And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever

JOHN 14:16

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2023 • 5 p.m.
Welcome! We are glad you are here.

- If you are a visitor or new attendee, we invite you to fill out a welcome card, found in your pew, and place it in the offering plate or complete the form online. Use this QR code to access the form.
- If you need a hearing assistance device, please ask an usher.
- Restrooms are available in Founders’ Hall. A changing station is available in the restroom at west end (rear) of the Cathedral.

Service Notes

- Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (*).
- Donations may be placed in the offering, made through the Cathedral website: kccathedral.org, by scanning the QR code to the right or by texting “GIVEtoGHTC” to 73256. Thank you for your generosity.

Voluntary: Down Ampney

The Order for Evening

* Opening Acclamation and Prayer for Light

**Cantor**

Al-le-lu-ia. Christ is ri-sen.

**People**

The Lord is ri-sen in-deed. Al-le-lu-ia.

Presider

Let us pray.

Eternal God, who led your ancient people into freedom by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night: Grant that we who walk in the light of your presence may rejoice in the liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*: 25

1 O gra-cious Light, Lord Je-sus Christ, in the Father’s glory shone. Immortal, holy,

2 Now sunset comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Father, Son, and Son of God, Life-giving Lord; therefore you are through blest is he, and blest are you, his holy Son.

3 Wor-thy are you of end-less praise, O Spirit: God who dwells in the external light, all the earth and in the highest heaven adored.

The Word of God

* Collect of the Day

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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Lesson: Acts 17:22–31

Lector  Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord.

People  Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:7–18

Cantor  Bless our God, you | peoples; *
     make the voice of his | praise to be heard;
All  Who holds our souls | in life, *
     and will not al|low our feet to slip.
For you, O God, have | proved us; *
     you have tried us just as | silver is tried.
You brought us into | the snare; *
     you laid heavy burdens | upon our backs.
You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and | water; *
     but you brought us out into a | place of refreshment.
I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you | my vows, *
     which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when | I was in trouble.
I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams;*
I will give you oxen and goats.

Come and listen, all you who fear God,*
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

I called out to him with my mouth,*
and his praise was on my tongue.

If I had found evil in my heart,*
the Lord would not have heard me;

But in truth God has heard me;*
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,*
or withheld his love from me.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13–22

Lector

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

* Alleluia Verse Cantor; then People

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word;* and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

All repeat the three alleluias.
* The Holy Gospel: John 14:15–21

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

People  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon  Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will
give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot
receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he
will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me,
but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father,
and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me;
and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

* The Nicene Creed

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,

ture 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 III

Intercessor  Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People  That we all may be one.

Intercessor  Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People  That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor  We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People  That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor  We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People  That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor  Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People  That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor  Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People  That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor  Give to the departed eternal rest.
People  Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor  We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People  May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor  Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence
The People may add their own petitions.
The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Presider  The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People  And also with you.

Announcements

Celebration Prayer

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.
The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn: 516 “Come down, O Love divine”

1 Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
3 And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,

and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
shall far outpass the power of human telling;

O Comforter, draw near, with in my heart appear,
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love create a place

and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
and clothe me round, the while my path illumining.
where in the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.


Presider

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.
The Lord’s Prayer

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

All S119: The Lord’s Prayer

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
All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.
Intinction of wafers is offered, if desired. For gluten-free bread, cross your hands palms down.
For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.

Postcommunion Prayer
Presider Let us pray.
People 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.
The Presider dismisses the people.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*CLOSING HYMN: Voices Found 107 “Let all things now living”

Voluntary: Wir gläuben all an einen Gott, BWV 680

Johann Sebastian Bach
Happy Mother's Day

Packets of zinnia seeds are given to all who worship with us today. In honor of Mother's Day, we suggest any of the following:

- Plant them in remembrance of the mother who gave you life.
- Give them to a child along with a small pot and a bit of soil, and give thanks for the women who nurtured you.
- Save them for a special occasion and give thanks for moms everywhere who graciously accept gifts of all kinds.

The seeds given today are Liliput Zinnias. Sow in full sun, cover with 1/4 inch soil. Heirloom, Attracts Pollinators, Attracts Hummingbirds, Cut Flower Garden, Deer Resistant, Easy to Grow and Maintain, Fast Growing, 18-24 inches tall. Zinnias seem to be a favorite of butterflies, and many gardeners add zinnias specifically to attract them.
May 14, 2023 – Easter 6 (A)
Week 6: Reflections on the Resurrection

During the Easter season, Sermons That Work is pleased to present reflections from some of the newest bishops of The Episcopal Church on the resurrection of our Lord. Check back each week for a brief exploration of how Jesus Christ’s rising from the grave changes everything. To listen to this reflection, scan the QR code on this page and subscribe to the Sermons That Work podcast.

Being a Christian is believing in the Resurrection of Christ, which ends up being the center of faith and hope for everyone who believes in Jesus. Christ, upon coming back to life as the firstborn among the dead, reveals to us that our God in Jesus is the Lord of life and not of death, “He gives death and brings life, he brings down to Sheol and raises up” 1 Samuel 2:6.

It is in the paschal experience of his apostles, whom he himself called, with whom this beautiful experience begins, in extraordinary events such as the empty tomb, the appearances of the Risen One “And he appeared for many days,” Acts. 13:31, where certainly it is He himself who manifests himself, the Jesus of Nazareth, since the apostles recognize him, see him, and touch him, eat with him, his presence is real and not like that of a ghost.

It seems that it is to them that these first manifestations of his Resurrection were reserved and not to all the others, that not even the same guards of the tomb who, terrified by the mysterious theophany, would not recognize him. It is to whom He called, his witnesses, his disciples.

It could be said that unlike the event of passion and death where the people and their own followers end up being only distant spectators of such painful events; while in the Resurrection his closest followers become living and very close actors of such a great Theophany.

The gospels try to describe it this way, wanting to narrate in the best way when entering this transcendental, ineffable sphere, which for this must return to the same words given by their Lord when he was with them, even to expressions already prepared by the Old Testament.

The experience of Pentecost ends up being the moment of the beginning of preaching, since it is with the action of the Spirit with which the true Resurrection can be preached as the center of life, a necessary experience for every believer.

We ask the Lord himself, the Risen One, to give us the grace to also be his close witnesses of love, that we can also see and experience his glorious manifestation in our own lives and that the Holy Spirit be the one who leads us to remove fears, break the locks of doubt to proclaim it with conviction and courage, like the first disciples; that we be his apostles in modern times, with the same dedication to announce it. That in this Easter feast we see in the God of Christians the God of life, who raises from death since he defeated it and, in his Resurrection, makes us part of a new life.

The Right Reverend Elías García Cárdenas is Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Colombia.
The weekend of June 3–4, 2023, churches across The Diocese of West Missouri are invited to participate in “Wear Orange Day” in honor of victims and survivors of gun violence across our country.

Wear Orange Day was born out of a tragic shooting in Chicago. On January 21, 2013, Hadiya Pendleton marched in President Obama’s second inaugural parade. One week later, Hadiya was shot and killed on a playground in Chicago. Soon after this tragedy, Hadiya's friends commemorated her life by wearing orange, the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others. Wear Orange Day is now observed every June. Thousands of people wear the color orange to honor Hadiya and the more than 40,000 people who are killed with guns and approximately 85,000 who are shot and wounded every year.

On Trinity Sunday, June 4, Bishop Diane invites the churches in The Diocese of Missouri to observe Wear Orange Sunday during their services in honor of the victims and survivors of gun violence in our country. We will stand united in our call to end gun violence as we come together for Wear Orange Sunday.

Clergy and Bishop's Wardens are invited to ask their congregations to wear orange on Sunday, June 4, and clergy are encouraged to wear orange stoles, and use orange hangings and flowers. In the Sunday liturgy, churches are encouraged to offer special prayers of lament and of hope for a different future. This bulletin insert is also available to encourage worshippers to choose ways to work toward an end to gun violence.

However you choose to observe Wear Orange Sunday, the important thing is that we honor and remember in prayer those whose lives have been cut short by gunfire and those survivors whose lives are forever scarred. Our faith compels us to love one another as Christ has loved us.

This article is based on an article originally published by the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, and has been adapted for publication by The Diocese of West Missouri.
Members of the Campus Ministry Commission have begun reaching out to college students and young adults in a new way with a weekly podcast which launched April 13. The purpose of All Things Episcopal is to create a platform to talk about our faith and to introduce some basics about the Episcopal Church, including why we do some of the things we do that may sometimes be a mystery (or even an obstacle) to those new to our denomination. The intended audience for this podcast is college students and young adults, especially those who may be coming from outside our faith tradition. Sessions include conversations, interviews and even an occasional sermon.

Our Hosts

The Rev. David Kendrick
St John’s Episcopal Church, Springfield

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Grace Episcopal Church, Carthage

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Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City

We want to introduce the Episcopal Church from multiple perspectives and with different voices, utilizing social media to find out what questions students may have about who we are and what we do. Guest speakers, including college students from around our diocese, are already being scheduled for future sessions.

We do not currently have a physical presence on college campuses in our diocese, but we think podcasting offers a great opportunity to meet young adults where they are and share our faith in a way that is personal, comfortable and always accessible. We hope that these sessions will be a bridge to connect college students with local parishes and with other young adults.

Look for All Things Episcopal wherever you listen to your favorite podcasts!

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Cathedral Prayer List

Pray for: Tammy Harvin; Pat Miller; Ann Ryder; Patrick Bennett; Judy Schroc; Cooper Smith; Mary Jane Thomas; Bonita White; Doyle White; Philipp Wallace Bain; Greg & Nova; Linda Dealey England; Sandra Fuhrman; Phineas & LaGretta Gitta; Diego Ivan Garcia; Jill Gross; Cooper Polokowski; McCarty-Wilson family; Pat & Larry Martin; Nancy Nuss; Debbie Spaulding; Loretta Stotts; Lynnette Flowers; Larry Elmquist; Jim Royer; Lee Sturgill; Brad Kilpatrick; Charles Thomas; Cerie Greene; Kathy Meehan; Dennis Meehan; Thaddeaus Withers; the people of Ukraine; the people of Turkey and Syria; Andrew Rowland; all families affected by gun violence; First Responders

Comfort and Peace: the Binford/Creech families; the Mattson family; the Denton family; the Robker family; the Morgan family

Children and Youth Prayers: Thankful for my house; Thankful for my pink dress; Thankful for the church where heaven and earth connect; Thankful that Jesus died on the Cross to save me from my sins; For comfort for my sister; For Nick’s stomach pain to end and his healing to be quick; Grateful to do well on my school tests; For my brother; For my aunt and her chemo treatments; For the children, youth, college and young adults in the world, that they know they are loved beyond all measure by our Triune God; For my boyfriend

Pray for the Departed: Twila Rosalynn Creech Binford; Ian Mattson; Joyce Denton; Jayden Robker; Peggy Morgan; for all who have died from gun violence


For the complete prayer list: kccathedral.org/prayers
To place a person on this prayer list, please contact Deacon Barbara Wegener, bwegener@kccathedral.org.
Requests are held in prayer for 90 days.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 7
Harley Miller
Jesse Schaaf

May 9
Sophia Atwell
Burma Cenovich
Lena McCaffree
Steve Moore
Bill & Claudia Brown

May 10
Donna Canfield
Bud McDowell
Michael Thomas

May 12
Chris Newton

May 13
Sarah Gardner

Altar Flowers

To help provide flowers for upcoming services, contact Julie Toma, jtoma@kccathedral.org.

Please contact the Cathedral office if we have omitted your birthday or anniversary: 816.474.8260 or jtoma@kccathedral.org.
Adults

Sunday

Adult Formation • 9:15 a.m.
Common Room • Led by Dean Andy
Join Dean Andy for a discussion at 9:15 a.m. in the Common Room.

Tuesday

GHTC’s Virtual Cafe • 7:30 a.m.
Please join us for our weekly conversation in GHTC’s Virtual Cafe! Tuesday mornings from 7:30–9 a.m. For details, visit kccathedral.org/other-activities.

Women’s Bible Study • 12:30 p.m.
Conversation is lively, thought-provoking, and often irreverent. All are welcome. Visit the WBS page, kccathedral.org/adultformation/wbs for more information.

Lectionary Bible Study • 6:45 p.m.
We study the lessons for the upcoming Sunday. Join the Lectionary Bible Study group in Realm or visit the LBS page, kccathedral.org/adultformation/lbs for more details.

Wednesday

Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone
June 7–August 30 • 6:30 p.m.
Please join us in the study of Fr. James Martin’s New York Times bestselling book, Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone. This insightful book offers many new concepts and activities that will empower us to grow in our prayer life and our personal relationship with Christ. Fr. Martin provides wonderful insights as well as new and exciting information regarding prayer and prayer practices that we all can benefit from.

If you are unable or prefer to not drive at night, please contact Dan Welch at welchdanno@aol.com so that arrangements can be made.

We will meet in the multipurpose room in Founders Hall on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. from June 7 through August 30. Please contact Dan Welch at the email address above if you are planning to attend the class.

Children

Formation Class • 9:15 a.m.
Children are invited into a time of dynamic storytelling that communicates the story of the people of God and the liturgy of the church.

Cathedral Kids • 10:30 a.m.
Cathedral Kids meets during the first half of the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Children attending Cathedral Kids will meet their parents or guardians inside the tower doors during the passing of the peace.

Questions? Contact Brittany, childrensformation@kccathedral.org.

Youth & College

Sundays • 9:15 a.m.
Youth meet in the Youth Room at 9:15 a.m. for formation.

Sundays • 6–7:15 p.m.
Join us for food and fellowship at 6 p.m. in the Youth Room. The last Youth Group gathering for this school year will be May 28.

Information and signups are often found on our linktree, linktr.ee/ghtcyouthandcollegeministry.

Questions? Contact Clare at cstern@kccathedral.org.
Outreach: May Onesie Drive

It is spring and now is the time to ask our generous parish family to donate onesies for the babies born at Maison de Naissance in Haiti. The best sizes are newborn to six months. Short sleeves only! The entire month of May is designated for this purpose. You may leave the onesies in the Tower.

Choral Evensong

Sunday, May 21 • 5 p.m.

A service of Choral Evensong will be offered by the Trinity Choir. This contemplative service lasts about 45 minutes and includes hymns, scripture readings, prayers, chanted Psalms, canticles and a choir anthem.

Office closed
Monday, May 29
in observance of Memorial Day.

Parish Picnic
Sunday, June 4
11:45 a.m.

The Cathedral will provide the main course.
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.
We’ll also have fun activities for kids of all ages.

Join us for a picnic lunch in the Founders’ Hall courtyard & north lawn.

Dress casually and enjoy this time of fun and fellowship! This is a great Sunday to invite a friend or neighbor to worship with you.

GHTC will be hosting a First Friday event June 2 from 5–9 p.m. Plans are underway to display volumes of The Saint John’s Bible, offer tours of the Nave (stained glass windows and liturgical art), as well as an emerging artists showcase, featuring visual art and live music.

To that end, if you consider yourself an artist and have pieces you would like to display in Founders’ Hall, please contact Melissa Kilpatrick, communications@kccathedral.org. The deadline for consideration is Monday, May 15.

Volunteers will also be needed. If you are willing to help, please email Melissa at the above email address.

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