

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



"Thief at midnight" by James B. Janknegt

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 10, 2025 • 10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

Thank you for joining us for worship today at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. If you are new to the Cathedral, we invite you to fill out our welcome card. Welcome cards are available in the pews or text GUEST to 816-310-1888.

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Children

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

- Today is a Family Worship Sunday. Family Worship Sundays provide an opportunity for families to worship together. Worship Boxes with resources for children are in the back cross aisle.
- **Upcoming Family Worship Sundays:** August 10, 17, 24, 31.
- On other Sundays, elementary age children gather for Cathedral Kids, which meets during the first half of the 10:30 a.m. worship service and during this time we weave together our sacred stories and our Episcopal identity with the *Weaving God's Promises* curriculum! Children attending Cathedral Kids will meet their parents or guardians inside the tower doors during the passing of the peace.

Restrooms

Gendered and accessible restrooms are available in Founders' Hall. A non-gendered and accessible restroom is available at west end (rear) of the Cathedral.

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- Place in the offering plate. Envelopes are available in the pew racks.

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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: Adagio (*Symphonie pour Orgue No. 1, Op. 13, No. 1*)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

The Word of God

* ENTRANCE HYMN: 636 "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord"



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

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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 - might - y 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.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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: Genesis 15:1-6

Lector	The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.
	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:12-22 *sung by the choir; chant by John Randall*

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Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *
 happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
The Lord looks down from heaven, *
 and beholds all the people in the world.
From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
 on all who dwell on the earth.
He fashions all the hearts of them *
 and understands all their works.
There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
 a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
 for all its strength it cannot save.
Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, *
 on those who wait upon his love,
To pluck their lives from death, *
 and to feed them in time of famine.
Our soul waits for the Lord; *
 he is our help and our shield.
Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
 for in his holy Name we put our trust.
Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, *
 as we have put our trust in you.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Lector Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

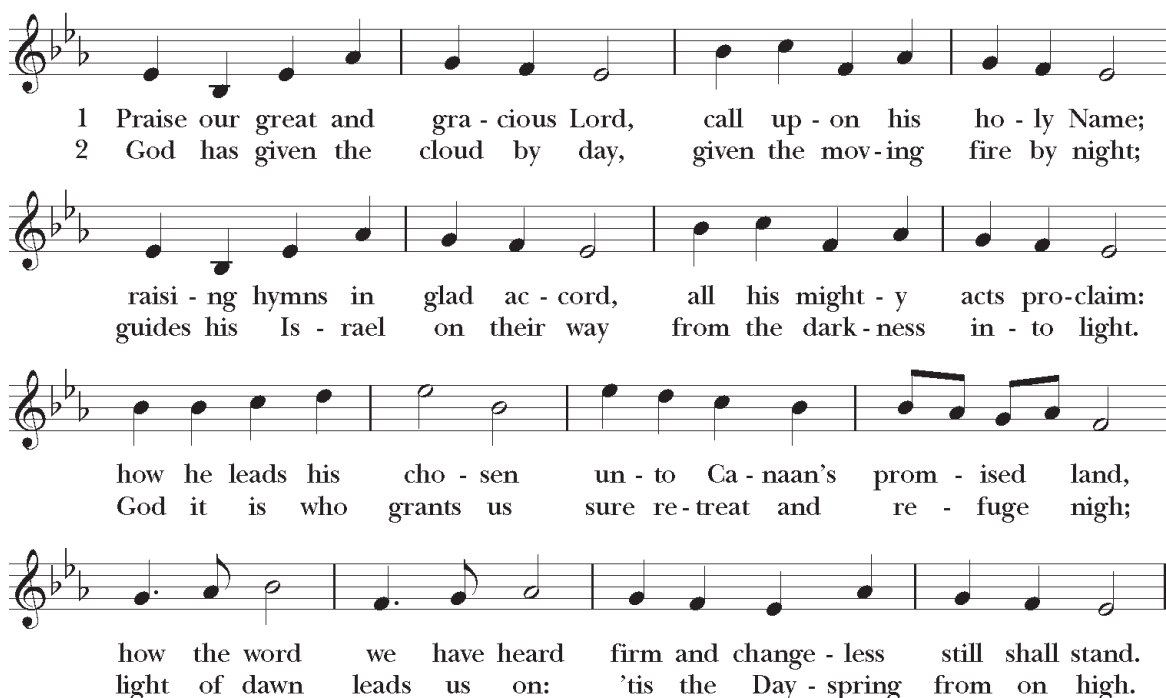
By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old— and Sarah herself was barren— because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL HYMN: 393 “Praise our great and gracious Lord ”



1 Praise our great and gra - cious Lord, call up - on his ho - ly Name;
2 God has given the cloud by day, given the mov - ing fire by night;
raisi - ng hymns in glad ac - cord, all his might - y acts pro - claim:
guides his Is - rael on their way from the dark - ness in - to light.
how he leads his cho - sen un - to Ca - naan's prom - ised land,
God it is who grants us sure re - treat and re - fuge nigh;
how the word we have heard firm and change - less still shall stand.
light of dawn leads us on: 'tis the Day - spring from on high.

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* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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*

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| Intercessor | O God Word comes to us, and our hearts are uplifted. Listen now, we beseech you, to the needs and thanksgiving of your people as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Fill your church with faith, that our hope might embolden us to be your agents of love in all the corners of our lives.

Lord in your mercy, |
| People | Hear our prayer. |
| Intercessor | Grant wisdom, compassion, and a love of justice to the leaders of our nation that they might work for the good of all.

Lord in your mercy, |
| People | Hear our prayer. |
| Intercessor | Open our eyes to the possibilities of tomorrow; lead us to focus not just on problems but to search for solutions that we might build a sustainable way of life that honors your abundant creation.

Lord in your mercy, |
| People | Hear our prayer. |
| Intercessor | We are committed to being your people in this community at this time. Grant us discerning hearts and burning desire to share your Good News that our community might be a place where all people may thrive.

Lord in your mercy, |
| People | Hear our prayer. |
| Intercessor | Let your healing love be present in the lives of all who suffer. 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 | Welcome the dead into your loving embrace, tend to the souls of those who grieve, and let us hold close the love of those whom we wait to see in your new age. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy, |
| People | Hear our prayer. |
| Presider | O Generous God, you desire that we should live in love and not fear; hear our prayers, be known in our lives, and respond to the needs and hopes of your people; all this we ask through Jesus, our Lord and Savior who with you and Holy spirit lives reigns, 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: "Ah, thou poor world"

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
text: anon; trans. Albert G. Latham

Ah, thou poor world, thou cheatest me,
That I confess unfeignedly,
Yet in thee seek my pleasure.

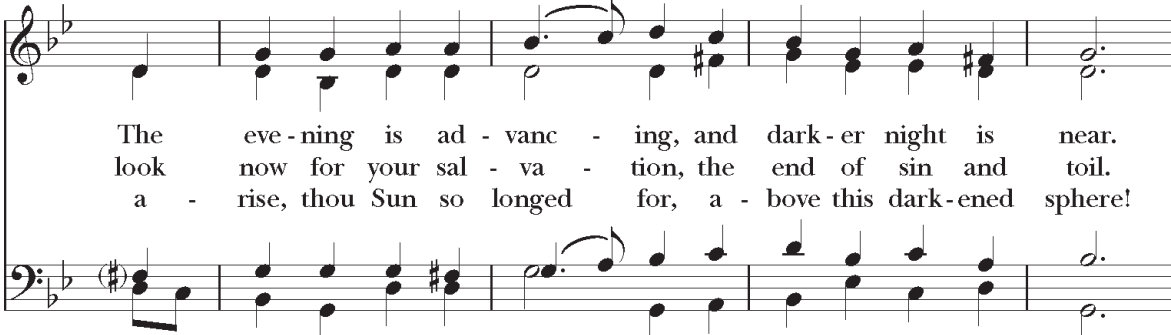
False world, thou art but idle show,
Thy splendour fades, as well I know,
Thy joys have briefest measure.

Thy wealth, thine honours manifold,
In need, in death, no comfort hold,
Thy gold is naught but tinsel gold,
Be thou, O Lord, my treasure.

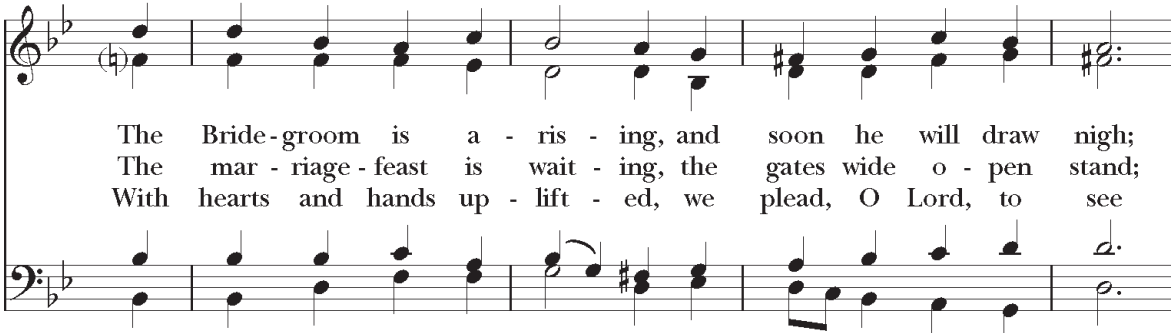
PRESENTATION HYMN: 68 "Rejoice! Rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!"



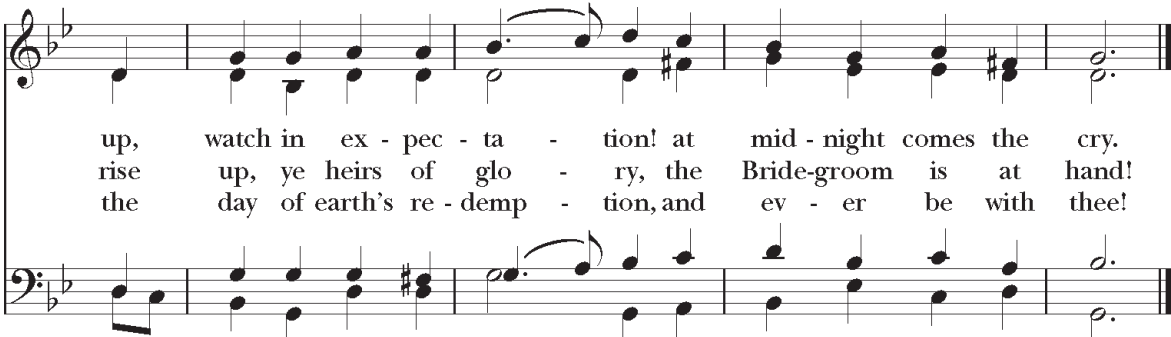
1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark-ened sphere!



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

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

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give our 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

Lift Every Voice and Sing II 255: Holy, holy, holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho-san-na in the high -

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.

COMMUNION

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All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

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

For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.

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

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

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

— From *The Prayer Book for the Armed Services*

COMMUNION HYMN: 635 "If thou but trust in God to guide thee"

Unison or harmony

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
 2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - serv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
 faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
 sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

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COMMUNION HYMN: 634 "I call on thee, Lord Jesus Christ"

Unison or harmony

I call on thee, Lord Je - sus Christ, I have none o - ther
 help but thee. My heart is nev - er set at rest till
 thy sweet word have com-fort - ed me. And stead - fast faith grant
 me there-fore, to hold by thy word ev - er-more, a - bove all thing,
 nev-er re - sist - ing but to in-crease in faith more and more.

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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: 527 "Singing songs of expectation"

1 Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence, o'er his
 3 One the strain the lips of thou - sands lift as

goes the pil - grim band, through the night of
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict,

doubt and sor - row, march - ing to the prom - ised land.
 gloom and ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:
 one the per - il, one the march in God be - gun:

Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and
 one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the
 one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the

burns the guid - ing light: trust - ing God we
 faith which nev - er tires, one the ear - nest
 far e - ter - nal shore, where the one al -

march to - geth - er step - ping fear - less through the night.
 look - ing for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
 might - y Fa - ther reigns in love for ev - er - more.

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VOLUNTARY: Trumpet Tune in E-Flat Major

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

Serving Today

Presider and Preacher	The Rev. W. James Yazell
Musicians	The Trinity Choir; Dr. Lucas Fletcher
Lector	Donna Knoell
Intercessor	Charles Shipley
Eucharistic Ministers	Peter Fortner, Kay Woolley
Acolytes	Margo Galus, Nora Elisabeth, Ron Michka, Athan Nichols
Ushers	Nigel Jones, Bob Bennett, Oreste Minme, Troy Sorbo
Altar Guild	Paula Livingston-Lewis, Kay Woolley, Candy McDowell
Sound/Livestreaming	Julian Mattson, Chris Morrison

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

August 11

Donna Sumpter
Troy Reed
Sheri Packett
Jim Royer & Donna Knoell

August 12

Logan Jones

August 13

Fred Decker
Tom McLean
Ellen & John Goheen

August 14

Lenette Johnson
Riley Thomas
Braven Waters

August 15

Ken Stewart
Tim Brown & Cecilia
Bakker-Brown

August 16

Mary Howe
Premkumar John
Mark McCaffree

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; Betty Buck and Family; Dr. Robert Toth; Daylin and Capt Aryk Bingham; Sandie Sorbo; Emma Ruth Morestatter; Keri Kirby; Juliana Johnson; John and Yvette Hoffman; Donna Knoell; Ron Letson; Tom Taylor; Jeremy Oliver; Jim Holstein; Peg Brown; Jody Beck; Cathy Hager; 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: Deputy Elijah Ming, 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. Alban's Episcopal Church, Bolivar — Mrs. Paula Shepard

Crosslines & NourishKC

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

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 Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost – Faith, God's Promises & Heavenly Orientation The “Abraham and Sarah” Illumination (Genesis 15:1-6)

Today's lectionary texts focus on living by faith, trusting God's promises, and being guided by a heavenly perspective. The Hebrews chapter 11 text defines faith as “the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” Abraham is cited as an example of a person who lived by faith, looking forward to a heavenly city rather than an earthly one. Genesis 15:1-6, the source for the Hebrews text, narrates God's promise to Abram (later Abraham) that he would have descendants as plentiful as the stars even though at the time of the promise he had no heir at all. This pivotal covenant is central to both the Jewish and Christian traditions. It also furnishes the theme of the “Abraham and Sarah” illumination – today's visio divina focus.

The menorah (a seven-branched candlestick or oil lamp used since Mosaic times in Jewish worship) is the dominant image in this illumination. Here it is portrayed as a family tree – a version of the tree of life from the Garden of Eden. The delicate gold filigree images are also used in other illuminations (e.g., Jesus' birth in Luke's frontispiece, the loaves and fishes in Mark 6, and “to the ends of the earth” in Acts 28) to show the interconnectedness of God's redemptive plans and actions which are revealed in numerous places throughout the Bible.

The “Abraham and Sarah” illumination is grounded upon their two names and, by means of the image of the menorah, rises into the sky where the names of the twelve sons of Jacob (Israel's twelve tribes) are featured. This artistic device draws attention to God's promise to Abraham, a promise highlighted in the left margin of the illumination: “look to the heavens & count the stars, so shall your descendants be.” Genesis 15:6 adds that Abram believed the Lord.

Note also that the names of these family members are written in Hebrew. Furthermore, the title of the book, “Genesis” is given in English on the lefthand page and in Hebrew on the righthand page. This is done to acknowledge that the book was originally a Hebrew text and is a core part of the Jewish scriptures. Later in the Old Testament, books are found that originated in Greek and eventually were included in the Christian biblical canon. This is indicated by including the Greek names of those books in the margins (e.g., Wisdom of Solomon, Sirach, and Maccabees).

How do you see faith portrayed in this illumination? How does the depiction encourage the observer to trust in God's promises? How does this foster a focus upon heavenly treasures rather than earthly ones? In what ways does this illumination prompt you to reflect on what it means to be ready for the kingdom of God?

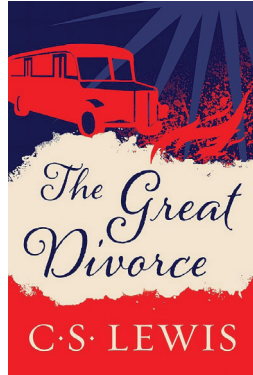


Formation for All Ages

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

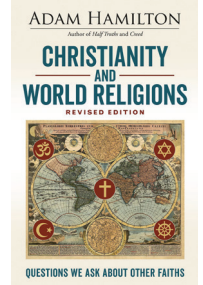
Adults: Tuesdays

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.

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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:

theprospectskc.org/donate



NOURISHKC

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 theprospectskc.org/nourish-kc.

This Week at GHTC

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

Sunday, August 10

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9 a.m. All 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

Tuesday, August 12

- 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 17

- 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*
- 10:30 a.m. Cathedral Kids
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour/Hospitality Time
- 2 p.m. Concert: Summers Singers of Kansas City
- 5 p.m. Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist
- 6 p.m. Youth Group

*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

TODAY, 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.

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.

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.



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 24 | Family Worship Sunday

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.