# GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



The Day of Pentecost

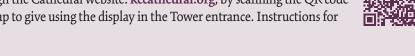
June 8, 2025 • 8 a.m.

### 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

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### The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia. People

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 page 356

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, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ 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: Genesis 11:1-9

Lector

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 104:25-35, 37 read by alternating whole verse

O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*

in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, \* creatures both small and great.

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \* which you have made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you \*

to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it; \*

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*

you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*

and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*

may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

He looks at the earth and it trembles: \*

he touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*

I will praise my God while I have my being.

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May these words of mine please him; \*
I will rejoice in the Lord.
Bless the Lord, O my soul. \*
Hallelujah!

Second Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

Lector

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

\* The Holy Gospel: John 14:8-17, 25-27

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

\* The Nicene Creed page 358

All We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### \* Prayers of the People

Adapted from prayers published by the Diocese of West Missouri

Intercessor

Inspire us, O God, with the gift of wholeness and the promise of your presence. Give us wisdom to seek nonviolence as an answer to the violence of our lives and world. Give us courage to seek wholeness in a fractured and divided world, to find reconciliation rather than revenge, to abandon the instruments of violence and death and entrust our lives, our homes and our families to you. May your presence fill us and others with the thirst for unity, wholeness, and the desire to see all people valued as created in your image. May we and others be faithful instruments of your love.

Intercessor

We pray especially for the victims of gun violence.

We call to mind the many victims of gun violence, those who have lost their lives, those who have lost their livelihood, and those who have lost life's passion. We pray especially for those who have been killed here Kansas City and we hold their stories and their memories dear. May their loss not be in vain, and may we shape a new story of hope from the broken pieces of grief. And so we pray,

All

God of sacred stories, heal us and make us whole.

Intercessor

We pray especially for friends & family of gun violence victims.

We stand with those who have been left behind, the families, friends, and loves ones of those taken by gun violence. We pray that in this time of heartbreak, grief, and loss that they might find comfort and hope to face the days ahead, and that their tears may be turned into songs of joy. And so we pray,

All

God of sacred stories, heal us and make us whole.

Intercessor

We pray especially for communities torn by gun violence.

We tell the story of homes, communities, neighborhoods, cities and town shattered by gun violence. We call the time the sacred ground around our nation that has been watered with the blood of loss and the tears of grief. We especially remember any cities and towns you wish to name here.

Silence is kept for a time.

Grant that we may work tirelessly towards a vision where all may sit under their own vine and fig tree in safety and security. And so we pray,

All God of sacred stories, heal us and make us whole.

Intercessor

We pray especially for first responders.

We stand with first responders, those who live with the horror of gun violence in service to the common good. We stand with them and their families as they heal from bearing witness to the aftermath of lives ended in violence. Grant that we, with them, may create a world where all are protected, all are honored and all are seen, valued and beloved. And so we pray,

All God of sacred stories, heal us and make us whole.

Intercessor We pray especially for suicide & unintentional shootings.

We remember those who ended their lives at their own hands with a gun, those who lost their lives by unintentional shootings, and those children whose promise of life was cut short. We pray that we may be strength to those in despair, hope to in those in desolation, and comfort to those in misery. And so

we pray,

All God of sacred stories, heal us and make us whole.

Intercessor We pray especially for those who feel helpless in the face of gun violence.

We stand in solidarity with those who feel helpless, dejected, or powerless in the face of the gun violence epidemic. We know that gun violence touches all cultures, classes, genders, races, tribes, and nations. We pray that we may not be overwhelmed by gun violence but that we may overwhelm the

world with love. And so we pray,

All God of sacred stories, heal us and make us whole.

Intercessor We pray especially for the perpetrators of gun violence.

We remember the perpetrators of gun violence. We pray for their families, their friends, and those who love them. We pray for those who see no other way than violence. We pray for those who suffer from mental illness, social isolation, loneliness, and debilitating fear. Grant that we may reach out in love

and transform ferocity into friendship and fear into faith. And so we pray,

All God of sacred stories, heal us and make us whole.

Intercessor We pray especially for ourselves & for others.

We pray for ourselves and others in our lives who have been touched by gun violence. During the silent

pause, we invite you to offer their names either silently or aloud.

Silence is kept for a time.

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence is kept for a time.

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor Together we pray.

All God of the Weary, God of the Hopeful, mend that which is wounded, bind up that which is broken,

soothe that which is shattered. Enliven us with courage, passion, and strength to renew and recreate our world in the likeness of lasting peace; through the One who comes with healing and

hope; Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

\* The Peace page 360

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 they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Holy Communion

#### Offertory Sentence

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: 229 "Spirit of mercy, truth, and love"



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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

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: 511 "Holy Spirit, ever living"



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Voluntary: Fantasia super "Komm, Heiliger Geist," BWV 651

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

### **Serving Today**

Presider The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse

Preacher The Rev. W. James Yazell
Deacon of the Word The Rev. Barbara Wegener

Deacon of the Table The Rev. CJ Duffie
Organist Dr. Lucas Fletcher
Lector Lenette Johnson
Eucharistic Minister Jennifer Mason
Usher Jim Crum
Altar Guild Sharon Hudson

### Outreach Volunteer Opportunities

### The Emergency Food Assistance Program

In partnership with St. Paul's on Main, we have been invited to help organize and distribute food as part of TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program). We meet from about 9:30 a.m. to noon.

St. Paul's receives delivery of several pallets of shelf-stable and frozen food from Harvesters each month. Friendly volunteers are needed to break down the pallets and repackage the food into family-sized boxes and bags. Then we open the doors to those in need and start handing out the food.

<u>Upcoming TEFAP dates:</u> March 15 April 19

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.

Pete's Garden meals are distributed through social service agencies that serve children and their families. Most of the families who receive Pete's Garden meals are headed by single women in low paying jobs, living below federal poverty quidelines.

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. Your support ensures that we can continue providing nutritious meals, offering essential pantry staples, and building a hungerfree community.

By volunteering with us, you become part of a compassionate movement that transforms lives—one meal at a time. Whether it's lending a hand in our Community Kitchen, assisting with pantry distribution, or helping with events, your contribution makes a lasting impact.

Together, we can achieve more. Join us today and help nourish Kansas City!

Sign up for a shift at theprospectkc.org/nourish-kc.



### Cathedral Prayer List

Pray for: Tom Taylor; Patrick Gaboriau; Jeremy Oliver; Jim Holstein; Peg Brown; Jody Beck; Cliff Mosley; Sandra Fuhrman; Cathy Hager; Alan Greer; Janet; John Luce; Joyce Bellinghausen; Phineas Gitta; Sally Livengood; Jeffrey and family; Diane Barker; Legal immigrants who are being separated from family and friends; Mike Barzee & Family; All those fighting chronic illness; Larry McMullen; Joyce Morrow; Gloria Stocks; Jim Royer; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; Yvonne Kehoe Meier; Charlotte Colburn; All families affected by gun violence; First Responders

Comfort and Peace: the family and friends of Fran Brunner; the family and friends of Yaron Lischinsky; the family and friends of Sarah Milgrim; 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; all families affected by gun violence

**Pray for the Departed:** Fran Brunner; Yaron Lischinsky; Sarah Milgrim; Bob Richmond; Gabriella Ann Collins; Congressman Wes Watkins; Isaiah Russell III; Jack Whitacre; those lost in war; those who have died from gun violence

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Independence—The Rev. Ryan Wiksell

Canons of the Diocese

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

View the prayer list anytime: kccathedral.org/prayers

### Today's flowers

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

• in thanksgiving by Ed Matheny

Altar flowers are a great way to commemorate an event near a specific date, or honor/ remember someone close to your heart. Donations of any amount toward the weekly flowers can be given by anyone who wants to acknowledge special events or people in their lives.



See *kccathedral.org/flowers* for more information or contact Julie Toma.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

June 8

Bill & Marcille McCandless
Tarry & Vyanna Major

Terry & Yvonne Meier

June 9

Bill Bruning

June 10

Kathy Gates

June 11

Ken McDonald Henry Galus Lucy Shelton June 12

Michael & Cathy

Thomas

Tom Garrison Sullivan

Lilian Atherton

lune 13

Bill & Connie Boyd

Patti Ryder Kate Norris

June 14

Jason Ransom

### 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

6 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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** 

7 p.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir

\*In person and streamed on YouTube @kccathedral

Note: Morning Prayer is on summer break. But you can still pray! Morning Prayer starts on page 75 in the Book of Common Prayer, or online at prayer.forwardmovement.org/pray.

### **Juneteenth Trip to Pierce City**

June 19 • Meet at St. Augustine's at 8:30 a.m.

The Diversity and Reconciliation Commission invite you to the Juneteenth tour in Pierce City, Missouri on Thursday, June 19.

We will leave from St. Augustine's Episcopal Church and head to the lynching site of three African Americans. Mr. Murray Bishoff of the Monett Journal will be our guide and provide some history of this tragic event. From the lynching site, we will head to Diamond, Missouri to go see the George Washington Carver Museum, and then stop at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Joplin for lunch.

Transportation will be provided by Crossroads Tours. We will depart St. Augustine's at 8:30 a.m. and return at 6:30 p.m. The cost of lunch and snacks is \$25.





### Sign up: diowestmo.org/events.

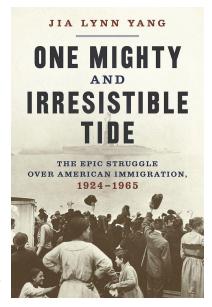
### Diversity and Reconciliation Book Study: One Mighty and

Irresistible Tide

July 10-August 7 • 7 p.m. on Zoom

Join the Diversity and Reconciliation Commission for a book study on Thursday's starting July 10 through August 7 at 7 p.m. This book study will focus on *One Mighty and Irresistible Tide*, a "powerful and cogent" (Bethanne Patrick, Washington Post) account of the twentieth-century battle for immigration reform that set the stage for today's roiling debates.

The idea of the United States as a nation of immigrants is at the core of the American narrative. But in 1924, Congress instituted a system of ethnic quotas so stringent that it choked off large-scale immigration for decades, sharply curtailing arrivals from southern and eastern Europe and outright banning those from nearly all of Asia. In a riveting narrative filled with a fascinating cast of characters, from the indefatigable congressman Emanuel Celler and senator Herbert Lehman to the bull-headed Nevada senator Pat McCarran, Jia Lynn Yang recounts how lawmakers, activists, and presidents from Truman through LBJ worked relentlessly to abolish the 1924 law.

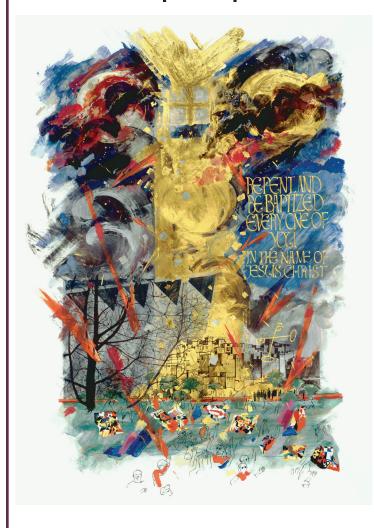


Through a world war, a refugee crisis after the Holocaust, and a McCarthyist fever, a coalition of lawmakers and activists descended from Jewish, Irish, and Japanese immigrants fought to establish a new principle of equality in the American immigration system. Their crowning achievement, the 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act, proved to be one of the most transformative laws in the country's history, opening the door to nonwhite migration at levels never seen before and changing America in ways that those who debated it could hardly have imagined. Framed movingly by her own family's story of immigration to America, Yang's One Mighty and Irresistible Tide is a deeply researched and illuminating work of history, one that shows how Americans have strived and struggled to live up to the ideal of a home for the "huddled masses," as promised in Emma Lazarus's famous poem.

Sign up today to be part of the book study. A zoom link with details will be emailed closer to the date of the book study.

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

## Pentecost – Initial Outpouring of the Holy Spirit & God's Call to Discipleship "Pentecost" Illumination (Acts Frontispiece)



The Christian feast of Pentecost is rooted in the Jewish feast of Shavuot (the Old Testament Feast of Weeks) — a Hebrew harvest festival celebrated fifty days after Passover when the first fruits were presented to God expressing gratitude for divine grace and providence. This was later re-framed as a celebration of God's giving the Torah. For Christians, this feast opens the church's season of celebrating the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, the Christian's call to discipleship, and the church's mission in the world. Today's lectionary texts draw attention to the divisions that exist among people as exemplified by the language barriers and misunderstandings described in the Babel narrative (Genesis 11). Pentecost, however, pictures the reversal of that condition through the gift of linguistic understanding granted by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1–12).

The "Pentecost" illumination captures the abiding significance of this event for the Christian community. At the heart of this depiction a golden mountain rises beside the Abbey Church in Collegeville, MN (home of the St. John's Bible). Inspiration for this image derives from Isaiah 2:2 where the prophet predicts that "in days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, ... all the nations shall stream to it." The merging of this first-century Jerusalem setting with a twenty-first century Christian landmark symbolizes the broad temporal and geographic scope of the Pentecost event.

A golden column of fire and smoke reminiscent of Joel 2:28-31 extends upward from the Jerusalem image, with the moon on the left and the sun on the right. Other celestial bodies dance

about freely serving as visual allusions to the "tongues, as of fire." At the top of the column stands the cross featured in the Abbey Church's bell banner. Bells possess particular significance as symbols for the church's mission of announcing God's good news to the world.

Peter's words from Acts 2:38 appear on the right side of the illumination together with the keys symbolic for admission into God's kingdom. Below this appear small black silhouettes of the apostles preaching. Moving upward, these figures are surmounted by the walls of the Abbey Church. Again, the message is reinforced that Pentecost does not end with the apostles nor with the events of first-century Jerusalem. Its transforming power continues to the present and beyond.

In Saint John's Bible, gold is used to symbolize divine presence and activity. What indicators of divine activity do you identify in this illumination? In what ways does this illumination portray the sustained activities of Pentecost in the life of the church over the ages? What meaning does Pentecost hold for you in your faith pilgrimage?

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### **Upcoming Events & Announcements**

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

#### **Pentecost Day Parish Picnic**

Today, 11:45 a.m., Founders' Hall Courtyard

Join us for our annual Parish Picnic. We have food, drinks, lawn games and activities for all ages. All are welcome!

### Celebrate Clare Stern-Burbano's Ministry Sunday, June 22, 11:45 a.m., Founders' Hall

Join us for a celebration of Clare's ministry at the Cathedral on Sunday, June 22! We'll toast her new adventure with a special coffee hour after the 10:30 a.m. service. Clare will be the Curate for Campus Ministry, Canterbury, at Kansas State University. Swing by to send her off with well-wishes! Her ordination to the diaconate is on June 21 at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Cathedral in Topeka.

#### **Summer Hospitality Hosts Needed!**

Help us continue the hospitality offered at the Cathedral coffee hours during the summer. We invite you to sign up to bring something simple to go with a cup of coffee, like donuts/donut holes, fruit, brownies or cookies (homemade or from the store) or veggies. Sign up online at *kccathedral.org/events*. Contact Julie Toma with questions. Your help is appreciated.

### **Diaper Drive for HappyBottoms: June**Not having a clean diaper can really stink

- Diapers are not covered by government safety net programs like food stamps, Medicaid, and WIC.
- 1 in 2 families in KC can't afford diapers
- Families with young children experiencing diaper need report missing an average of 5.1 workdays per month because they did not have the required number of diapers for their child to attend daycare.



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Bring diapers to the barrel in the cross hall or to the basket in the Tower or purchase diapers through HappyBottoms (use group name: Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral).

#### **Thank You for Your Gift of Onesies**

The generous gifts of Onesies will be welcomed by the mamas of new babies born at Maison de Naissance. The mamas love them. Life has never been easy for the people of Haiti, but it is even more difficult at this time. Please pray for them and for Maison de Naissance.

### 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.

### Youth

- Kansas Happening (June 27-29): At St. David's, Topeka
- MissionPalooza (July 15-20): Hosted at St. Paul's, KCMO

### **Adults: Sundays**

#### Flames of Love: A Quick Study of the Holy Spirit Sundays in June • 9:15 a.m. • Common Room

Starting on the Day of Pentecost, we will explore the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, viewing it through the lens of love and God's relational nature. Join Deacon CJ in this special summer study.

### **Adults: Tuesdays**

GHTC's Virtual Cafe • 7:30 a.m. • Zoom Women's Bible Study • 12:30 p.m. • Zoom Lectionary Bible Study • 6:45 p.m. • Zoom

Get Zoom links and more info at kccathedral.org/adultformation