## GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



## The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025 • 10:30 a.m.

#### Welcome!

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.

## **Subscribe to Our Newsletter**

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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.

- Childcare for those 4 years old and younger is available in the nursery in Haden Hall.
- Today is a Family Worship Sunday. Family Worship Sundays provide an opportunity for families to worship together. Worship Boxes with resources for children are in the back cross aisle. On other Sundays, elementary age children gather for Cathedral Kids, which 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 quardians inside the tower doors during the passing of the peace.
- To get to Haden Hall: From the Tower entry, go up the stairs and straight ahead to the adjoining building. Follow signs or ask an usher for directions.

#### Restrooms

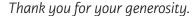
Gendered and accessible restrooms are available in Founders' Hall. A non-gendered and accessible restroom is available at west end (rear) of the Cathedral.

## **Hearing Assist Devices**

Connect your Bluetooth enabled devices through the Listen Everywhere app. Detailed instructions are available on the table near the entrance. Other (not Bluetooth) hearing assist devices are also available on the table near the entrance.

## 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" to 73256.
- Tap to give using the display in the Tower entrance. Instructions for use are next to the machine.





### **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 cup of coffee or tea and lively conversation in Founders' Hall.

## **Our Mission**

As the Episcopal Cathedral Church in the heart of Kansas City we seek and serve Christ in all people, loving our neighbors as ourselves while striving for justice, peace and respect for every human being. Our worship, prayer and formation support the restorative strength of our community, reconciling all people to God and one another through Christ.



Please be advised that our services are livestreamed to YouTube. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.

Voluntary: Meditation on Brother James' Air

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

## The Word of God

\* Entrance Hymn: 205 v. 1, 3-5 "Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!"



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#### \* Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

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Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

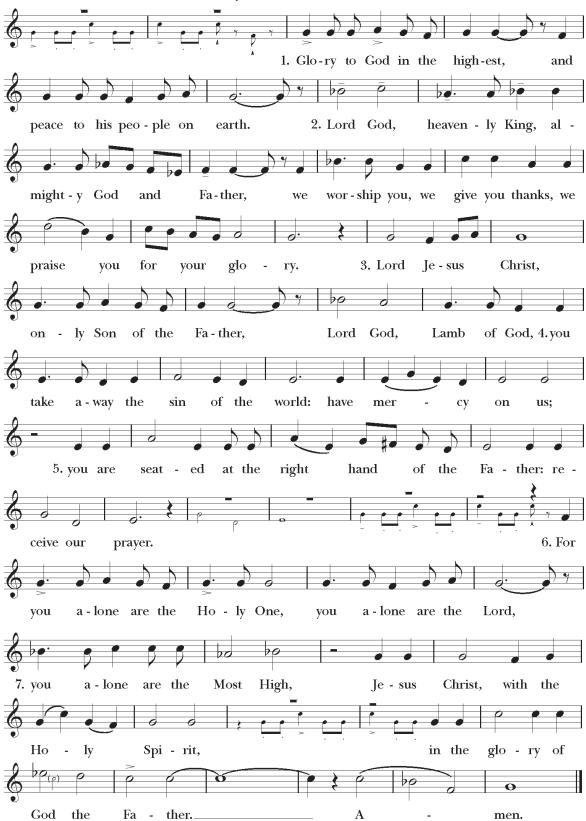
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love

you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* Song of Praise: S278 Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis



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#### \* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider

Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Acts 9:36-43

Lector

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 sung by the choir; chant by John Joubert

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The Lord is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul \*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Second Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

Lector

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## \* Gospel Hymn: 181 "Awake and sing the song"



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\* The Holy Gospel: John 10:22-30

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking

in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The

Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## SERMON

\* The Nicene Creed page 358

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 When our valleys are full of shadows Lord, send us the light of your son Jesus, that we might find our

way. Shepherd of our heart, comfort us with your overflowing love, hear our prayers offered with

thanksgiving and sincerity as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

When our cups seem empty Lord, fill them with your love so that our acts of service to the world

overflow and benefit others.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor When our nation and other countries walk in darkness Lord, fill our leaders with hearts that beat for

peace, justice and provision for all people.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor When our bodies are ill and our minds are full of turmoil Lord, send us the peace of your presence and

give us the gift of your healing. 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 When the hungry go unfilled and the hurting are left along Lord, melt our hearts that we might be your

hands at work serving those in need.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor When our time on earth is ended Lord, guide us into the green pastures of your kingdom that we might

live in your kingdom this day and always. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or

aloud.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider Accept the prayers of your sheep O Lord, and grant us peace in our day that we might life out our lives

to the glory of your son Jesus Christ who reigns with you and your Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

\* The Peace page 360

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Celebration Prayer page 830

All O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your

goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence page 376

Presider

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

\* Offertory Anthem: "Salvation is created"

Pavel Tschesnokoff (1877-1944)

Text: Psalm 74:12

Salvation is created in midst of the earth, O our God. Alleluia.

Presentation Hymn: 174 "At the Lamb's high feast we sing" verse 4



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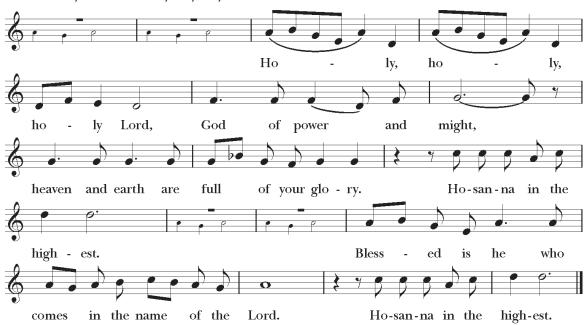


Presider

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

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



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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.

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

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 page 365

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.

## 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 ANTHEM: "We shall walk through the valley"

Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989) Text: African American spiritual

Lord, we shall walk in peace.

We shall walk through the valley in peace. If Jesus himself shall be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no trials there. If Jesus himself shall be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN: 343 "Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless"



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#### \* 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.

### \* THE BLESSING

## \* Dismissal

Following the dismissal,

People Thanks be to God.

\* Closing Hymn: 334 "Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing"



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VOLUNTARY: Grand Chaur in F

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

## **Serving Today**

Presider The Rev. W. James Yazell
Preacher The Rev. CJ Duffie
Deacon of the Table The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Musicians The Trinity Choir, Dr. Lucas Fletcher

Lector Deborah Buckner
Intercessor Scott Anthony

Eucharistic Ministers Bob Johnson, Peter Fortner

Acolytes Margo Galus, Nora Elisabeth, Harrison Mattson, Athan Nichols Ushers Colin Chambers, Nigel Jones, Denny Brisley, John Braum

Altar Guild Kay Woolley, Sara Copeland, Candy McDowell

Sound/Livestreaming Christine Morrison, Chris Morrison Holy Hands Hospitality Tara Bennett, Colin Chambers, Pat Decker

Oblation Bearers Cathedral Kids



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.

## 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.* 

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## Cathedral Prayer List

Pray for: Cpt. Charles Lewis, Jr.; Cliff Mosley; Cathy Hager; Alan Greer; Janet; John Luce; Joyce Bellinghausen; Phineas Gitta; Sally Livengood; Jeffrey and family; Diane Barker; Legal immigrants who are being separated from family and friends; Jonathan; Christine Copeland; Sheri Packett; Carl; Meribeth Risebig; Rebecca Rezaei; 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; 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; those lost in war; those who have died from gun violence

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** The Episcopal Diocese of Texas, Austin, TX—The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop Diocesan; The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher, Suffragan Bishop; The Rt. Rev. Hector Monterroso, Bishop Assistant; The Rt. Rev. Kathryn M. Ryan, Suffragan Bishop

Bishop Spencer Place

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

## **Sponsor the Altar Flowers**

Altar flowers are a great way to beautify the sanctuary and remind your fellow worshipers of the new life that Jesus brings. They are also a great way to commemorate an event near a specific date, or honor/remember someone close to your heart.

Donations toward the weekly flowers can be given by anyone and are accepted in any amount. You can mail a check to the Cathedral office, put your donation in the offering or make a payment through our online payment site. For more information: kccathedral.org/flowers or contact Julie Toma, jtoma@kccathedral.org.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

**May 12** 

Barbara Carlson

Chris Newton

**May 13** 

Sarah Gardner

**May 14** Terri Wesner Andrea Skowronek

Mike & Toni Bennett

**May 17** 

**May 15** 

**May 16** 

Miranda Schmidt Bruce & Page Reed

## Weekly Calendar

Learn more about our weekly services & opportunities for study and fellowship: kccathedral.org

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 Time5 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

\*In person and streamed on YouTube @kccathedral

Thursday +On Zoom

9 a.m. Morning Prayer^ *^In Person and streamed* 7 p.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir on Facebook @kccathedral

## Today's flowers are dedicated to the glory of God

Today's flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for my grandson, Lukas McLeroy by Carolyn McLeroy.

# Happy Mother's Day!

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

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

The seeds given today, Lilliput Zinnia, grows to be only 18-24" tall and is famous for an abundance of pom-pom blooms in bright, vivid colors. Blooming from mid summer until frost, this mixture can be cut all season long for spectacular summer bouquets and is extremely easy to grow. Like all Zinnia, this variety is deer resistant and attracts pollinators.

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

## Fourth Sunday of Easter – Jesus the Good Shepherd

"The Psalms Frontispiece" Illumination (Psalm 23)

This week's lectionary theme centers on Jesus as the good shepherd who leads and protects his flock. So, it may seem incongruous for the Saint John's Bible illumination to focus on the book of Psalms. The connecting link emerges out of the way Psalms has been employed for worship. Being a liturgical book, Psalms has been used by both Jewish and Christian faith communities for millennia in structuring public worship, often employing text and song (especially chants) to do this. However, while Christianity and Judaism share many liturgical texts, they do so from different theological perspectives. Psalm 23 provides a good example of this. For centuries Christians have layered this Psalm (which utilizes a familiar pastoral image from ancient Jewish life as an analogy for divine providence) with John 10:11 where Jesus declares, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

Virtually all theological language is rooted in analogy. Experiences and objects from daily life are used to

communicate our spiritual relation with God. Historically, the image of the shepherd held especially rich possibilities for this purpose. The full range of relationships, including leadership, authority, protection, nurture, and deliverance, was applicable to the divine shepherd and his flock. Thus, Jesus' image as the good shepherd weds this significant Old Testament analogy of our relationship with God to

the New Testament analogy of Jesus' role as spiritual leader and protector of the Christian faith community.

The principal illumination in the Book of Psalms is the two-page frontispiece, located before Psalm 1. Here the five books that constitute Psalms are portrayed as five open scrolls arranged to form a menorah. Artistic director Donald Jackson's first illumination for the Saint John's Bible project was the menorah depicting Jesus' genealogy in Matthew's gospel. The menorah also was used in Genesis to depict the family tree of Abraham and Sarah. In the "Historical Books" volume of Saint John's Bible several menorahs were used to convey the developing faith heritage of Israel in contrast to those of Egypt, Canaan, and Babylon. In Psalms, the menorah illumination is used to emphasize the integrity and completeness of Israel's story.

Another important feature of today's focal illumination is the stamped gold archway of the Cathedral at Compostela, which recurs throughout the pages of Psalms. This image

conveys the tradition of believers gathering throughout the ages to sing or chant these texts. Compostela is used to symbolize the role that song plays for ushering us into the presence of God and has done so for millennia.

Think of the words you would use to describe what Jesus as the good shepherd means in your own spiritual life. How does the imagery of Psalms (especially Psalm 23) enrich that analogy of God's care and leadership for you? In what ways does singing (or chanting) the Psalms enhance your experience of worshiping God?



## Formation for All Ages

## Children: Sundays

## Cathedral Kids • 10:30 a.m.

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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.

## Youth: Sundays

## Youth Formation • 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

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.

## **Upcoming Events & Announcements**

For more info and signup links: kccathedral.org/upcoming-events

## **Game Night: Bunco**

## Friday, May 16, 6 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.

## **Miniature Painting Meetup**

## Saturday, May 17, 3 p.m., Common Room

Curious about tabletop gaming or miniatures? Join us for a fun, hands-on introduction to miniature painting! All supplies (miniatures, brushes, and paint) will be provided. Family friendly and no experience needed, just bring your creativity and enjoy some fun and fellowship.

#### **Eucharistic Practices**

## Sunday, May 18, 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.

## **Usher Meeting with AED Training**

## Sunday, May 18 • 9 a.m. & 11:45 a.m., Common Room

Ushers will be briefed on Usher protocols. Congregation members are invited to attend this meeting to learn about emergency procedures including AED information by GHTC member and medical professional Troy Sorbo. You only need to attend one session.

## 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, let us know by **Monday, May 12**. Graduates will be recognized during the 10:30 a.m. service. Submit names at *kccathedral.org/upcoming-events*.

## 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.

## **Documentary Screening: Metamorphosis** Sunday, May 18, 6 p.m., Common Room

Metamorphosis is a testament to the power of resistance. It captures the struggles and triumphs of women from diverse backgrounds—teachers, judges, filmmakers, dormitory directors—who, despite losing everything, continue to fight for justice. We will screen the documentary Metamorphosis: Women's Resilience to Opposition in Turkey and then have a facilitated discussion on the plight of women political prisoners in Turkey. We will be joined via Zoom by the producer of the film and several survivors of the on-going genocide.

## **Evensong**

## Sunday, May 18, 5 p.m., Cathedral Nave

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.

## Practicing Christian Spirituality Presentation Saturday, May 24, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at St. Mary Magdalene

The Rev. Dr. Julia Gatta, professor of Pastoral Theology at the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, will be giving a presentation on her book *Life in Christ: Practicing Christian Spirituality* at St. Mary Magdalene in Belton, followed by a Q&A session. Lunch will be provided. Free but RSVP requested.

#### **Parish Picnic**

### Sunday, June 8, 11:45 a.m., Founders' Hall Courtyard

Join us for our annual Parish Picnic. The Cathedral serves up the main feast, and you're invited to dazzle us with your finest sides and sweetest desserts. We'll 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.