

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



The Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 6, 2025 • 8 a.m.

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

- Thank you for joining us for worship today at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. If you are new to the Cathedral, we invite you to fill out our welcome card. Welcome cards are available in the pews or text GUEST to 816-310-1888.
- If you need a hearing assistance device, please ask an usher. Instructions to connect via Bluetooth are on the back table.
- Gendered restrooms are available in Founders' Hall. A non-gendered, accessible restroom is available 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. Tap to give using the display in the Tower entrance. Instructions for use are next to the machine.



HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY: *Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig* ("Hail to you, kind Jesus"), BWV 768, Var. 10

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

* PENITENTIAL ORDER

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Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant will add one of the sentences from page 351-352.

CONFESSION OF SIN *please kneel, as able*

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All 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.

People Amen.

Presider Kyrie eleison. (*Lord, have mercy.*)

People Christe eleison. (*Christ, have mercy.*)

Presider Kyrie eleison. (*Lord, have mercy.*)

The Word of God

* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21

Lector Thus says the Lord,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
 Then they said among the nations, *
“The Lord has done great things for them.”
 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14

Lector If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

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

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

Gospeller Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

* THE NICENE CREED

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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.

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

adapted from *Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People for the Revised Common Lectionary*

Intercessor	<p>Forgiving God, hear and respond to us as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.</p> <p>Soften the hearts of your people, show us how to bear our calling with humility and grace, that together we may truly be the body of Christ for the world.</p> <p>Lord in your mercy,</p>
People	<p>Hear our prayer.</p>
Intercessor	<p>Raise up leaders among us who are grounded in honesty, compassion, and selflessness, that they may guide our nation into fulfilling its promise, creating a nation where all have the opportunity to live into their potential.</p> <p>Lord in your mercy,</p>
People	<p>Hear our prayer.</p>

Intercessor	Bless this assembly and help us to see more clearly our bonds to one another and the ways you have called us to serve our community together. Lord in your mercy,
People	Hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Watch over our next bishop, Amy, and her family as they prepare to join us in our life and ministry. Lord in your mercy,
People	Hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Restore the abundant and protective glory of nature and embolden us to be advocates for and stewards of your created world. Lord in your mercy,
People	Hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Bring your healing powers to bear on all who suffer, give knowledge and skill to those in healing vocations, and empower us to be servants to those in any need. We pray especially for those on the Cathedral's Prayer List, and for those whom we now name silently or aloud. Lord in your mercy,
People	Hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Greet the dying with love and welcome, grant them an entrance into your holy presence and raise them up in your new age. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud. Lord in your mercy,
People	Hear our prayer.
Presider	Grant us these prayers Almighty God, through the love shown us by your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, who with your Holy Spirit are one God, indivisible and eternal. Amen.

* THE PEACE

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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 <i>they</i> begin another year. Grant that <i>they</i> may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen <i>their</i> trust in your goodness all the days of <i>their</i> lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
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The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

* OFFERTORY HYMN: 686 "Come, thou fount of every blessing"

1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly

heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a

ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to

flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and

on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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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.

Presider 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.

All **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

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Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
 People Therefore let us keep the feast.
 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.
 For gluten-free bread, cross your hands palms down.
 For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.*

On the first Sunday of each month, prayer for healing is offered at the prayer desk until the close of worship.

* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Presider Let us pray.
 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.

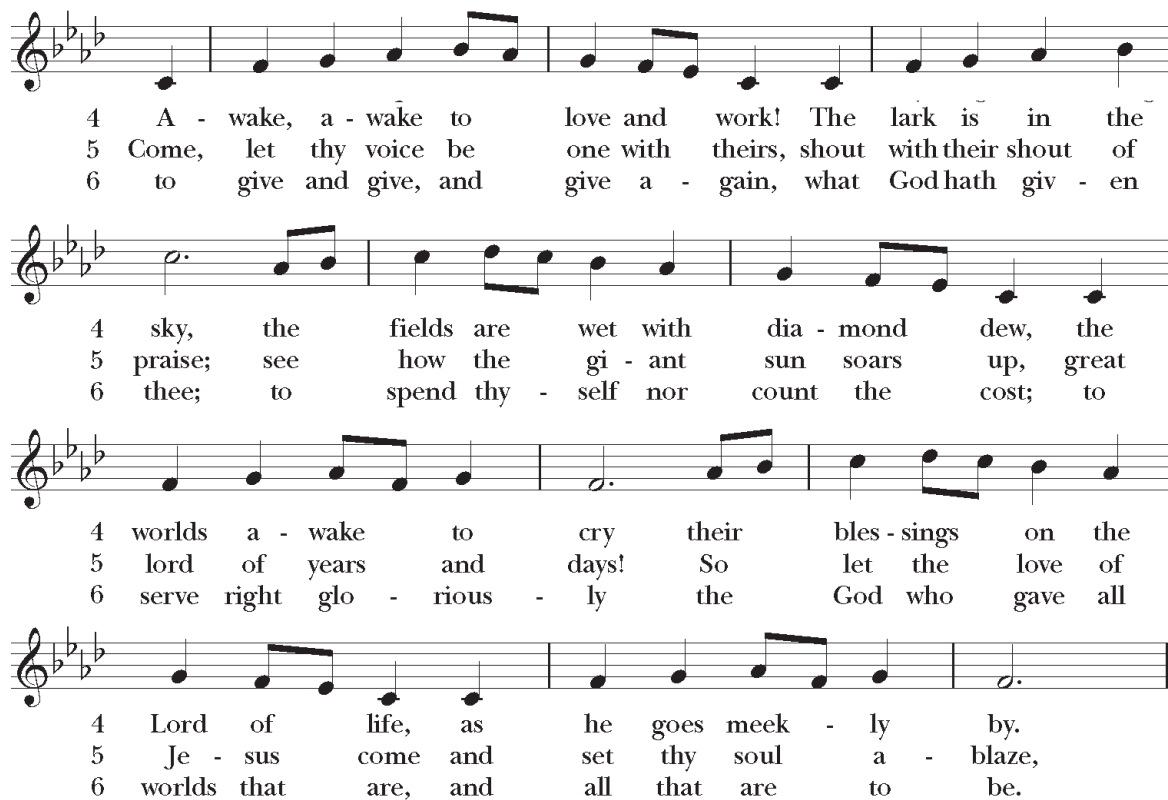
* PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Presider Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they
 may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

* DISMISSAL

Following the dismissal,
 People Thanks be to God.

* CLOSING HYMN: 9 “Awake, awake to love and work!” verses 4-6



4 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the
 5 Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of
 6 to give and give, and give a - gain, what God hath giv - en

4 sky, the fields are wet with dia - mond dew, the
 5 praise; see how the gi - ant sun soars up, great
 6 thee; to spend thy - self nor count the cost; to

4 worlds a - wake to cry their bles - sings on the
 5 lord of years and days! So let the love of
 6 serve right glo - rious - ly the God who gave all

4 Lord of life, as he goes meek - ly by.
 5 Je - sus come and set thy soul a - blaze,
 6 worlds that are, and all that are to be.

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VOLUNTARY: *Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig* (“Hail to you, kind Jesus”), BWV 768, Var. 11

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Serving Today

Presider	The Rev. W. James Yazell
Preacher	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Deacon of the Word	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Deacon of the Table	The Rev. CJ Duffie
Organist	Dr. Lucas Fletcher
Lector	Lenette Johnson
Eucharistic Minister	Kelsey Leftwich-Yazell
Usher	Jim Crum
Altar Guild	Vangie Rich
Healing Minister	Joan Bergstrom



Palm Sunday, April 13

8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5 p.m.

We recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with the blessing of palms and a procession, followed by the story of Christ's Passion and death. The 10:30 service begins with a procession through the courtyard.

Monday & Wednesday in Holy Week, April 14 & 16

Holy Eucharist • 12:05 p.m.

Tuesday in Holy Week, April 15

Blessing of Oils & Renewal of Vows • 11 a.m.

We will celebrate Holy Eucharist and the service will feature the renewal of baptismal and ordination vows, and the blessing of Holy Oils.

Maundy Thursday, April 17

7 p.m.

We remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples, which was the first Eucharist. We remember Christ's eternal promise to sustain his followers in a sacred meal, and we wash each other's feet as a sign of service and love. We witness the stripping of the altar.

Good Friday, April 18

9 a.m.

We remember Jesus' death with the Good Friday Liturgy and communion from the Reserved Sacrament on the Altar of Repose.

12:05 p.m.

This service includes the chanting of the Passion, choral and instrumental music, customary prayers and veneration of the cross of Christ.

5:30 p.m.

Interactive Intergenerational Stations of the Cross: The stations will immerse you in the biblical account of the last days and hours of Jesus' life, in a way that is appropriate for all ages.

Holy Saturday, April 19

9 a.m.

A brief and simple liturgy recalls the mournful desolation of the lifeless Christ in the tomb.

Easter Vigil, April 19

7 p.m.

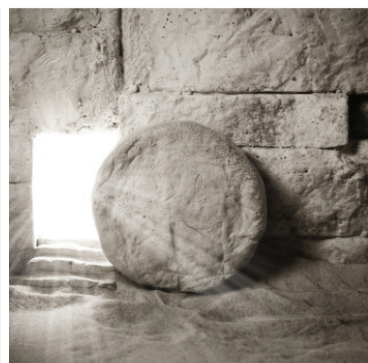
Together, we reflect anew on the loving actions of God as recounted in the Easter Vigil readings. Together, we will walk through the depths of salvation history into the fullness of redemption. The service begins by lighting the new fire. We will witness the confirmation, reception and reaffirmation of persons in the Cathedral congregation. We then proclaim with joy "Alleluia. Christ is risen" and celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter. We will continue the celebration at a reception following the service.

Easter Day, April 20

8 & 10:30 a.m.

We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus at each of our identical Easter morning celebrations. Both services include hymns, choral music, brass and a Cathedral resplendent with flowers. We will continue the celebration at a reception following each service.

Following the 10:30 a.m. service, all children are invited for our annual Easter Day egg hunt.



Outreach Volunteer Opportunities

The Emergency Food Assistance Program

In partnership with St. Paul's on Main, we have been invited to help organize and distribute food as part of TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program). We meet from about 9:30 a.m. to noon.

St. Paul's receives delivery of several pallets of shelf-stable and frozen food from Harvesters each month. Friendly volunteers are needed to break down the pallets and repackage the food into family-sized boxes and bags. Then we open the doors to those in need and start handing out the food.

Upcoming TEFAP dates:

March 15

April 19

To volunteer or for more information, contact Deacon Barbara 816.739.8032 or bwegener@kccathedral.org.



TEFAP
The Emergency Food
Assistance Program

Pete's Garden

In the lower level of Founders' Hall, Pete's Garden is a food rescue committed to less food waste and more family meals. They collect unserved prepared food from caterers, restaurants and food service operations each day.

Pete's Garden meals are distributed through social service agencies that serve children and their families. Most of the families who receive Pete's Garden meals are headed by single women in low paying jobs, living below federal poverty guidelines.

Volunteers work together to portion and package donated food so it can be redirected to social service agencies who get meals to families.

Sign up for a shift at petesgarden.org/volunteer.



Nourish KC

Volunteers are the heart and soul of NourishKC. Every meal served, every pantry stocked, and every food item redistributed is made possible because of the time, energy, and dedication of our volunteers. Your support ensures that we can continue providing nutritious meals, offering essential pantry staples, and building a hunger-free community.

By volunteering with us, you become part of a compassionate movement that transforms lives—one meal at a time. Whether it's lending a hand in our Community Kitchen, assisting with pantry distribution, or helping with events, your contribution makes a lasting impact.

Together, we can achieve more. Join us today and help nourish Kansas City!

Sign up for a shift at theprospectkc.org/nourish-kc.



NOURISHKC

JOIN US
for the
STATIONS
of the
CROSS

Good Friday, April 18
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Interactive Intergenerational
Stations of the Cross

The stations will immerse you in the biblical account of the last days and hours of Jesus' life, in a way that is appropriate for all ages.

Cathedral Prayer List

Pray for: Diane Barker; Christine Copeland; Rebecca Rezaei; Luke “Skippy” Harbur; David Barker; Phineas Gitta; Glen and Terri Wesner; Meribeth Risebig; Penny Sullivan; Ellen Goheen; Bob Sherwood; Those injured in the school shooting in Nashville; Sheri Packett; Rev. Miranda Cully; Sally Livengood; All those fighting cancer; Mike Barzee & Family; Larry McMullen; Joyce Morrow; Gloria Stocks; Jim Royer; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; Yvonne Kehoe Meier; Eric Anderson; Those impacted by fire in California; Those injured by gun violence in Queens, NY; Those injured in New Orleans; Ann Ryder; Juliana Johnson; Jeffrey and family; Legal immigrants who are being separated from family and friends; Bob Richmond; Isaiah Russell III; All families affected by gun violence; Charlotte Colburn; First Responders; Jonathan; Sandra Fuhrman; Those impacted by the apartment fire in Independence

Comfort and Peace: the family and friends of Jack Whitacre; the family and friends of Doyle White; the family and friends of Ann Spicer; the family and friends of Katherine Reynolds Stamps; the family and friends of Martha Taylor Johnson; the family and friends of the McShann family; the family and friends of those lost and injured in the school shooting in Nashville; the family and friends of Roger Kirby; the family and friends of Dennis Sharkey; all families affected by gun violence

Pray for the Departed: Jack Whitacre; Doyle White; Ann Spicer; those lost in the plane crash in Philadelphia; those lost in the crash in Washington DC; Katherine Reynolds Stamps; Martha Taylor Johnson; Dennis Sharkey; Roger Kirby; those lost in war; those who have died from gun violence

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, Belton—The Rev. David Wilcox, The Rev. Brock Slabach

United Thank Offering

To place a person on this prayer list, please contact Deacon Barbara Wegener, bwegener@kccathedral.org, or text PRAYER at (816) 310-1888.

View the prayer list anytime: kccathedral.org/prayers

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Please contact the Cathedral office if we have omitted your birthday or anniversary.

April 6

Aubrey Nichols

April 11

Mona Gauer

Leticia Porter

Weekly Calendar

Sunday

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9 a.m. Coffee Hour/Hospitality Time
9:15 a.m. Formation for Adults & Youth
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist*
10:30 a.m. Cathedral Kids
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour/Hospitality Time
5 p.m. Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist
[Choral Evensong, 3rd Sundays]
6 p.m. Youth Group

Monday

9 a.m. Morning Prayer^

Tuesday

7:30 a.m. GHTC's Virtual Cafe+
9 a.m. Morning Prayer^
12:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study+
6:45 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study+

Wednesday

9 a.m. Morning Prayer^
12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer*
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting in Multipurpose Room
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
6:30 p.m. Rehearsal: Bell Choir

Thursday

9 a.m. Morning Prayer^
7 p.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir

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+On Zoom

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Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

Fifth Sunday in Lent – Divine Extravagance

John 12:1-8 text (Utilizing the Luke, “Dinner at the Pharisee’s House” Illumination)

God’s abundant love and forgiveness tends to disrupt the orderly and predictable lifestyles that dominant social orders commonly prefer. Today’s illumination provides a powerful portrayal of this reality. It depicts the extravagance of a woman who anoints Jesus with a perfume worth a year’s wages, an event included in each of the four gospels with some variation. John locates the event prior to Jesus’ Triumphal Entry. Mark places it on Wednesday of Holy Week. Matthew and Mark identify her simply as “a woman” and Luke labels her as “a sinful woman.” John records her as Mary, sister of Martha and Lazarus. Whatever the details might be, this narrative of extravagance may seem disruptive to traditional views on Lenten self-denial (which is perhaps more in line with Jesus’ disciples line of thinking about almsgiving on this occasion).

Jesus often was criticized by the religious establishment of his day for fraternizing too freely with sinners. Today’s illumination again highlights how this practice tended to introduce chaos into culturally familiar settings. Illuminator Donald Jackson depicts this by the messy, haphazard array placed within the meticulously neat household. A heavy black line dividing the scene suggests the chasm that exists between the world of this “sinful woman” and that of the Pharisees. Jesus’ words in the middle of the illumination mediate between the chaos brought about by the woman and the task she has come to accomplish – express extravagant love in response to the extravagant forgiveness and acceptance she has experienced. Her actions remind us that extravagance is reciprocal – it moves both ways.

Near the top of the black dividing line is a circle inscribed with a cross. Poised over this scene, that feature invites the questions: “What is holiness?” and

“How does holiness relate to love?” The woman in this panel is unconventional, with green and pink hair and dressed eccentrically. The world she is disrupting is represented by the white scarf displaying Hebrew words indicative of temple worship and sacrifice. Thus, another border is revealed – that between conventional religious practice and faith that is infused with abundant love. Through this event Jesus seizes the opportunity to convey the message that divine love is chaotic. Such love disrupts the world of empty orderliness.

Today’s focal illumination reminds us that when God breaks into history the world in its usual state is disrupted. What do you think distinguishes the left side of this panel from the right? What unites them? Do you prefer the tidy household or the disruptive intensity of extravagant love? Can you recall moments when your life was disrupted by this type of love? How does the message of God’s extravagance fit into the larger framework of Lenten observance?



Prayer for the Transition of Our Next Bishop

Gracious and Loving God, we give thanks for the election of our next Bishop, Amy. Watch over Amy, her husband Jared, and their children Elise, Jacob, and Woodrow as they prepare to leave friends, colleagues, and neighbors to join us here in the Diocese of West Missouri. Open our hearts to receive your inspiration and wisdom so that we may joyfully welcome them into our life and ministry in You. This we ask in grateful thanksgiving. AMEN.



Formation for All Ages

Children: Sundays

Cathedral Kids • 10:30 a.m.

Cathedral Kids meets during the first half of the 10:30 a.m. worship service and during this time we weave together our sacred stories and our Episcopal identity with the Weaving God's Promises curriculum. Children attending Cathedral Kids will meet their parents or guardians inside the tower doors during the passing of the peace.

Once a month, we observe **Family Worship Sundays**. These Sundays provide an opportunity for families to worship together. Worship Boxes with resources for children are in the back cross aisle. Upcoming Family Worship Sundays: April 27, May 11.

Youth: Sundays

Youth Confirmation • 9:15 a.m.

Youth meet in the Haden Hall Youth Room for confirmation preparation with a light breakfast.

10:30 a.m. • Worship

6 p.m. • Youth Group

Join us for dinner and fellowship in the Youth Room.

Adults: Sundays

The Path • 9:15 a.m. • Common Room

April 6: Chapter 21

April 13: Chapter 22

In our Adult Formation this year we are taking a journey using Forward Movement's *The Path*, an excerpted version of the Bible that covers most of the major stories chronologically. Through *The Path*, we will become familiar with the grand overarching narrative of the entire Bible.

Adults: Tuesdays

GHTC's Virtual Cafe • 7:30 a.m. • Zoom

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. • Zoom

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. • Zoom

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.



Join us June 1-7, 2025 for Episcopal Summer Mega Camp!

Mega Camp is a 1-week overnight summer camp experience for young people who have finished grades 3-12. There's boating, horseback riding, archery, climbing tower, hiking, arts & crafts, plus Episcopal worship and formation. The camp community is like nothing else: campers will feel accepted and loved for who they are and be able to build their faith with others their age.

Camp is not restricted to Episcopalians or regular churchgoers. All are welcome, so feel free to invite friends and family.

Contact Clare (cstern@kccathedral.org) for details about registration, cost and scholarship availability.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Palm Cross Making

TODAY • 9 & 11:45 a.m. • Founders' Hall

Enjoy a cup of coffee and make crosses out of palm leaves for distribution on Palm Sunday. Please bring your scissors. Someone will help if you've never made palm crosses before!

Egg Hunt Candy Donations

Bring your donations of candy (individually wrapped, in small packages) to the basket in the Tower by April 13.

Easter Basket Packing

Palm Sunday, April 13 • 9 a.m.

Come help us pack Easter baskets for Crittenton Children's Center, Camber Children's Center and Sheffield Place.

Easter Vigil & Easter Day Receptions

Continue the Easter celebrations after services with receptions in Founders' Hall. We invite you to help by bringing food and/or helping with setup or cleanup.

How you can help:

- *Prepare and bring food:* drop off your appetizer or dessert at least 15 minutes before the service.
- *Setup Team:* Be present 30 minutes prior to the service to receive food, label and put food and drink on tables, etc.
- *Clean up* after the reception

It is a fun way to get to know people, and volunteers sometimes get to sample goodies before the event! Sign up on our website: kccathedral.org/upcoming-events

Consecration of Bishop-elect

Saturday, May 3 • 10 a.m.

God-willing, Bishop-elect Amy Dafler Meaux will be consecrated as the IX Bishop of The Diocese of West Missouri at GHTC. *If you want to attend in-person, you must register by TODAY at 11:59 p.m.*

April: Toiletry Drive for JFSKC Pantry

We are collecting food for Jewish Family Services Pantry in Brookside. *Suggested items to bring:* full sized body wash, hand/body lotion, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant. Your donation goes directly to the shelves in the JFS Food Pantries, helping 400 families monthly, right in our community. You may leave items in the basket in the Tower.

New Church Texting Service

Text us at (816) 310-1888

- Text LOOP to stay in the loop about Cathedral updates (weather closures, reminders).
- Text GUEST if you are new with us & want to know more.
- Text PRAYER to submit prayer requests.

You'll then receive a return text with a link to a form requesting your name and email. Once you've completed the form for the first time, the system will recognize you when you text again. *Note: this number is for texts only, not voice calls.*

Volunteers for Children & Youth Ministry

We are currently looking for persons who can offer commitment to help us support our children and youth ministry program. Benefits for you include a way to serve your church community and enrich young people's faith formation experience! We need help with:

- Youth Formation (9:15-10:15 a.m. Sundays) assisting Clare. *No teaching required, unless you would like to.*
- Children's Formation (10:20-11:05 a.m. Sundays)
- Sunday Evening Youth Group
No teaching required, unless you would like to. Dinner is provided.
- General Youth Event Activities (supervision/ transportation) *This is as needed.*

Additional Parking

You can use the garage with entry on 13th Street for free. The barcode should be scanned upon entry and exit from the garage. Get the barcode at kccathedral.org/easter.



Your generous gifts, in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one, help provide flowers. The Easter flower envelopes are available at the back of the Nave. Return the envelope to the office by **Sunday, April 13**, for your name to be included in the Easter bulletins. Envelopes may be placed in the offering — or given online by texting "GIVETOIGHTC flowers" to 73256 to give using your mobile device or use the "Give" button on our website.