GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



CHORAL EVENSONG

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025 • 5 p.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. Thank you for your generosity.



VOLUNTARY: II. Allegro from Vesper Voluntaries, Op. 14

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

* Preces

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us. Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Choir Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

* Нуми: 35 "Christ, mighty Savior"



Psalm 84 sung by the choir; chant by Herbert Brewer

O how amiable are thy dwellings *

thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord *

my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young * even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house *

they will be alway praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee *

in whose heart are thy ways.

Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well *

and the pools are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength *

and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer *

hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our defender *

and look upon the face of thine Anointed.

For one day in thy courts *

is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God *

than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence *

the Lord will give grace and worship,

and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts *

blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 (KJV)

Lector

But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

* Magnificat

Third Service

Philip Moore (b. 1943)

My soul doth magnify the Lord,

and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For he hath regarded

the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth

all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me,

and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him

throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm;

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat,

and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things,

and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,

as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Lesson: Matthew 7:7-14 (KJV)

Lector

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets. Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

* Nunc Dimittis

Third Service

Philip Moore (b. 1943)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,

according to thy word;

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

* Apostles' Creed chanted on a monotone

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you;

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

* LORD'S PRAYER chanted on a monotone

All Our Father, which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and

forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. Amen.

* Responses

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the state.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

* COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

* COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

* Collect for Aid against Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM: "As torrents in summer, Op. 30"

Edward Elgar (1857-1934) Text: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

As torrents in summer, Half dried in their channels, Suddenly rise, tho' the sky is still cloudlesss. For rain has been falling.

Far off at their fountains:

So hearts that are fainting Grow full to o'erflowing, And they that behold it, Marvel, and know not That God at their fountains Far off has been raining!

* The Prayers

* The General Thanksgiving

All Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we thine unworthy servants

do give thee most humble and hearty thanks

for all thy goodness and loving-kindness

to us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for thine inestimable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee,

give us that due sense of all thy mercies,

that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;

and that we show forth thy praise,

not only with our lips, but in our lives,

by giving up our selves to thy service,

and by walking before thee

in holiness and righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,

be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

* Нуми: 46 "The duteous day now closeth"



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* The Grace

Voluntary: III. Andantino from Vesper Voluntaries, Op. 14

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Holy Eucharist will be offered in the chapel for those who would like to partake.

Serving Today	
Officiant	The Rev. W. James Yazell
Greeter	Nigel Jones
Musicians	The Trinity Choir, Dr. Lucas Fletcher; Dr. William McCandless, Conductor; Ehan Hartung, Cantor



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

Elvarea Bennett University of San Diego

Maria Bernicchi Emporia State University

Clare Stern-BurbanoBishop Kemper School of Ministry

David TingKansas 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

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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.

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

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.

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