Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral



YOUTH SUNDAY **The Fifth Sunday of Easter** May 18, 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.

On this Youth Sunday, we are grateful for the children & youth who lead various parts of the service.

Subscribe to Our Newsletter

Sign up for email news about special events, worship and ways to connect with our community.

Children

Children are welcome in all our services and activities for them are available on a shelf in the back aisle.

- 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 guardians 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.

Thank you for your generosity.

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.



Holy Eucharist

VOLUNTARY: "Amazing grace! How sweet the sound"

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

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The Word of God

* ENTRANCE HYMN: 405 "All things bright and beautiful"



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* Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

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. Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen .

The Lessons

First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the Lector word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, `Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, `By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, `What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, `Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, `John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.
Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.
Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.
Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.
Let them praise the Name of the Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were created.
He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;
Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.
Let them praise the Name of the Lord, *
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6

Lector	I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
	"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."
	And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."
	The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



* GOSPEL HYMN: 529 "In Christ there is no East or West"

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* The Holy Gospel: John 13:31-35

	Gospeller	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.	
	People	Glory to you, Lord Christ.	
Gospe	Gospeller	At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the [Jewish leaders] so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."	
		The Gospel of the Lord.	
	People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.	
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* The Nicene Cree	LD	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 Pi	EOPLE adapted from Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People for the Revised Common .	Lectionary
Intercessor	Glorious, creating, and sustaining God; who made and cares for the world with love and mercy and answer the prayers of your people as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.	; hear
	Encourage and embolden us, your people, that we might fully live into our potential and take t Christ's healing mission with courage and persistence.	ıp
	Lord in your mercy,	

People Hear our prayer.

- Intercessor Open the hearts of those who hold authority in the world that they might focus their gaze and attention on policies that promote peace, wellness, and the relief of suffering. Lord in your mercy,
- People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor	Help us to see the needs of those we encounter in our daily lives and grant us a desire for generosity that we might respond with love and mercy.
	Lord in your mercy,
People	Hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Grant us wisdom and determination to respond effectively to climate change; help us reclaim our intended role as stewards, and not destroyers, of your wonderfully created world.
	Lord in your mercy,
People	Hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Bring your healing presence to all who suffer in any way. Give them strength to cope and bring skilled and healing caregivers into their lives. 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	Be with those who are in their last days, those who watch over them, and those who will grieve their loss. Take them into your eternal care and reunite us with them in your new age. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud.
	Lord in your mercy,
People	Hear our prayer.
Presider	Lord, Creation sings your praise in its very being. Help us to hear the song and to add our own voices. Be present to us and guide us on the Way of your Son, our Lord, Jesus, through whom we pray and give thanks. Amen .
* The Peace	page 360
Presider	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	And also with you.
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Announcements	
Graduate Recog	
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 Sentei	VCE 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 Antнем: "I give to you a new commandment"

I give to you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur. Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen. Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has united us. Let us rejoice and be glad in him. Let us fear and love the living God and adore him from a sincere heart. Amen.

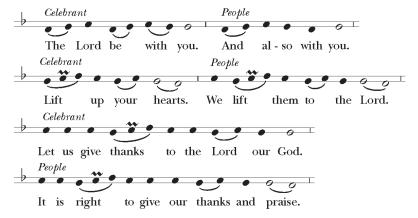
PRESENTATION HYMN: 174 "At the Lamb's high feast we sing" verse 4



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* The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer 2

S120: The Holy Eucharist II, Lift up your hearts: Sursum corda



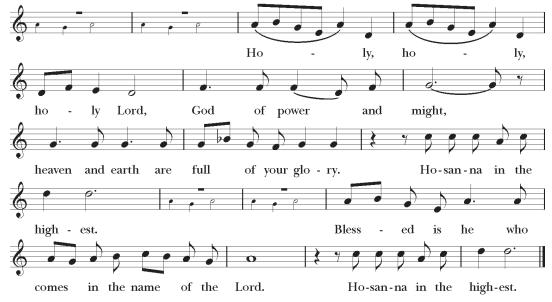
Celebrant

All

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

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



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Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. Celebrant To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.

	On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
	As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."
	Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.
	Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with [and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.
	Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.
All	AMEN.
Celebrant	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



Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion

All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. For gluten-free bread, cross your hands palms down. For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.

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

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: "Oculi omnium"

Alexander L'Estrange (b. 1974) Text: Psalm 145:15-16; anonymous Latin text

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Oculi omnium in te respiciunt Domine. Tu das escam illis tempore opportuno. Aperis manum tuam, et imples omne animal benedictione tua. Benedicas nobis, Deus, omnibus donis quae de tua beneficentia accepturi simus. Per Jesum Christum, dominum nostrum, Amen.

The eyes of all look to you, O Lord. You give them their food in due season. You open your hand and fill every living thing with your blessing. Bless us, O God, with all the gifts that we shall receive from your goodness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen. Соммиліол Нумл: 671 "Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound"



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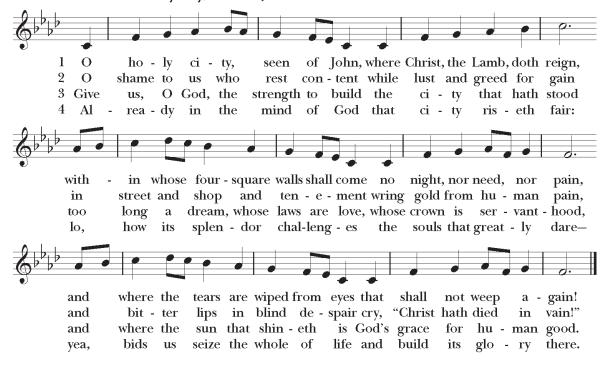
* Postcommunion Prayer

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.

* DISMISSAL

Children	Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People	Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

* Closing Hymn: 583 " O holy city, seen of John"



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VOLUNTARY: Allegro risoluto, Op. 68, No. 5

Horatio Parker (1863-1919)

Serving Today	
Celebrant	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Presiders	Clare Stern-Burbano, Youth Ministry, Children's Ministry
Preacher	Harrison David Mattson
Assisting	The Rev. W. James Yazell
Deacon of the Word	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Deacon of the Table	The Rev. CJ Duffie
Musicians	The Trinity Choir, Dr. Lucas Fletcher; Dr. William McCandless, Accompanist
Lectors	Ava Khan, Margo Galus, Henry Galus, Harrison Mattson, Theo Elisabeth
Eucharistic Ministers	Curtis Hamilton, Clare Stern-Burbano
Acolytes	Margo Galus, Harrison Mattson, Theo Elisabeth, Nick Bennett, Athan Nichols
Ushers	Beth Keyse, Steve Moore, Oreste Minme, Troy Sorbo
Greeters	Cathedral Kids, Donna Knoell
Altar Guild	Debbie Marrs, Leticia Porter, Kristy Moore
Sound/Livestreaming	Julian Mattson, Chris Morrison
Holy Hands Hospitality	Julie Brogno, Sarah Lagergren, Sara Copeland
Oblation Bearers	Cathedral Kids

Coursing Today

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.



Thomas Barker Needham High School, Needham, MA

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Clare Stern-Burbano Bishop Kemper School of Ministry

David Ting Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences

Cathedral Prayer List

Pray for: Vicki Love; Collin Love; Peg Brown; Jody Beck; Sandra Fuhrman; Cliff Mosley; Cathy Hager; Alan Greer; Janet; John Luce; Joyce Bellinghausen; Phineas Gitta; Sally Livengood; Jeffrey and family; Cpt. Charles Lewis, Jr.; 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 Arkansas, Little Rock, AR—The Rt. Rev. John Harmon, Bishop Armed Forces – Active Duty, Reserve, Guard, Veterans, Retirees & Their Families

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

May 18 Arnold Epley

May 22

George Verschelden Maria Bernicchi Jim & Kathy Jennings

May 20 Ethan Campbell Frank Colburn Joseph & Tina Lewandowski

May 23 Brad Amer

May 21 Bill Colvin **May 24** Vangie Rich Cathy & Tony Carrillo Kirkland & Kathy Gates

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- Text GUEST if you are new with us & want to know more.
- Text PRAYER to submit prayer requests.

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Note: this number is for texts only, not voice calls.

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 Time
5 p.m.	Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist
	[Choral Evensong, 3rd Sundays]
6 p.m.	Youth Group

Monday

9 a.m. Morning Prayer^

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

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*.



Today's flowers

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

- in thanksgiving for my daughter, Betsy Leonard by Carolyn McLeroy
- in loving memory of Fiona Schaefer by The Trinity Choir

Cathedral Staff: The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, Dean; The Rev. W. James Yazell, Associate Priest; The Rev. Barbara Wegener, Deacon; The Rev. CJ Duffie, Deacon; Dr. Lucas Fletcher, Director of Music; Clare Stern-Burbano, College, Youth & Children's Minister; Julie Toma, Cathedral Administrator; Holly Campbell, Events Coordinator; Steve Berman, Finance Coordinator; Dr. Joan Bergstrom, Sacristan & Volunteer Coordinator; Angie Graham, Facility Manager; Bianca Jackson, Assistant Facility Manager; The Very Rev. Peter J. DeVeau, Dean Emeritus; Canon John Schaefer, Canon Musician Emeritus

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Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

Fifth Sunday of Easter – Jesus' New Commandment "Vision of the New Jerusalem" Illumination (Revelation 21:1-6)

In today's gospel reading, Jesus confronts us with the "new commandment" to "love one another as I have loved you." In this declaration we discover the glue that binds us together in community – God's love. In varied ways, each of today's liturgical texts speaks of community. Peter's experiences in Acts 11 address overcoming human barriers to God's intended community. The Revelation text tells of a new heaven and a new earth created not through human methods but through God's dwelling among us.

The artwork of Saint John's Bible points toward a reality visually captured in the "Vision of the New Jerusalem" illumination of Revelation 21. Beginning with Abraham and Sarah's departure from Haran, progressing through the Jacob and Joseph stories of being forced to leave their homes, continuing through Moses and the exodus, then through the exile, and finally to the gospel narratives of Jesus' call to

discipleship, God persistently leads humanity into new community where he longs to dwell among us. In Revelation 21 John catches a glimpse of what that new community is like. On the other side of the veil, we find not destruction, division, anxiety, and rivalry, but new life.

Today's illumination draws upon images associated with the rebuilding of Jerusalem after the exile. Elements are present reminiscent of Old Testament instructions for building and rebuilding the temple. The gold grid pattern derived from the layout of the temple recounted in Ezekiel's vision completes the partial image portrayed in Daniel's "Vision of the Son of Man" illumination. In this scene, however, the Lord God and the Lamb are the new temple, there is no building. The Son of Man seen on the throne inhabits this city.

Through the exodus, God delivered the Hebrews from Egyptian slavery to a land of promise where he would dwell among them as the shekinah. As long as the Hebrews would accept his lordship then they would live in community bound together by God's love and righteousness. In the gospels, Jesus came to dwell among humanity to inaugurate God's new community made visible ideally through the church. In Revelation John declares that at the end God will again be the shekinah and because of this we will finally live as a complete



human community.

How does Peter's experience in Acts 11 challenge us to embrace John's apocalyptic vision as not being exclusively future? What does the tree of life image in the lower right corner suggest about God's intent for creation? In what other Saint John's Bible illumination were squares (like those at the bottom of this illumination) used to symbolize the formation of community? What meaning do these squares have in this depiction?

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 on the third Saturday of each month. To volunteer or for more information, contact Deacon Barbara 816.739.8032 or **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. Volunteers work together to portion and package donated food so it can be redirected to social service agencies who get meals to families. Sign up for a shift at *petesgarden.org/volunteer*.

Nourish KC

Volunteers are the heart and soul of NourishKC. Every meal served, every pantry stocked, and every food item redistributed is made possible because of the time, energy, and dedication of our volunteers. 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*.

Formation for All Ages

Children: Sundays

Cathedral Kids • 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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. Last meeting for this spring is May 25.

Children & Youth Volunteers

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.*

Adults: Sundays

The Path • 9:15 a.m. • Common Room

May 25: Chapter 23 June 1: Chapter 24 (This will conclude *The Path*)

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 to 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

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.

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.

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.

Presentation: *Practicing Christian Spirituality* 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.

Memorial Day Weekend

The Cathedral's Memorial Garden will be open over the Memorial Day weekend. The Daughters of the King will be adding decorations for the holiday.

The Cathedral office is closed Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day. *No Morning Prayer service*. 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.

Baby Shower for Baby Burbano-Stern Sunday, June 1, 12:30 p.m., Common Room

You are joyfully invited to celebrate Clare Stern-Burbano & Andres Burbano's tiny bundle of joy on the way at a baby shower. Join us for laughter, games, and cherished moments as we support them in their new journey into motherhood. Your presence will sprinkle extra magic on the day! They are registered at Target and Amazon.

Pentecost Day 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 lawn games and activities for 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. *Sign up to help at our website.*

Wear Orange Sunday: June 8

On Sunday, June 8, Episcopal churches across The Diocese of West Missouri are invited to participate in "Wear Orange Day" in honor of victims and survivors of gun violence across our country. Grab your guide for action in support of gun violence prevention for June 2-8, the week leading up to Wear Orange Sunday.

KC Pride: June 6-8

The Diocese of West Missouri will be walking in the Pride Parade in Kansas City on Saturday, June 7 and on Saturday, June 14 in Springfield. Visit *pride.church* for more details.

Poster Making Event: Thursday, May 29, 5:30–8 p.m., Founders' Hall