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- **Upcoming Family Worship Sundays:** August 10, 17, 24, 31.
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Service Notes

Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (*). Page numbers listed are from red The Book of Common Prayer and hymn numbers are from *The Hymnal 1982*.

Following the Service

Please join us for a cup of coffee or tea and lively conversation in Founders' Hall.

Our Mission

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



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HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY: *Fugue in C Major*

J.G. Walther (1684-1748)

The Word of God

* ENTRANCE HYMN: 665 "All my hope on God is founded"



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
* 4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -
5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - e -
4 ligh - teth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
3 rmore from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

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* OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* SONG OF PRAISE: S280 "Glory to God" *Gloria in excelsis*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Lector Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me — and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 49:1-11 *read by alternating half verse*

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Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

I will incline my ear to a proverb *
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *
and boast of their great riches?

We can never ransom ourselves, *
or deliver to God the price of our life;

For the ransom of our life is so great, *
that we should never have enough to pay it,

In order to live for ever and ever, *
and never see the grave.

For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish *
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

Their graves shall be their homes for ever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, *
though they call the lands after their own names.

Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
they are like the beasts that perish.

Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11

Lector If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things— anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL 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 HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospeller Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

* 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 Merciful God, align the desires of our hearts with your will for us and answer our prayers as may be best for us as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Your holy church is a sacrament, making visible your grace and mercy. Keep it on the narrow path to salvation and let it be a beacon of hope and an advocate for merciful justice throughout the world.

Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Guide the people and leaders of our nation to see the dignity of all persons, and to work together to ensure that all persons have the opportunity to live into the potential with which they were created by you.

Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Grant that this community of faith might be a place where your presence is known where each of us can fully bring our gifts to bear for the building of the kingdom.

Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Remind of us the glory of your creation and spur us into action on its behalf that the wonder of the natural world might be preserved and sustained, not only for ourselves but for all future generations.

Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Come swiftly to the aid of all who suffer or are oppressed, for all who are ill, injured, or facing a disability. Help them know peace and wholeness. 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 Give strength for those who stand at the threshold of mortal death and those who love and care for them. Grant them a share in your peace and reunite them in the light of your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider Hear these prayers which we offer with confident faith in your love and mercy and answer us that your glory may be known; through Christ our Lord Redeemer who stands with you and the Holy Spirit, overseeing all creation now and always. **Amen.**

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us;
 that we may delight in your will,
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

* THE PEACE

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 ANTHEM: "Vanity of vanities (Three Songs from Ecclesiastes)"

Daniel Pinkham (1923-2006)
 text: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:22-23; 8:15

Vanity of vanities, all is vanity, saith the Preacher, all is vanity.

For what hath man of all his labour, and of the vexation of his heart, wherein he hath laboured under the sun? For all his days are sorrows, and his travail grief; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night.

Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry: for that shall abide with him of his labour the days of his life which God giveth him under the sun.

Dr. Courtney Fletcher, mezzo-soprano soloist

PRESENTATION HYMN: 574 "Before thy throne, O God, we kneel"

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science
 2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to
 3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious
 4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the
 all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from
 to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tile snare to
 pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
 sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us
 catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of
 God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
 with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.
 pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.
 may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

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Bless-ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord, of the Lord.
Ho-san-na in the high -

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Presider

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

All

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.

Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: grant us peace.

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Presider

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

All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

For gluten-free bread, cross your hands palms down.

For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.

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

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

— From *The Prayer Book for the Armed Services*

ANTHEM: “Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy (Three Songs from Ecclesiastes)” Daniel Pinkham (1923-2006)
text: Ecclesiastes 9:7-9

Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God now accepteth thy works. Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment. Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest.

ANTHEM: “To every thing there is a season (Three Songs from Ecclesiastes)” Daniel Pinkham (1923-2006)
text: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

A time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to get, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

a time to rend, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.

a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time of war, and a time of peace.

To every thing there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

Dr. Courtney Fletcher, mezzo-soprano soloist

COMMUNION HYMN: 302 "Father, we thank thee who hast planted"

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
 2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
 guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -

Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
 formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
 was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy

Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
 Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

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* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

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

* THE BLESSING

* DISMISSAL

Following the dismissal,

People Thanks be to God.

* CLOSING HYMN: 594 "God of grace and God of glory"

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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VOLUNTARY: Toccata in C Major

J.G. Walther (1684-1748)

Serving Today

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| Presider and Preacher | The Rev. W. James Yazell |
| Musicians | Dr. Courtney Fletcher, mezzo-soprano soloist; Dr. Lucas Fletcher |
| Lector | Leticia Porter |
| Intercessor | Ken Stewart |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Christine Morrison, Curtis Hamilton |
| Acolytes | Jonah Fahnestock, Brenda Colburn, Harrison Mattson, Athan Nichols |
| Ushers | Mark Colburn, Ryan Thomas, Bill Colvin, Colin Chambers |
| Greeters | Bob Packett, Sheri Packett |
| Altar Guild | Phaedra Fahnestock, Paget Higgins, Claudia Risebig, Sharon Cheers |
| Sound/Livestreaming | Julian Mattson, Chris Morrison |
| Healing Minister | Joan Bergstrom |
| Oblation Bearer | Bob Packett, Sheri Packett |

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

August 3

Mike McDonald
George Colburn

August 4

Cliff Mosley
Chuck & Michelle Ritter

August 5

Jim Crum

August 6

Neal McCarroll

August 7

Mathias & Kristen Nichols

August 8

Kirkland Gates
Delaney Spoonhour
Barbara Wegener

August 9

Keith Oliver
Murphy Dutton

Cathedral Prayer List

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

View the prayer list anytime: kccathedral.org/prayers

Pray for: Phyllis Biddle; Daylin and Capt Aryk Bingham; Sandie Sorbo; Emma Ruth Morestatter; Keri Kirby; Juliana Johnson; John and Yvette Hoffman; Cpt. Charles Lewis, Jr.; Donna Knoell; Ron Letson; Tom Taylor; Jeremy Oliver; Cathy Hager; Janet; Jim Holstein; Peg Brown; Jody Beck; Phineas Gitta; Ralph; Mike Barzee & Family; Iris Parsons; Larry McMullen; Joyce Morrow; Gloria Stocks; Jim Royer; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; Yvonne Kehoe Meier; Jeffrey and family; Charlotte Colburn; All those fighting chronic illness; All families affected by gun violence; First Responders; Legal immigrants who are being separated from family and friends

Comfort and Peace for the families of the departed.

Pray for the Departed: Anupama Vaidya; Warren Sheldon; Scott Johnson; Benjamin Jones; Victoria Meredith; Patrick Gaboriau; Melissa and Mark Hortman; Cecil Neal; Fran Brunner; Yaron Lischinsky; Sarah Milgrim; those lost in war; those who have died from gun violence

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: St. Peter & All Saints Episcopal Church, Kansas City — The Rev. Jonathan Frazier, The Rev. Donna Stanford

Congregational Vitality

Today's flowers

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

- in celebration of Devon Sweeting on her birthday by Ric & Janet Sweeting

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



Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost – God's Nature & Call to Discipleship The "Ecclesiastes Frontispiece" (Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14 & 22:18-23))

Today's lectionary texts address the themes of God's nature, the call to discipleship, and the consequences of rejecting divine truth. Perhaps the most perplexing among these texts is the one found in Ecclesiastes. This book inquires into some of life's most challenging questions: what is the purpose and meaning of life? and what hope can there be when those who seek to live righteously and those who live unrighteously seem to experience the same fate in the end? Questions related to death plague the author (who identifies himself as Qoheleth – Latin for Ecclesiastes). How can we go on living with purpose and hope when we know that death lies before us?

Our focal illumination, the "Ecclesiastes Frontispiece," draws upon many visual images found in the "Creation" illumination of Genesis 1. This artistic device accentuates the worry that torments Ecclesiastes regarding life and death and the place of God in human existence. The raven ascending from the illumination's center is reminiscent of the raven in the "Creation" illumination. Artistic director, Donald Jackson, interprets birds as messengers, and the raven (a common symbol of death) seems here to carry the breath of life back to God. Note that the raven is surrounded by gold and silver bars indicating divine presence and action amid the mysteries of life and death.

This depiction includes other messengers as well. The seraphs are present, described in the prophets as the guardians of the Lord God. The rainbow-colored bars provide another sign of God's presence and promises. The ancient Islamic astronomical chart represents human intelligence, which strives to grasp things it cannot fully comprehend. Finally, the shattered butterfly wings remind us of God's power and skill in creation. They convey a world of chaos as well as of metamorphosis – from life to death and from death to life. The "Ecclesiastes Frontispiece" suggests that in the end attentiveness to the presence of the divine in the midst of chaos might be the only way to find guidance amid life's challenging questions.

The observer finds the elements of creation in this illumination – the green of terrestrial existence, the blue of water, and the sky with its stars and comets. However, these are disrupted and chaotic, flying off the page. But even the physical forces that attract elements inward as well as those spinning outward keeping creation in balance are permeated with God's presence.

God is in communication between the heavens and the earth.

Qoheleth's gloom overshadows this scene. Yet, there is a seed of faith that enables him to declare the message etched across the top of the illumination: "and the breath returns to God who gave it." (Eccl. 12:7)

What significance do you find in the "messengers" portrayed here between the creation and God? Does your reading of the message in Ecclesiastes leave you with a sense of hope or of despair? How does this illumination assist you in your thinking about matters of life, death, and God's presence in creation?

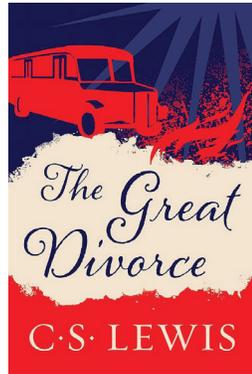


Formation for All Ages

Adults: Sundays

Summer Book Study: *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis • 9:15 a.m. • Common Room

In this fable from the imagination of C.S. Lewis readers are invited to reflect on the nature of heaven and hell, grace and judgment, and on the choices that shape our souls. All are welcome to join us, no prior experience with Lewis required!



Schedule

Today – Chapters 7-9

August 10 – Parish Breakfast, no class

August 17 – Chapters 10-12

August 24 – Chapters 13-14 & Epilogue

Copies of the book are available.

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.

Upcoming Family Worship Dates: August 10, 17, 24, 31

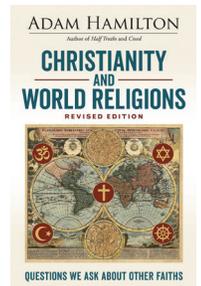
Adults: Tuesdays

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

WBS is currently study *Christianity and World Religions*. We'll be focusing on Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and Judaism and how their beliefs compare to Christianity. This study by Adam Hamilton is designed to help us build bridges with others to "grow in faith, seek peace in our world, love our neighbors, and find positive ways to share the gospel." Visit our website, kccathedral.org/adultformation, 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 on our website, kccathedral.org/adultformation, for more details.

Youth: Sundays

Youth meetings are on summer break. Stay tuned for updates on when they will resume.

Sunday Formation • 9:15 a.m.

Formation study with light breakfast options.

Youth Group • 6 p.m.

Study, fun and dinner.

Cathedral Staff: The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, *Dean*; The Rev. W. James Yazell, *Associate Priest*; The Rev. Barbara Wegener, *Deacon*; Dr. Lucas Fletcher, *Director of Music*; 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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Donations for our Outreach Partners

EVERYDAY NECESSITIES DRIVE

Bring donations of full-size basic everyday necessities for Shelter KC to the basket in the Cathedral entrance during the month of August.



Shampoo and Conditioner
Razors and Shaving Cream
Deodorant
Lotion



Shelter KC is helping Kansas City's homeless men and women experience freedom from the past and hope for the future. Shelter KC provides a place for families to cook, eat, sleep and raise their children protecting them from extreme temperatures and storms.



Help Us Keep Cooking The Future of the Nourish KC Community Kitchen Depends on You

According to Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap 2024 report:

- 1 in 7 neighbors in our region are food insecure
- 1 in 6 children don't know where their next meal will come from

Meanwhile, recent cuts to TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) have wiped out 15,000 pounds of food per month a critical loss to our community kitchen and the neighbors we serve.



Donate now
and help
fight hunger:

NOURISHKC

theprospectkc.org/donate

The Prospect KC (EIN: 84-4576270)
11 E. 40th Street
Kansas City, MO 64111

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.

This Week at GHTC

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

Sunday, August 3

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9 a.m. Coffee Hour/Hospitality Time
- 9:15 a.m. Formation for Adults
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist*
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour/Hospitality Time
- 5 p.m. Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist
- 6 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, August 4

- 5:30 p.m. Social Activities Committee

Tuesday, August 5

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

Wednesday, August 6

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Gathering
- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer*
- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting in Multipurpose Room
- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, August 10

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9 a.m. Parish Breakfast
- 9:50 a.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist*
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour/Hospitality Time
- 5 p.m. Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist

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

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.

Join Us in Making a Difference! Volunteer at Our Church

You are invited to use your skills and spirit to make a real impact. Whether you have a few hours or want to dive into regularly serving, there are many ways to help: serving in worship services, teaching/helping with children & youth programs, assisting with the Cathedral gardens, singing in the choir and more.

Volunteering lets you give back, connect with others, and grow in faith.

For more information, visit kccathedral.org/volunteer or contact Volunteer Coordinator Joan Bergstrom at volunteers@kccathedral.org.



FIND YOUR PLACE TO SERVE

Upcoming Events & Announcements

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

All Parish Breakfast

Sunday, August 10, 9 a.m.

Please join us in Founders' Hall at 9 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

Help at Pete's Garden

August 17 | 9:15 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

Volunteer with fellow parishioners at Pete's Garden to put labels on the containers that will be used to package meals for families in need. Meet Deacon Barbara and Colin Chambers in Founders' Hall and head downstairs to Pete's Garden. This is a great opportunity to help at Pete's Garden. All ages are welcome; younger children should have a parent present.

Game Night: Trivia Edition

Friday, August 22 • 6-9 p.m. • Common Room

Dive into the excitement of trivia night, where teaming up with your fellow GHTCers could score you the ultimate prize! Bring your favorite snacks and drinks—anything that'll keep your brain buzzing and ready for victory! Sign up at kccathedral.org/events.

August Family Worship Sundays

Family Worship Sundays provide an opportunity for families to worship together. Worship Boxes with resources for children are in the back cross aisle. We will have Family Worship Sunday throughout the month of August.

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. Your help is appreciated.



Food & Friends Groups are a great way to better get to know the people in the pews around you in a casual way. Groups meet about once a month at a time and place that is convenient for

the members. You will be matched with other parishioners in a group of 6-8 people.

Everyone is invited to sign up to be in a group!

Signup online at kccathedral.org/events.

Save the Date

August 28 | Meeting: Vestry | 5:30 p.m.

September 7 | Back-to-School Blessing | During 10:30 service

September 7 | Ministry Fair | Morning coffee hours

September 12 | Concert: Olson/Peng Duo, 7 p.m.

September 13 | Croquet Tournament

September 14 | Formation year start for all ages

September 14 | Newcomer Gathering | 11:45 a.m.

September 21 | Evensong | 5 p.m.

September 25 | Meeting: Vestry | 5:30 p.m.

September 27 | Volunteer Appreciation Lunch | 11 a.m.