Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
A Servant Church in the Heart of the City

Newcomers and visitors, welcome! We are a servant church in the heart of the city. May you find here, by God’s grace, that which feeds your soul, and leave here with a heart prepared to serve.
Holy Eucharist

Service Notes

• Page numbers listed are from The Book of Common Prayer.
• Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (*).
• Please remember to wear your mask, covering your mouth and nose, at all times (except when actively consuming Communion).
• We also ask you to observe proper physical distancing (staying at least six feet apart), for the safety of everyone attending.

The Word of God

* Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Presider  Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People  And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
Presider  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.

* The Collect of the Day

Presider  The Lord be with you.
People  And also with you.
Presider  Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading: Exodus 33:12–23

Lector  Moses said to the Lord, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people. ” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

The Lord said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

The Word of the Lord.

People  Thanks be to God.
Psalm 99

The Lord is King; 
let the people tremble; * 
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; 
let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion; * 
he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; * 
he is the Holy One.

“O mighty King, lover of justice, 
you have established equity; * 
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God 
and fall down before his footstool; * 
he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests, 
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, * 
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; * 
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; * 
you were a God who forgave them, 
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God 
and worship him upon his holy hill; * 
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Lector  Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Word of the Lord.

People  Thanks be to God.
*The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:15–22*

Gospeller  | The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
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**People** | Glory to you, Lord Christ.
**Gospeller** | The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

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**All** | 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.
Lector Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Marty, our Bishop; Andy, our Dean; and Jerry, our Deacon.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Lector Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for Donald, our President; Mike, our Governor; Quinton, our Mayor; and all the mayors and city councils of our communities.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Lector Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Lector Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Lector Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for those on our Cathedral Prayer List, and for any others ...

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Lector We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for those we now name.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.
* Concluding Collect

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ’s body in the world; a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission; that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Confession and Absolution

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

**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.

**Presider**
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.

* The Peace

**Presider**
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People**
And also with you.

Announcements

A Prayer for Stewardship

All
Almighty, ever loving and giving God, from whom comes every good and healthful gift, help us through our faithful stewardship to acknowledge that all things come of you, and to learn that truly it is in giving that we receive; give us grateful hearts, and make us cheerful givers who experience joy and grace as we come to you in faith, asking you to renew, restore, and return a right spirit within us; guide us and strengthen us as we make our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral for the spread of your kingdom; all of which we ask in the name of your greatest gift, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.
Celebration Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

* The Great Thanksgiving

Presider  The Lord be 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 God thanks and praise.
Presider  It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

* Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:

All  Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
      Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
      Hosanna in the highest.

Presider  Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 he 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. Amen.

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

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.

* Breaking of the Bread  page 364

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
Presider 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.

Communion

A note on receiving Communion: We have two aisles in our outside setup. We will administer bread from the top of both aisles. Please come up one person/family unit at a time to receive the bread. Once you have received it, please carry it back to your seat before you lift your mask to consume it. The ushers will help direct you when to come up the aisle. We will begin with the people seated between the aisles, then move to the outside of the aisles.
* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* BLESSING

* DISMISSAL

The Officiant dismisses the people.

People Thanks be to God.

The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, Officiant
George Helmkamp, Lector
Peter Fortner, Eucharistic Minister
John Braum, Steve Moore, Ushers
Robin Rusconi, Greeter/Check-In

For your convenience, we offer the option of online giving. You may make or pay on a pledge, give a gift, or make a donation. Or you may use the QR code to the right. Thank you for your generosity.
Dear Cathedral Family,

I hope you will join with me and some of our Ministry Leaders and Vestry at our Fall Festival on Saturday, October 24 from 1-3 p.m. This will be a drive-through event held in our parking lot. Come reconnect with us, get treats and prayers to take home, all from the safety of your car. We will even have a social outreach donation drop box to collect non-perishable food items. This will be a great way to usher in a time of thanksgiving as we draw closer to All Saints’ Day. Please check our website and social media pages for more information. I look forward to seeing you there!

Dean Andy+

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**All Saints’ Sunday**

**November 1**

On this day, we will be honoring all those who have died within the past year. Please email names of your personal friends and family who have passed away in the last twelve months to communications@kccathedral.org. Emails must be received no later than Tuesday, October 27. Those names will be included in the bulletin and listed in our Book of Remembrance. If you wish to honor someone who passed away beyond the last year, there will be a moment in the service where you will be invited to say their name(s) aloud.
Onsite Prayer & Worship

We are currently offering two opportunities each week for onsite prayer and worship. **Registration is required for both.**

**Wednesdays—Onsite Prayer & Meditation:** Times are available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Details, and registration links, are available on our website's [Covid-19](#) page.

**Sundays—Outdoor Worship • 5 p.m.:** Get all the details and sign up on our website's [From the Dean](#) page.

*All onsite visits require facemasks to be worn and proper physical distancing to be observed.*

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Worship

**Sundays:** Morning Prayer/Holy Eucharist—Livestreamed • 10:15 a.m.
Holy Eucharist—Outdoor Service • 5 p.m. *(Registration Required)*

**Wednesdays:** Noonday Prayer—Prerecorded • 12 noon.

Online services are recorded in the Nave and are available to watch on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#). The outdoor service takes place on the north lawn (corner of 13th & Broadway). Bulletins are [here](#). Sunday mornings, join us after the service for virtual Coffee Hour via [Zoom](#)!

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Children

**Children’s Ministry**

**Sundays • 9:15 a.m.** **There will be no Zoom session October 25!**

Each session will include a short time for greeting and sharing, a question of the day, music activity, a story based on the lectionary text of the day, prayer and a virtual 3 “H” goodbye (hugs, handshakes and high fives). Contact [Linda Martin](#) for more information.
Youth

Bible & Bingo
Thursdays • 8 p.m.
Bible and Bingo with Madi and Meredith continues on Thursday evenings from 8–9 p.m. in the WEMO Youth Zoom Room.

GHTC Youth Group
Sundays • 3:30 p.m.
Your Youth Ministry Team can’t wait to see you this Sunday for our hybrid in person/Zoom youth group. Youth group will meet each Sunday from 3:30–4:45 p.m. in the Diocesan Close and on Zoom. From now through early December we will be making our way through the Chronicles of Narnia! We will be reading The Magician’s Nephew and The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe and discussing the presence of God, scripture and faith in our daily lives.

Regional Ministry Giving Bags
November 8 and 15
During a season when gratitude is at top of mind, activity bags with options for community service and prayer projects will be available for pickup on November 8. Complete the activities during that week and return the bags the following week!

Contact Alexandra Connors for more information.

College & Careers

College & Careers Gathering
Fourth Sundays—Next: October 25 • 7:30 p.m.
If you have just graduated high school, please join us for a monthly, online, casual way to connect with other people your age and other people who are in similar stages of life. This group is facilitated by Katie Mansfield and will meet via Zoom on the fourth Sunday of the month. Visit our College & Careers page for more info.

Young Adults

Young Adults Meet Up
Third Thursdays—Next: November 19 • 8 p.m.
Gather via Zoom with other Cathedral Young Adults for connection, community and prayer. Contact Nick Smith for more details.
**Sunday Formation: The Minor Prophets**  
**Sundays • 9 a.m.**

Dean Andy is now teaching a class on the minor prophets. Come and learn about these determined men as they prophesied against their cultures in order to fulfill God’s call to them. The class meets at 9 a.m. via Zoom. For more details, visit the Sunday Formation page.

**Jerry’s Class: Sermon on the Mount**  
**Mondays • 7:15 p.m.**

Monday evenings at 7:15 p.m. Deacon Jerry leads a class via Zoom on Sermon on the Mount by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. In this book, Professor Levine takes a detailed and colorful overview of Matthew 5–7, collectively known as Jesus’s Sermon on the Mount. Come explore the most popular sermon ever delivered! For more details, visit the page for Jerry’s Classes.

**GHTC’s Digital Cafe**  
**Tuesdays • 7:30 a.m.**

Please join us for our weekly conversation in GHTC’s Digital Cafe! Tuesday mornings from 7:30–9 a.m. To join, click here. Meeting ID: 568 607 781 Password: 582827. You may also dial in by phone: 312 626 6799.

**Women’s Bible Study**  
**Tuesdays • 12:30 p.m.**

Women’s Bible Study meets via Zoom at 12:30 p.m. WBS is currently studying Engaging the Word by Michael Johnston. For more details, visit our WBS page or contact Candy McDowell.

**Lectionary Bible Study**  
**Tuesday, October 20 • 6:45 p.m. • Reading—Matthew 22:34–46**

Join us for a discussion of context which will, with God’s grace, lead us to a discussion of how an understanding of scripture can restore us to fullness with God and each other in Christ. Join the Lectionary Bible Study group in Realm or visit the LBS page for more details.

**Dean’s Forum & Compline: Lord, teach us to pray.**  
**Wednesdays • 6:45 p.m.**

Dean Andy is now leading a class on Zoom called Lord, teach us to pray. Prayer has always been important to the Church, both corporately and individually. In our time together we will begin with the question the disciples asked Jesus, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” (Lk 11:1b) Handouts are available on the website. The class begins with a check-in at 6:45 p.m. (new time) and class runs from 7–8 p.m., followed by Compline. For more details, visit the Dean’s Forum page.

**Saturday Morning Devotion**  
**Saturdays • 9 a.m.**

Join friends from the Cathedral via Zoom for a moment of prayer and devotion to kick off the weekend. Contact Alexandra Connors for more information.
Upcoming Events

Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat
October
During the month of October, the Cathedral will be collecting food for the Downtown Outreach Food Pantry, located at St. Mary’s. The pandemic has caused more people than usual to rely on food pantries for help. Please bring donations of shelf-stable food to the Tower during business hours any weekday. Just ring the bell and you will be buzzed in to drop off your donation. You may also bring your donation to the outdoor service Sundays at 5 p.m. Thank you for your help! For more information, contact Terri Curran.

Drive Through Fall Festival
Saturday, October 24 • 1–3 p.m.
Join us on Sunday, October 24 for a Drive Through Fall Festival from 1–3 p.m. Drive through parking lot stations to reconnect with ministry leaders, collect treats, get take home kits for at-home formation and drop off donations for our social outreach partners. All ages are invited and encouraged to join us. Follow along on social media until the event for more details!

LGBTQIA+ Gathering
Sunday, October 25 • 6 p.m.
We gather for our potluck meal with no agenda, just food, fun and fellowship. For the website/meeting address and any other questions, email coordinator Brian Cowley.

College & Careers Gathering
Sunday, October 25 • 7:30 p.m.
If you have just graduated high school and are looking to find a group of people to support you during these next steps in your life, please join us for a “College and Careers” gathering. This will be a monthly, online, casual way to connect with other people your age and other people who are in similar stages of life. This group is facilitated by Katie Mansfield and will meet via Zoom on the fourth Sunday of the month. Visit the College & Careers page for more info.

You can always find the latest events on our website’s Upcoming Events page.
Cathedral Prayer List

Pray for:
Healing—Sarah McIvers; Phyllis Ryder; Art Rich III; Jack Lambert; Chris & Julie Schembri; Peg Morgan; Alirah Horton; Sharon Lyons; Fiona (Leona) Schaefer; Charlotte Colburn; Harrison Littlefield; Patricia; Jim Royer; Gaelle Marchand; Ric; Bev Bilotta; Phyllis Kagay; Dave Gaddy Cox; Shannon Johnson; Bob Fasl; Judy Houtman; Kathy Clinch; Alex Stewart Jr.

Peace, Comfort & Serenity—The Wille & Bressman families; The Ryder family; Kate Landers’ family; Gary & family; Cathryn & family; Peggy Lowman’s family; Matt Levi’s family

Calm, Direction & Help—Andrew Rowland; All those affected by the derecho

Strength & Safety—Students returning virtually & in person; Jessica Lynn Knox

Joy & Strength—Joanne Repass Jones

Thanksgiving—Chuck & Marsy Gordon’s new granddaughter, Rebecca Grace Gordon

Recovery from Pandemic—Our church & personal families & friends; Lucas Reifsteck

To place a person on this prayer list, please contact the Cathedral office. Requests are held in prayer for 90 days.

Daily Prayer

If you would like online access to daily prayer readings, compiled by Forward Movement, you will find that here.

If you would prefer a hard copy, contact Janet Sweeting and a copy of the Forward Day by Day booklet will be mailed to you.

Altar Flowers

To help provide flowers for upcoming services, contact the Cathedral office.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

October 18
Bailey Darr & Tom Kretsinger

October 19
Luis Pedroza
Gia Padrani
RoseLee & Steven Harrison

October 20
Cathy Carrillo

October 21
James Chappell
Kathy Meehan

October 22
Andy & Beth Keyse
Robin Rusconi & Jae McKeown

October 23
Bill Beggs
Aiden Reed

October 24
Tina Lewandowski
Marlena Paulus

Please contact the Cathedral office if we have omitted your birthday or anniversary: 816.474.8260 or jsweeting@kccathedral.org.
New prayer initiative offered in advance of elections in the United States

CINCINNATI, OH – Forward Movement and The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations are calling Episcopalians and all others to join in **A Season of Prayer: For an Election.** This prayer novena—nine days of devotional prayers—calls upon God for discernment in voting and for the well-being of our nation.

The season of prayer begins Tuesday, October 27, and continues through November 4, the day after the elections in the United States.

In a short **video message** to encourage participation, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry called on Episcopalians to join the initiative to pray for our nation, its people and leaders, and all the nations and people of the earth. Available with Spanish subtitles [here](#).

Please encourage your congregation and your friends to get involved.

“Through the ministry of RenewalWorks, we’ve found that one of the marks of vital congregations is that they **pastor the community.** By that we mean they are engaged with the world beyond the walls of the church, present to the neighborhood, primed to serve,” said the Rev. Jay Sidebotham, director of **RenewalWorks**, a ministry of Forward Movement. “In this election season, we carry out that important ministry with our prayers, making the commitment through personal spiritual practice to be present to our nation in this critical time, asking for God’s grace for decisions made, thanking God for the grace that we can participate in this way in our common life, and trusting that grace will help us through. First, we pray. Then we vote.”

All prayers come from The Book of Common Prayer, and materials include a brief litany to use each day.

Printable materials for individuals, churches, and families are available for download in English at [www.forwardmovement.org/election](http://www.forwardmovement.org/election) and in Spanish at [www.venadelante.org/eleccion](http://www.venadelante.org/eleccion).

Downloadable social media images will be made available for later in October for use by individuals and churches. These images will also be shared on the **Forward Day by Day** social media channels each day of the novena. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to stay up-to-date.

Additional election resources compiled by the Office of Government Relations are available on their Civic Engagement page.

“Our Vote Faithfully election resources build upon years of voter engagement efforts in the Church,” said Alan Yarborough, church relations officer for the Office of Government Relations. “In our resources we emphasize both the personal responsibility to cast your own vote and to help others in your community to vote as well. We also emphasize other aspects of civic engagement that have strong ties to the election process including the 2020 Census, civil discourse, and identifying and combatting misinformation.”

The Office of Government Relations represents the policy priorities of The Episcopal Church to the U.S. government in Washington, D.C. We aim to shape and influence policy and legislation on critical issues, highlighting the voices and experiences of Episcopalians and Anglicans globally. All policy positions are based on General Convention and Executive Council resolutions, the legislative and governing bodies of the Church. Learn more [here](#).

Inspiring disciples and empowering evangelists around the globe every day, Forward Movement has been producing excellent, innovative resources to encourage spiritual growth in individuals and congregations for more than eighty years. Best known for the popular daily devotional **Forward Day by Day**, the ministry of Forward Movement also offers books and eBooks for groups or individual study, prayer resources, Christian formation courses, leadership events, Spanish and bilingual resources, pamphlets, downloadable resources, daily podcasts, apps for smartphones or tablets, and online engagement opportunities. Learn more [here](#).