

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025 • 8 a.m.

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

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

Service Notes

- Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (*).
- Donations may be placed in the offering, made through the Cathedral website: kccathedral.org, by scanning the QR code to the right or by texting "GIVEtoGHTC" to 73256. Tap to give using the display in the Tower entrance. Instructions for use are next to the machine.
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HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY: "Amazing grace! How sweet the sound"

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

The Word of God

* 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.**

* GLORIA

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All Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

* 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

Lector Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the 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.**

Psalm 148 *read by alternating whole verse*

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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	<p>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,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“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.”</p> <p>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.”</p> <p>The Word of the Lord.</p>
People	Thanks be to God.

* 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.
Gospeller	<p>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.”</p> <p>The Gospel of the Lord.</p>
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

* THE NICENE CREED

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All We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Intercessor	Glorious, creating, and sustaining God; who made and cares for the world with love and mercy; hear and answer the prayers of your people as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.
	Encourage and embolden us, your people, that we might fully live into our potential and take up Christ's healing mission with courage and persistence.
	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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION PRAYER

All	O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as <i>they</i> begin another year. Grant that <i>they</i> may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen <i>their</i> trust in your goodness all the days of <i>their</i> lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
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The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

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

Unison or harmony



1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
 2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
 e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
 him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

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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.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
 All Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

* BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
 People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
 Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

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

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

* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Presider Let us pray.
 All Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

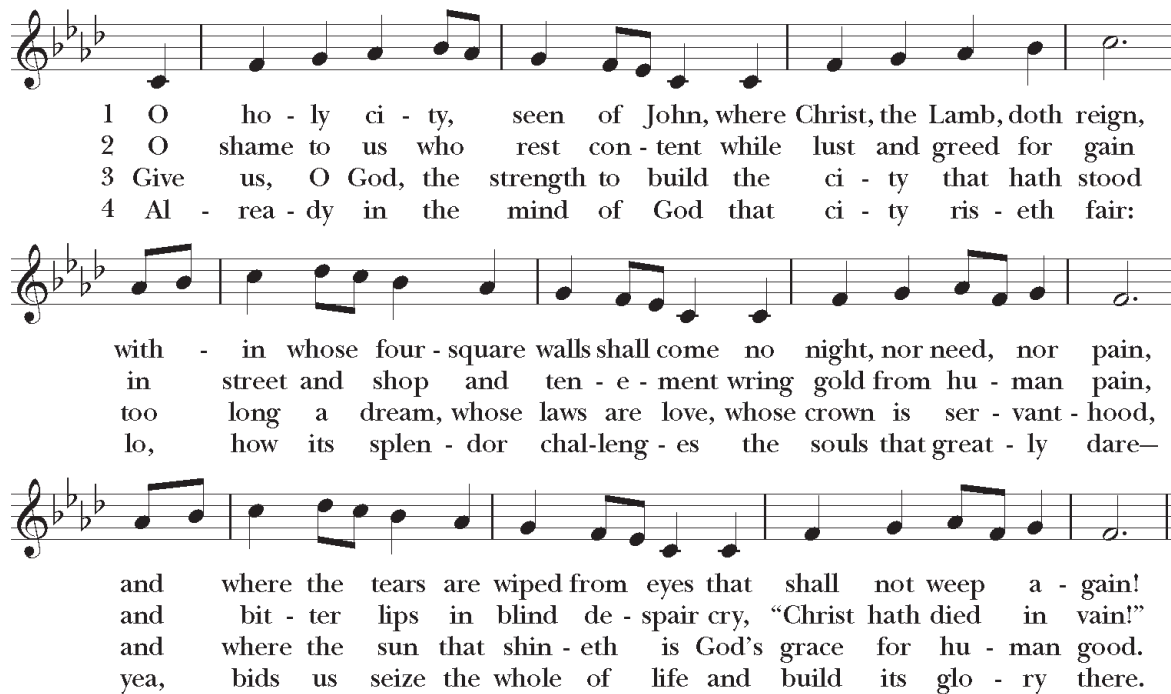
* THE BLESSING

* DISMISSAL

Following the dismissal,

People Thanks be to God.

* CLOSING HYMN: 583 “O holy city, seen of John”



1 O ho - ly ci - ty, seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, doth reign,
 2 O shame to us who rest con - tent while lust and greed for gain
 3 Give us, O God, the strength to build the ci - ty that hath stood
 4 Al - rea - dy in the mind of God that ci - ty ris - eth fair:
 with - in whose four - square walls shall come no night, nor need, nor pain,
 in street and shop and ten - e - ment wring gold from hu - man pain,
 too long a dream, whose laws are love, whose crown is ser - vant - hood,
 lo, how its splen - dor chal - leng - es the souls that great - ly dare—
 and where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep a - gain!
 and bit - ter lips in blind de - spair cry, “Christ hath died in vain!”
 and where the sun that shin - eth is God’s grace for hu - man good.
 yea, bids us seize the whole of life and build its glo - ry there.

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Horatio Parker (1863-1919)

Serving Today

Presider	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew Keyse
Preacher	The Rev. W. James Yazell
Deacon of the Table	The Rev. CJ Duffie
Deacon of the Word	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Organist	Dr. Lucas Fletcher
Lector	Joan Bergstrom
Eucharistic Minister	Terri Curran
Usher	Greg Coffey, Deborah Carr
Altar Guild	Michelle Ritter

Eucharistic Practices

Today, 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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Graduates

Thomas Barker

Needham High School, Needham, MA

Elvarea Bennett

University of San Diego

Maria Bernicchi

Emporia State University

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 20

Ethan Campbell

Frank Colburn

Joseph & Tina Lewandowski

May 21

Bill Colvin

May 22

George Verschelden

Maria Bernicchi

Jim & Kathy Jennings

May 23

Brad Amer

May 24

Vangie Rich

Cathy & Tony Carrillo

Kirkland & Kathy Gates

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 Room
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
6:30 p.m. Rehearsal: Bell Choir

Thursday

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

*In person and streamed on YouTube @kccathedral
+On Zoom
^In Person and streamed on Facebook @kccathedral

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- 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.

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.

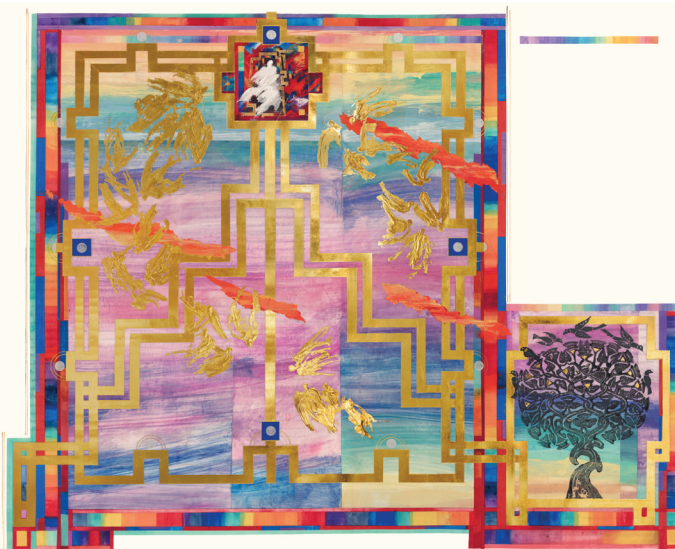
The artwork of Saint John's Bible points toward a reality visually captured in the "Vision of the New Jerusalem" illumination of Revelation 21. Beginning with Abraham and Sarah's departure from Haran, progressing through the Jacob and Joseph stories of being forced to leave their homes, continuing through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

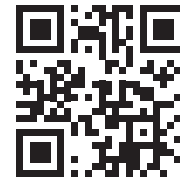
We study the lessons for the upcoming Sunday. Join the Lectionary Bible Study group in Realm or visit the LBS page, kccathedral.org/adultformation/lbs for more details.

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.



*Watch episodes and find
discussion guides here*

May 18, 2025 – Easter 5 (C) Traveling the Way of Love: Worship

“Traveling the Way of Love” Season 2 offers video stories of the ways people across The Episcopal Church participate in the seven Way of Love practices. Produced by the Office of Communication in partnership with Evangelism colleagues, it includes study guides to help congregations or small groups engage the stories and strengthen one another’s discipleship. Each week, we’ll share information about an episode, along with study questions suitable for congregational, small group, or personal reflection. You can find each episode and its discussion guide at iam.ec/TWOL2.

Episode 1: Worship

“When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.” - Luke 24:30-31



When we worship, we gather with others before God. We hear the Good News of Jesus Christ, give thanks, confess, and offer the brokenness of the world to God. As we break bread, our eyes are opened to the presence of Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are made one body, the body of Christ sent forth to live the Way of Love.

1. In this episode, host Chris Sikkema visits Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church in Houston, Texas, and chats with the Rev. Ryan Hawthorne about what worship means to her. Hawthorne emphasizes that worship is not just a communal practice, but a deeply personal one. She invites individuals to find the worship practices that resonate with their soul, which might include worshipping within a church community. What worship practices deeply touch your soul?
2. The call to gather and worship within the Christian tradition, as understood through the Episcopal lens, is a call to “the collective.” It is a call to come together across generations and all sorts of messy human experiences to pray, offer praise and thanksgiving, proclaim the Gospel, and promote justice, peace, and love. What voices are missing from your worship experience? How could it be a more “collective” experience?
3. Palmer’s former senior warden, Dr. Danna Kurtin, spoke about the importance of curiosity when it comes to practicing worship on the Way of Love. Being curious about our neighbors, other traditions, and the ways God is moving in the world through changing culture are just some of the things that can influence our worship experience. Where might the Holy Spirit be asking you – as an individual or as a faith community - to be curious and to stretch in your practice of worship?

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 Stern-Burbano

Sunday, June 1, 12:30 p.m., Common Room

You are joyfully invited to celebrate Clare & Andres Stern-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