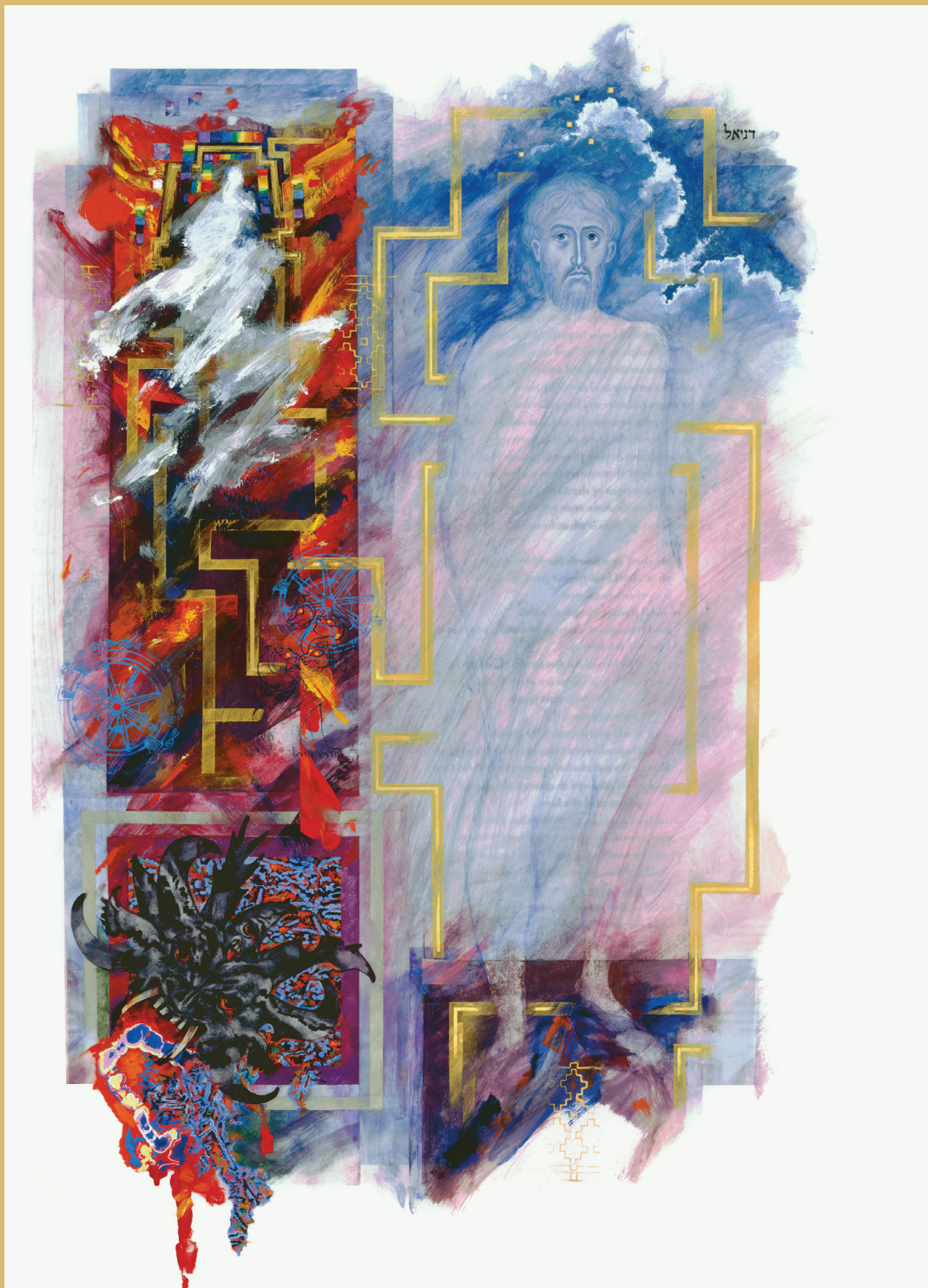


# GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



The Great Vigil of Easter  
March 30, 2024 • 7 p.m.

# ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!

## Welcome to Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral!

I am very glad that you have chosen to join us today to shout Easter Alleluias from all around the greater Kansas City area, the nation, or wherever you may be! We are gathered together both digitally and in-person to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Light has overcome the darkness, love has overcome fear, and our doors stand open to welcome you to our Cathedral. Christ is risen, Easter is here! May you continue to be blessed in this Holy Season. Alleluia!

Dean Amy

## THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

### Welcome Guests

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.

### Restrooms

Gendered and accessible restrooms are available in Founders' Hall. A non-gendered and accessible restroom is available at west end (rear) of the Cathedral.

### Hearing Assist Devices

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### Children

Children are welcome in all our services and activities for them are available on a shelf in the back aisle. The nursery is not open for this service.

### Easter Offering

Fifty percent of the Easter offering will be donated to Nourish KC. The remainder of the offering is used for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral. *Please consider making a generous and sacrificial gift for these ministries.*

The Nourish KC Community Kitchen prepares fresh, nutritious meals daily using rescued food from partners. For 35 years, The Kansas City Community Kitchen has been a cornerstone of Kansas City, working to eliminate hunger and improve nutrition. Their mission goes beyond food distribution—it is about building connections, fostering hope, and driving meaningful change. Nourish KC is part of The Prospect KC, which serves as an umbrella to support Prospects through food-based solutions: nutrition education, culinary training and culinary entrepreneurship.

### Ways to Give

- Give online with the QR code (or use the GIVE button on the Cathedral website).
- Place in the offering plate. Envelopes are available in the pew racks.
- Text "GIVetoGHTC Easter" or "GIVetoGHTC" to 73256.
- Tap to give using the display in the Tower entrance. Instructions for use are next to the machine.



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### Service Notes

Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (\*). Page numbers listed are from red The Book of Common Prayer and hymn numbers are from *The Hymnal 1982*.

### Following the Service

Please join us for a festive reception in Founders' Hall.

# THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

## THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

### \* THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

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*In the darkness, fire is kindled.*

**Presider** Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People** Amen.

*The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire. The candle is processed while the following is sung three times.*

**Deacon** The light of Christ.

**People** Thanks be to God.

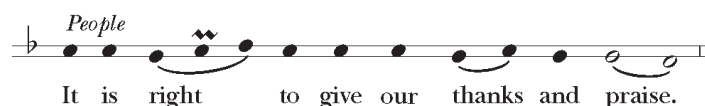
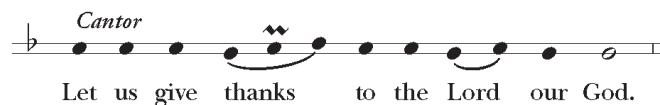
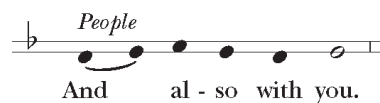
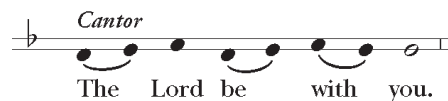
*The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. Then the Cantor, standing near the Paschal Candle, sings the Exsultet.*

**Cantor** Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Cantor

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

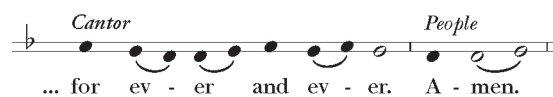
This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave. How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns



*It is customary that the Paschal Candle continue to burn at all services from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost.*



# THE SERVICE OF LESSONS

Presider      Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

## **THE FLOOD:** Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13

The Lord said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind—every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in.

The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

In the six hundred first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

God is our refuge and strength, \*  
     a very present help in trouble.  
 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \*  
     and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;  
 Though its waters rage and foam, \*  
     and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.  
 The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
     the God of Jacob is our stronghold.  
 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \*  
     the holy habitation of the Most High.  
 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; \*  
     God shall help her at the break of day.  
 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \*  
     God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.  
 The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
     the God of Jacob is our stronghold.  
 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, \*  
     what awesome things he has done on earth.  
 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \*  
     he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.  
 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*  
     I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."  
 The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
     the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## Collect

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Presider	Let us pray.  Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People	Amen.

## ABRAHAM'S SACRIFICE OF ISAAC: Genesis 22:1-18

Lector	After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.
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When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 16 sung by the choir, chant by Henry Edward Dibdin*

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Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
 I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."  
 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
 upon those who are noble among the people.  
 But those who run after other gods \*  
 shall have their troubles multiplied.  
 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
 nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.  
 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
 it is you who uphold my lot.  
 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
 indeed, I have a goodly heritage.  
 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; \*  
 my heart teaches me, night after night.  
 I have set the LORD always before me; \*  
 because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.  
 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
 my body also shall rest in hope.  
 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
 nor let your holy one see the Pit.  
 You will show me the path of life; \*  
 in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**Collect**

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**Presider**

Let us pray.

God and Father of all believers, for the glory of your Name multiply, by the grace of the Paschal sacrament, the number of your children; that your Church may rejoice to see fulfilled your promise to our father Abraham; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People**

**Amen.**

## ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA: Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Lector

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians?' For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

"Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.



I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.  
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.  
This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.  
The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.  
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.  
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.  
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.  
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?  
You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.  
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.  
You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,  
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.  
The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.

Collect

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Presider

Let us pray.

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

## **SALVATION OFFERED FREELY TO ALL: Isaiah 55:1-11**

Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.  
Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are 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 the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
The Word of the Lord.

**People**

**Thanks be to God.**

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
 I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
 For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
 and he will be my Savior.  
 Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
 from the springs of salvation.  
 And on that day you shall say, \*  
 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
 Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
 see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
 Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
 and this is known in all the world.  
 Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
 for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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Presider Let us pray.  
 O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit:  
 Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your  
 glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 People Amen.

THE HOMILY

## CHRISTIAN INITIATION AND CONFIRMATION

*The Presider may first address the people in these or similar words.*

Presider Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and  
 raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended,  
 to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all  
 his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

**Candidate for Baptism:** Helen Lillian Smith

**Candidates for Confirmation:** Rebecca Ann Ballinger Clark, Nora Joyce Elisabeth, Theo Philippe Elisabeth,  
 Courtney Jameson Fletcher, Emma Fletcher, Lucas Fletcher, Margo Christine Galus, Michael David  
 John, Julian Steven Mattson, Harrison David Mattson, Athan James Nichols, Kristen Renae Nichols,  
 Mathias Elan Nichols, Riley Caroline Thomas

**Candidate for Reaffirmation:** Ryan Livingston Thomas

### PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

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Presider The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.  
 Parents/Sponsors I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.  
 Presider Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and  
 life?

Parents/Sponsors I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents/Sponsors I will, with God's help.

Presider Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents/Sponsors I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents/Sponsors I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents/Sponsors I renounce them.

Presider Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents/Sponsors I do.

Presider Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents/Sponsors I do.

Presider Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents/Sponsors I do.

Bishop The other Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present *these persons* for Confirmation.

I present *these persons* for Confirmation and Reaffirmation.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**People We will.**

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

#### \* BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

**People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People 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.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People 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.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Bishop	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
<b>People</b>	<b>I will, with God's help.</b>
Bishop	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
<b>People</b>	<b>I will, with God's help.</b>

\* THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

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Presider	Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.
Leader	Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
<b>People</b>	<b>Lord, hear our prayer.</b>
Leader	Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
<b>People</b>	<b>Lord, hear our prayer.</b>
Leader	Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
<b>People</b>	<b>Lord, hear our prayer.</b>
Leader	Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
<b>People</b>	<b>Lord, hear our prayer.</b>
Leader	Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
<b>People</b>	<b>Lord, hear our prayer.</b>
Leader	Send them into the world in witness to your love.
<b>People</b>	<b>Lord, hear our prayer.</b>
Leader	Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
<b>People</b>	<b>Lord, hear our prayer.</b>
Presider	Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. <b>Amen.</b>

*A period of silence follows the prayer.*

\* THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

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Bishop	The Lord be with you.
<b>People</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>
Bishop	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<b>People</b>	<b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b>
Bishop	We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may be affirmed and strengthened in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.
<b>People</b>	<b>Amen.</b>



Priest N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Bishop N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

## Confirmation and Reaffirmation

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ. Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

*Each Candidate comes before the Bishop for the laying on of hands.*

Bishop Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The assembly is sprinkled with the water as a reminder of baptism.*

## HOLY EUCHARIST

EASTER ACCLAMATION *The greeting is exchanged three times.*

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

\* SONG OF PRAISE: S278 "Glory to God" *Gloria in excelsis*

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For  
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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# The Word of God

## THE COLLECT

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

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### Lesson: Romans 6:3-11

Lector      Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

                 The Word of the Lord.

People      **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 114 *sung by the choir; chant by George Mursell Garrett*

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Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
                 the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,  
Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
                 and Israel his dominion.  
The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
                 Jordan turned and went back.  
The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
                 and the little hills like young sheep.  
What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
                 O Jordan, that you turned back?  
You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
                 you little hills like young sheep?  
Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
                 at the presence of the God of Jacob,  
Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
                 and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

\* GOSPEL HYMN: 296 "We know that Christ is raised and dies no more"

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows  
 Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold;  
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life  
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God.  
 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood.  
 and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. Al - le -  
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.  
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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\* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

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

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

**Gospeller** On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

\* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

- Intercessor Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Hear our prayers offered this night from hearts gladdened by the hope of eternal life as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.  
Grant your church to always hold fast to the example of Christ's life and the hope of His resurrection.  
Lord in your mercy,  
**People Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor Fill the hearts of this nation with hope, peace, and a willingness to work together to build a nation where everyone has the opportunity to thrive and to live into their potential.  
Lord in your mercy,  
**People Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor Inhabit the lives of all gathered here, be light that dispels all darkness, vanquishing our fears and giving us the courage to love boldly.  
Lord in your mercy,  
**People Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor Fill our hearts with gratitude and thankfulness for the marvelous and abundant diversity of life and empower us to be stewards of your creation that all future generations may glory in all that you have created for us.  
Lord in your mercy,  
**People Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor Bring wholeness and healing to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that they might have peace and abundant life.  
Lord in your mercy,  
**People Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor We give thanks for the lives of those who have already entered into your glory, and we ask that we too may one day arise in your eternal kingdom.  
Lord in your mercy,  
**People Hear our prayer.**
- Presider Most gracious God, in Christ your love was made manifest in our world. Embolden us to courageously continue his ministry and to face without fear where love might take us confident in Christ's promise to stand with us and walk with us always. **Amen.**

\* THE PEACE

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

## The Holy Communion

*We invite you to donate to the Easter Offering today. Checks may be made out to GHTC with "Easter Offering" in the memo line or use the Easter offering envelope. You can also give online (link/QR code on page 2). Fifty percent of the Easter offering will go to Nourish KC. Thank you for your generosity.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Most glorious Lord of life" William H. Harris (1883-1973); text: Edmund Spenser (c.1552-1599)

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day didst make thy triumph over death and sin and, having harrowed hell, didst bring away captivity thence captive, us to win.  
This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin, and grant that we for whom thou didst die, being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin, may live forever in felicity.



And that thy love we weighing worthily, may likewise love thee for the same again; and for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy, with love may one another entertain.

So let us love, dear love, like as we ought; love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

PRESENTATION HYMN: 174 "At the Lamb's high feast we sing" *verse 4*

4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

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\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer A

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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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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

S128: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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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.**

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

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.*

### Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

— From *The Prayer Book for the Armed Services*

# COMMUNION HYMN: 184 "Christ the Lord is risen again!"



1 Christ the Lord is risen a - gain! Christ has bro - ken ev - ery chain!  
 2 He who gave for us his life, who for us en - dured the strife,  
 3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up - on the cross



Now through all the world it rings that the Lamb is King of kings.  
 takes our sin and guilt a - way that with an - gels we may say:  
 is ex - alt - ed now to save, wrest - ing vic - tory from the grave.

## Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
 Al - le - lu - ia!



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, our Pas - chal Lamb in - deed,



Christ, to - day your peo - ple feed. Al - le - lu - ia!

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## \* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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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.

## EASTER BLESSING

Presider May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and claimed us as children through the resurrection of Christ our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of blessings. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

\* DISMISSAL

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

HYMN: 205 "Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!"

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the  
\*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -  
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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VOLUNTARY: Toccata from *10 Pièces pour orgue*

Eugène Gigout (1844-1925)

*Please join us for a festive reception in Founders' Hall.*

Serving Today

Presider & Preacher	The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce, Bishop Provisional of West Missouri	Deacon of the Table Verger	The Rev. CJ Duffie Glen Wesner
Assisting	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, The Rev. W. James Yazell	Musicians	The Trinity Choir; Dr. Lucas Fletcher; Dr. William McCandless, accompanist
Deacon of the Word	The Rev. Barbara Wegener		



# Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

## “Vision of the Son of Man” Illumination

Daniel 7:1-28

A rewarding function of the *Visio Divina* lies in its ability to connect theological themes separated over periods of time. This is the case with certain themes treated by the book of Daniel from a pre-messianic eschatological perspective and the same themes addressed in the book of Revelation from a post-messianic eschatological perspective. Through the ages, apocalyptic writers have been most prolific during periods of hopelessness and duress when divine intervention has seemed the only means for addressing unbearable circumstances. The “Vision of the Son of Man” illumination pictures the prophet Daniel’s use of apocalyptic imagery to assert the power and dependability of God’s presence and actions in history despite events that suggest otherwise. Finding God’s hope when everything seems hopeless could also connect tonight’s illumination with the Genesis flood narrative, Abraham’s sacrifice of Isaac, Israel’s deliverance at the Red Sea, Isaiah’s message of salvation offered freely to all, and the other texts treated this evening.

This illumination consists of two panels representing twin dimensions of Daniel’s vision. On the left is the great beast (lower left) with ten horns, two tusks, and fiery eyes. The smallest of the horns has an eye and a snarly mouth (which belches forth with disgusting arrogance). This image is derived from prints of the microscopic streptococcus bacteria, a modern example of a devouring beast. Historically, this portrayal speaks of conditions that the Jews faced during the post-Alexander Greek (devouring) Empire. This was a period when the little horn (referring to the arrogant emperor, Antiochus Epiphanes) was viciously threatening second-century B.C. Jewish communities, especially those around Jerusalem.

However, higher up in the left panel and more powerful than Antiochus is the image of the Ancient One. As with the “Vision of Isaiah” illumination, God is depicted on a throne high and lifted above the earth and dressed in white. Around the throne are rainbow blocks derived from Ezekiel and Isaiah declaring God’s glory. The chariot wheels (from Ezekiel’s “Vision at the Chebar” illumination and here portrayed in blue) are grinding over the beast. At the foot of the throne is a crowd of “thousand thousands” serving God. Comprehensively, this scene depicts the

Ancient One’s overthrow of the great beast (representing the forces in opposition to God who persecute God’s people).

In the right panel Daniel envisions the Son of Man, who comes “with the clouds of heaven.” He is depicted with golden boxes above his head (indicating his divine nature), and with his feet planted on the earth (indicating his human nature). The stamped pattern beneath his feet creates the image of a rich carpet, an image repeated in the robes of the risen Christ in John 20, thereby connecting the Son of Man motif (Old Testament) with that of the Risen Christ (New Testament).

Two themes are emphasized in these panels: the left one asserts God’s eternal reign, and the right one highlights Daniel’s messianic vision. The panels are united by means of a gold grid pattern reminiscent of the temple layout recounted in Ezekiel’s vision of the new temple (Ezekiel chapters 41-48). This grid is used in the book of Revelation to complete the integration of the themes of God’s eternal reign and of messianic achievement. Several illuminations from the book of Revelation offer continuity to Daniel’s message of God’s power and purpose which is ultimately consummated through Christ’s redemptive work. The two-page illumination titled, “The Woman and the Dragon” (Rev. 12:1-17) uses the images of the Son of Man on a throne, Mary Magdalene’s dress print, and the horned beast to portray the final cosmic battle between God and the beast. The “Vision of the New Jerusalem” illumination (Rev. 21:1-22:5) includes a completed labyrinth of gold and an abstract portrayal of the Son of Man reigning over a peaceful kingdom with rainbows serving as reminders of God’s ultimate victory over suffering, death, and evil.

What value (or purpose) do you see for the books of Daniel and Revelation to employ apocalyptic visions as a means for communicating God’s ultimate power and deliverance? How is the same truth affirmed in the other biblical texts treated this evening? In what ways have these texts helped reveal God’s presence and actions to you during this Holy Week?

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# Announcements

## Office Closed: Monday, April 21

The Cathedral office is closed Monday, April 21 for Easter Monday. If you have a pastoral emergency, contact Dean Andy at 256.762.5889, Father James at 816.739.2930 or Deacon Barbara at 816.739.8032. No Morning Prayer service.

## 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.*

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

### April 20

Toni Bennett  
Frances Obiesie  
David Greenwald

### April 22

John Plunkett  
Bill Kretsinger

### April 23

Linda Oliver  
Caleb Daniel  
Anthony Janky  
Abbey Mosley

### April 24

Bill & Marsha Beggs

### April 26

Jim Pfeffer  
McKenna Atherton

# Cathedral Prayer List

**Pray for:** Janet; Carl; John Luce; Joyce Bellinghausen; Jeffrey and family; Diane Barker; Legal immigrants who are being separated from family and friends; Jonathan; Christine Copeland; Sheri Packett; Meribeth Risebig; Rebecca Rezaei; Luke "Skippy" Harbur; Penny Sullivan; Ellen Goheen; Bob Sherwood; Rev. Miranda Cully; Those impacted by the apartment fire in Independence; Those injured in the school shooting in Nashville; Phineas Gitta; Sally Livengood; Charlotte Colburn; Mike Barzee & Family; Larry McMullen; Joyce Morrow; Gloria Stocks; Jim Royer; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; Yvonne Kehoe Meier; First Responders; All those fighting cancer; All families affected by gun violence

**Comfort and Peace:** the family and friends of Bob Richmond; the family and friends of Gabriella Ann Collins; the family and friends of Congressman Wes Watkins; the family and friends of Isaiah Russell III; 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; all families affected by gun violence

**Pray for the Departed:** Bob Richmond; Gabriella Ann Collins; Congressman Wes Watkins; Isaiah Russell III; 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; Roger Kirby; those lost in war; those who have died from gun violence

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Bolivar — Mrs. Paula Shepard

Beginning Well Program

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

View the prayer list anytime: [kccathedral.org/prayers](http://kccathedral.org/prayers)

# *Easter Flowers are given to the Glory of God and ...*



- in thanksgiving for the Cathedral Staff: Julie, Steve B., James, Clare, Holly, Joan, Barbara, CJ, Lucas, Angie, Bianca, Brian, Farzana and John by Dean Andy by Dean Andy
- in memory of Lillian & John Knoell, Marie Knoell and Florence & Merritt Royer by Donna Knoell & Jim Royer
- in thanksgiving for our children Siras and Mary-Mullis by Beth and Andy Keyse
- with thanksgiving by Nigel Jones
- with thanksgiving by Susan & Ho Ahn
- in memory of John M. Brown by Peg Brown
- in thanksgiving for those who we love by Page & Bruce Reed
- in thanksgiving for the life of Cathy Thomas by Michael Thomas
- in memory of Meehan Family by Dennis & Kathy Meehan
- in memory of Peggy Morgan by Chris Morgan & Family
- in memory of Beverly Bilotta by Larry Bilotta
- in thanksgiving for Chip, Chonda and Jon Taylor and in memory of Charles, Augusta and Frank Fanolio by Richard & Jill Fanolio
- in memory of Ira & Josephine Morgan by Dr. Dennis B. Morgan
- in memory of Magie Jacobs Barr by Brent A. Barr
- in celebration and loving memory of our family by Ric & Janet Sweeting
- In memory of our friend Doyle White by Richard & Anne Morse
- in memory of Dorothy and Leonard Kagay, parents by Fred & Pat Decker
- with gratitude for my family and many blessings by Dr. Joan Bergstrom
- in thanksgiving for Theo and Nora being confirmed by Julie Brogno & Eric Elisabeth
- with thanksgiving by Candy & Bud McDowell
- in memory of Zan Crum by Jim Crum
- in memory of Liza Townsend & Landon Rowland by Guy Townsend and family (Edward, Marjoire & Harriet)
- in memory of Harley Miller and Hortense Lambert by Patricia Miller and Noël Bishop
- in memory of Willie Joe Finnie Jr. by Jackye Finnie
- in thanksgiving for Meribeth Risebig, my sister, and in memory of Clarence & Dorothy Risebig, my parents by Claudia Risebig
- in thanksgiving for our grandchildren and children, and in memory of our parents by Paget & Tom Higgins
- in memory of William Gordon Buckner by Denny Brisley
- in memory of Robert Hudson by Sharon Hudson
- in thanksgiving for my grandchildren, Lydia & Mason by LeeAnne Hays
- in thanksgiving for our children, grandchildren and great grandson by Diane & David Barker
- in memory of George, Myrtle, Edward, Margaret, Judith, Mary Janes Gillseppe by Joyce Gillespie
- in memory of Howard, Ruby, Sarah & John Weaver; Gordon, Thelma, Randy & Dale Wesner by Terri (Weaver) Wesner & Glen Wesner
- in memory of Charles, Leona, Warren by Terry & Jan Duncan
- in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Keyse, Mr. and Mrs. Siras A. Stocks, Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Grauer, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Johnson, Dr. S. Allan Stocks by Beth and Andy Keyse

*A resounding thank you goes out  
to all the volunteers who helped  
make Holy Week and Easter  
services at Grace and Holy  
Trinity Cathedral a success.  
We could not do it without you!*



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# Donations for our Outreach Partners

April

## TOILETRY DRIVE

Body Wash  
Hand/Body Lotion  
Shampoo & Conditioner  
Deodorant

• Regular size items requested •



Bring your donations for the Jewish Family Services pantry to the basket in the Tower.

## Donate Onesies for



## Maison de Naissance

During May, we collect Onesies for Maison de Naissance, a modern maternal health center supporting healthy mothers and healthy babies in Haiti.

- The best sizes are Newborn to 6 months. •
- Short sleeves only PLEASE. It gets HOT in Haiti. •

Bring your donations of Onesies to the Tower entrance.  
Thank you for your kind and generous giving.

# 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: May 17

To volunteer or for more information, contact Deacon Barbara 816.739.8032 or [bwegener@kccathedral.org](mailto:bwegener@kccathedral.org).

## 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 then 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](http://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 they can continue providing nutritious meals, offering essential pantry staples, and building a hunger-free community. By volunteering with Nourish KC, 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.

Sign up for a shift at [theprospectkc.org/nourish-kc](http://theprospectkc.org/nourish-kc).

# Upcoming Events

## Game Night: Bingo, Saturday, April 26, 5 p.m.

### Common Room

Gather your family, friends, and fellow game enthusiasts for an evening of thrilling games, fabulous fellowship, and unforgettable memories. Bring a snack and/or drink to share and join in the fun. Sign up on our website:

[kccathedral.org/upcoming-events](http://kccathedral.org/upcoming-events)

## Eucharistic Practices, May 18 at 9:15 a.m.

### Cathedral Nave

Walking through several elements of the Eucharist, in this session we will experiment with devotional practices for deeper engagement in the liturgy. Any who desire to feel more proficient and at ease in worship are invited to join us, both newcomers and long-term members alike.

## Graduate Recognition, May 18 at all services

We celebrate all graduates as part of our Youth Sunday celebration. If you or a family member is graduating this year, send their name to [communications@kccathedral.org](mailto:communications@kccathedral.org) by Monday, May 12. Graduates will be recognized during the services.

## Youth Sunday, May 18 at 10:30 a.m.

Our young people take key leadership roles in the service and the Cathedral's youth leadership will preach.

## Evensong, May 18 at 5 p.m.

A service of Choral Evensong is offered by the Trinity Choir. This contemplative service includes hymns, scripture readings, prayers, chanted Psalms, canticles and a choir anthem. With its origins in Archbishop Thomas Cranmer's Book of Common Prayer (1549), Evensong is one of the most uniquely Anglican liturgies and is sung in cathedrals and parishes throughout the world.

## Parish Picnic, June 8 at 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. 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.



Fifty percent of the Easter offering will be donated to Nourish KC.

The Nourish KC Community Kitchen prepares fresh, nutritious meals daily using rescued food from partners. These "Chef's Choice" meals are crafted to meet dietary guidelines, focusing on healthy proteins, whole grains, fruits, and vegetables. To ensure food security for all, they offer free or low-cost meals, addressing both hunger and health conditions like obesity and heart disease. For 35 years, The Kansas City Community Kitchen has been a cornerstone of Kansas City, working to eliminate hunger and improve nutrition. Their mission goes beyond food distribution—it is about building connections, fostering hope, and driving meaningful change. Nourish KC is part of The Prospect KC, which serves as an umbrella to support Prospects through food-based solutions: nutrition education, culinary training and culinary entrepreneurship.

The remainder of the offering is used for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral.

*Please consider making a generous and sacrificial gift for these ministries.*

### Ways to Give

- Give online with the QR code (or use the GIVE button on the Cathedral website).
- Place in the offering plate. Envelopes are available in the pew racks.
- Text "GIVetoGHTEC Easter" to 73256.



*Give Online*