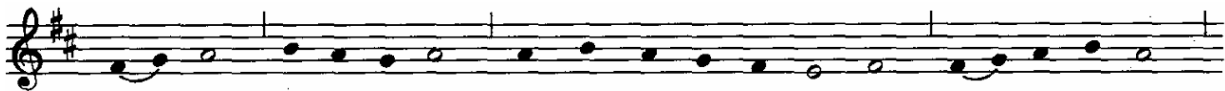
The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, 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



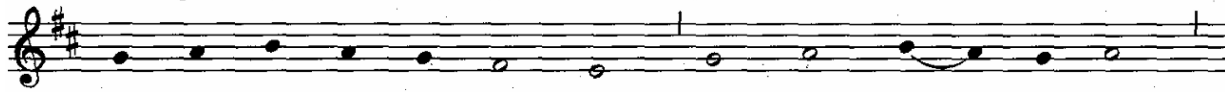
1. Glo- ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



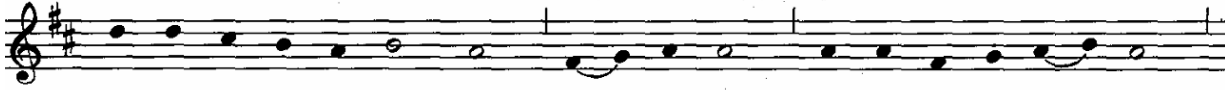
4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson

(Jeremiah 18:1-11)

Reader: A reading from the Book of Jeremiah

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

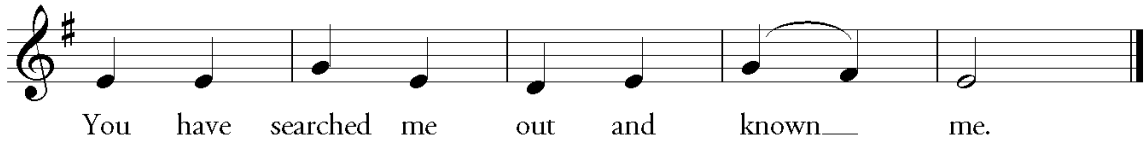
Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

The antiphon is first sung by a cantor, then repeated by all.



The verses are sung by a cantor. All sing the antiphon where indicated.

LORD, you have searched me out;

O LORD, you have known me.

You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me. ***Antiphon***

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book;
my days were fashioned before they came to be. ***Antiphon***

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!

How great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours. ***Antiphon***

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The Second Lesson

(Philemon 1-21)

Reader: A reading from the letter of Paul to Philemon:

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

Sequence Hymn Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!



1 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Thou art the
2 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Search me and
3 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Wound - ed and
4 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Hold o'er my



pot - ter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me af - ter thy
try me, Mas - ter, to - day. Pur - er than snow, Lord, wash me just
wea - ry, help me, I pray. Pow - er, all pow - er sure - ly is
be - ing ab - so - lute sway. Fill with thy Spir - it till all shall



will, while I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.
now, as in thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.
thine. Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine.
see Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me.

Text: Adelaide A. Pollard, 1862–1934
Music: ADELAIDE, George C. Stebbins, 1846–1945

The Gospel

(Luke 14:25-33)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the

cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Fr. Matthew L. Buterbaugh

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.**

Prayers of the People – Form V

Leader

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy”.

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Here and after every petition the People respond: **Lord, have mercy.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Matthew our diocesan Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those in positions of public trust, especially Donald the President of the United States, Tony the Governor of Wisconsin, Cory the Mayor of Racine, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who live and work in this community, especially the staff, volunteers and guests of the Hospitality Center, Racine Vocational Ministries, and the Brown Bag Ministry, we pray to you, O Lord.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all the blessings of our lives, [especially: _____] , we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who are sick or suffering, [especially: _____], we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, [especially: _____], and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Luke, blessed James DeKoven, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Celebrant adds the following Doxology

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Please kneel or stand.

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 your Son 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 Priest, stands and says

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

Amen

The Peace *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

“Prière”

Théodore César Salomé

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with the following sentence of Scripture

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

Celebrant All things come of Thee, O Lord
People And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Please Stand

Book of Common Prayer 367

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

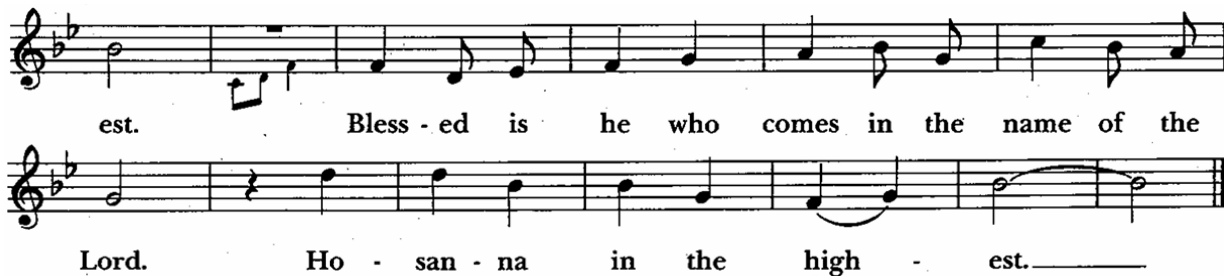
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:

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

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, — hea - ven and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -



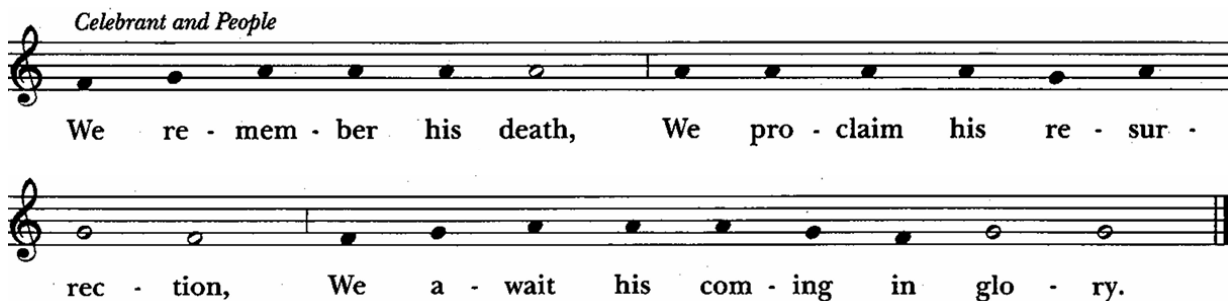
Setting: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

The people may kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. . .

Therefore, according to your command, O Father,



Setting: Ambrosian anaphora chant; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

The Celebrant continues

And we offer this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you O Lord of all. . .

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



The Lord's Prayer

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

Celebrant and People:



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. and for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Setting: Plainsong; Adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Cantor
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

All
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us

All
keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: From *Missa orbis factor*; Plainsong, Tonus Peregrinus; arr. David Hurd (b. 1950)

Communion

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

In the Episcopal Church, all are welcome at the table of the Lord. If you have been baptized in any Christian tradition, you may receive communion. If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing or to indicate that you do not want to receive the bread or wine.

Communion Hymn

“Take up your cross, the Savior said”

Hymnal #675

Post-communion Prayer

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.**

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant (Name), we send you out to share Communion this week with (Name).

People **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of
Christ's presence.**

Celebrant May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that
community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

The Blessing



1. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good
 2. Go forth for God, go to the world in love; strength-en the
 3. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength; hold fast the
 4. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy, to serve God's
 cour-age, armed with heaven-ly grace, in God's good Spir - it
 faint, give cour - age to the weak; help the af - flict - ed;
 good, be ur - gent for the right; ren - der to no one
 peo - ple ev - ery day and hour, and serv - ing Christ, our
 dai-ly to in-crease, till in the king-dom we see face to
 richly from a - bove God's love supplies the grace and power we
 e-vil; Christ at length shall o - vercome all dark-ness with his
 ev-ery gift em-ploy, re - joic-ing in the Ho - ly Spir-it's
 face. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.
 seek. Go forth for God, go to the world in love.
 light. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.
 power. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

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MUSIC (GENEVA 124, 10 10.10 10.10): *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; harm. by C. Winfred Douglas, 1940, alt.

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Fugue on ‘Old 124th’”

David P. Dahl

If you are visiting St. Luke's, we welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord.

If you have any questions or want to know more about St. Luke's Church, please speak with an usher.

TODAY'S MINISTERS

ACOLYE/S: Roger Mertins

ALTAR GUILD: Debbie Bruno

FIRST READER: Geoff Greeley

SECOND READER: Becky Turk

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Mick Burke

PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY: Mick Burke

USHERS: Gregory Rawlinko, David Groth

CANTOR: Madie Lambert

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER: Jessica MacPhail

COFFEE HOUR: Birthday Sunday

NEXT WEEK COFFEE HOUR: St. Monica's Guild

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For our Parish

For those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound

Bethany, Laandan, Tony, Chris, Ron, Gerald, Lisa, Jean,
Olivia, Bill, Katie, Sally, Heather, Leah, George, Stan, Amber

Homebound: Barbara, Jeanne, Bill

For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine:

Congregations of St. Luke's and St. Michael's

Brown Bag Ministry

Diocese of Wisconsin Hospitality Center

Racine Vocational Ministry

The DeKoven Center

For the Church: In the World

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
St. Marc's Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti
Cadnet Edneron and Charline Irossaint

Thanksgiving for Birthdays

Janna, Kathie

Special Offering

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the following: **Hospitality Center**. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

Deconsecrating of the Chapel

We will be deconsecrating the chapel on Sunday, September 14, following the service. The chapel has not been used as a worship space for a decade and is currently housing the Hospitality Center Clothing Closet. Liturgical items will have been removed prior to the deconsecration. On September 14, parishioners are invited to come and share stories, before Fr. Matthew reads the letter of secularization.

James DeKoven Day

All are invited to attend this year's **DeKoven Day** celebration on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, honoring the life and legacy of the Rev. James DeKoven-one of the most respected leaders of the Anglo-Catholic Movement and influential in shaping the modern Episcopal Church.

This year's event will feature a special focus on newly released biography by John E. Magerus, James DeKoven: Biography of a Famous Yet Forgotten Man. The day will begin at 1:00 p.m. with a Eucharist service in St. John's Chapel, followed by a reception and book signing in Taylor Hall featuring author, John E. Magerus. Admission is free, and copies of the book will be available for purchase.

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