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.
Morning Prayer

SERVICE NOTES: Page numbers listed are from The Book of Common Prayer. Hymn numbers are from The Hymnal 1982, unless otherwise noted.

Voluntary:  *Sonate III*  
*Mäßig bewegt*  
Paul Hindemith

Hymn #450: “All hail the power of Jesus’ Name”

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**OPENING SENTENCE**

Officiant: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

**CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Officiant: 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.

Officiant: 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.

**INVITATORY AND PSALTER**

Officiant: Lord open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

**ANTIPHON**

All: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.
Psalm 95:1–7

All

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Antiphon

All

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.
Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17 sung by the choir

Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
You turn us back to the dust and say, *
“Go back, O child of earth.”
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
The Lessons

Deuteronomy 34:1–12

Reader  Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

People  Thanks be to God.

Canticle 10  

All  Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *

    call upon him when he draws near.

    Let the wicked forsake their ways *
    and the evil ones their thoughts;

    And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
    and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

    For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
    nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.

    For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
    so are my ways higher than your ways,
    and my thoughts than your thoughts.

    For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
    and return not again, but water the earth,

    Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
    seed for sowing and bread for eating,

    So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
    it will not return to me empty;

    But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
    and prosper in that for which I sent it.

    Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
1 Thessalonians 2:1–8

Reader

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn #707: “Take my life, and let it be”

Matthew 22:34–46

Reader  When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet”?’

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Word of the Lord.

People  Thanks be to God.

Homily

Canticle 20

All  Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
The Apostles’ Creed

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.
All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.
**Suffrages**

- **Officiant**: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
- **People**: Govern and uphold them, now and always.
- **Officiant**: Day by day we bless you;
- **People**: We praise your Name for ever.
- **Officiant**: Lord, keep us from all sin today;
- **People**: Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
- **Officiant**: Lord, show us your love and mercy;
- **People**: For we put our trust in you.
- **Officiant**: In you, Lord, is our hope;
- **People**: And we shall never hope in vain.

**Collects**

- **Officiant**: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

**ANTHEM: “If ye love me”**

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me,
keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may ‘bide with you forever,
e’en the spirit of truth.

—Text: John 14:15–17
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

All 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.


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 page 830

All 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.

General Thanksgiving page 101

All Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.
For your convenience, we offer the option of online giving. You 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.
Announcements for the Week of October 25, 2020

Onsite Prayer and Worship Opportunities

Indoor Worship, Beginning 5 p.m., November 29

Beginning November 29, the Cathedral will offer an indoor service (with a limit of 60 people) in the Nave at 5 p.m.

**REGISTRATION, WHICH WILL OPEN LATER IN NOVEMBER, IS REQUIRED!**

**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—Indoor Worship • 5 p.m.:** Get all the details and register, once available, on our website’s [From the Dean](#) page.

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

You can now watch our Sunday morning 10:15 a.m. service directly from our website!

**Worship**

Sundays: Morning Prayer/Holy Eucharist—Livestreamed • 10:15 a.m.

**Starting Sunday, Nov. 29:** Holy Eucharist—Indoor Service • 5 p.m.

*(Registration opening soon.)*

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

Online services are recorded in the Nave and are available to watch on our [website](#), [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).

*Registration is required* for the 5 p.m. indoor service on a first come, first served basis. Get all the details and register, once available, on our website’s [From the Dean](#) page. Bulletins are [here](#).

**Children**

Children’s Ministry

Sundays • 9:15 a.m.

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.
Way of Love Bible Challenge
Wednesdays
Check WEMO Youth's Facebook and Instagram every Wednesday for a weekly scripture meditation (from WEMO youth leaders and YMC members), questions to think on and prayer.

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.
Since the outdoor services have ended, our Sunday youth group gatherings will be online only. Youth group will meet each Sunday from 3:30–4:45 p.m. 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!

Diocesan Retreat—Journey Through Prayer
November 14 • Online
Join with youth and leaders from across the Diocese for this focused retreat on prayer and spiritual practices. This online event will give you the opportunity to pick and choose your activities throughout the day so you have the best possible experience for you. Make sure that you sign up by October 31 to get your special event kit in the mail!

Contact Alexandra Connors for more information on any of these events.

College & Careers

College & Careers Gathering
Fourth Sundays—Next: Tonight, 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. Check out the College & Careers page for more information and future events.

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 Jerry’s Classes page.

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 (WBS) meets via Zoom at 12:30 p.m. On Tuesday, November 24 the WBS group will begin its five-session 2020 Advent series. This year’s book is *Christmas Gifts That Won’t Break—Expanded Edition with Devotions* by James W. Moore with Jacob Armstrong. For more details, visit our WBS page or contact Candy McDowell.

Lectionary Bible Study
Tuesday, October 27 • 6:45 p.m. • Reading—Matthew 5:1–12

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 will be made 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.

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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.
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.

LGBTQIA+ Gathering
Tonight, 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
Tonight, October 25 • 7:30 p.m.
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Holding on to Hope: A National Service for Healing and Wholeness
Sunday, November 1 • 3 p.m.
Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will lead a livestreamed prayer service from Washington National Cathedral, Holding on to Hope: A National Service for Healing and Wholeness, on All Saints Sunday, November 1, from 3-4:30 p.m. CST. In the midst of a pandemic, racial reckoning, and a historic election, the livestreamed service will gather Americans for prayer, song, lament, hope, and a call to love God and neighbor. The event will be simulcast in English and Spanish, and you can watch on our Worship page.

Young Adults Meet Up
November 19 • 8 p.m.
Gather via Zoom with other Cathedral Young Adults for connection, community and prayer. Contact Nick Smith for more details.

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

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.

Today’s Flowers

to the Glory of God and ...

• in celebration for the life of Ted Derrick—Ken Stewart

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

October 25
Brent Barr

October 26
Joyce Morrow
Bruce Weekes

October 27
Conrad Ahn
Tim Brown
Thomas Higgins

October 28
Ron Fortune
Ellery Johnson
Kathryn Ransom
Glen Wesner
Zach & Victoria Janky

October 29
Donna McGuire
Helen & John Windsor

October 31
Tom Brill

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 and in Spanish at 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.

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