

# GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



"The Lost Drachma" by James Tissot

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 14, 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](http://kccathedral.org), by scanning the QR code to the right or by texting "GIVEtoGHTC" to 73256. Tap to give using the display in the Tower entrance. Instructions for use are next to the machine.
- *Thank you for your generosity.*



## HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY: De La Mare's Pavane (Lambert's Clavichord)

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

### The Word of God

#### \* 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.**

#### \* GLORIA

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

\* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Exodus 32:7-14

Lector The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 51 *read by alternating half verse*

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Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*

**in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**

Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*

**and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions, \*

**and my sin is ever before me.**

Against you only have I sinned \*

**and done what is evil in your sight.**

And so you are justified when you speak \*

**and upright in your judgment.**

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*

**a sinner from my mother's womb.**

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*

**and will make me understand wisdom secretly.**

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*

**wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*

**that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins \*  
**and blot out all my iniquities.**  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
**and renew a right spirit within me.**

## Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

**Lector** I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.  
The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## \* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10

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

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

**Gospeller** All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”  
So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.  
“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”  
The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

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 Patient and Gracious Lord, enter our hearts and move our desires to your glory as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.  
May your church always be a place of refuge and renewal, a place for the healing of lost and wounded souls.  
Lord in your mercy,  
**People hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor Remind us that Christian freedom is freedom from fear, from anxiety, from hate, and embolden us in our civic lives that we might build a nation of peace, justice, and mercy.  
Lord in your mercy,  
**People hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor You created us so that we might be your partners in sustaining the abundance of creation. Grant us wisdom and a sense of urgency in addressing our environmental and climate challenges.  
Lord in your mercy,  
**People hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor Strengthen our parish, embolden us to share your glory in every part of our lives that the Good News of Christ might be known to all who know us.  
Lord in your mercy,  
**People hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor Bring healing and strength to all who suffer and let us be healers and comforters to those in need. 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 Embrace the dying, usher them into your eternal care and grant us an entrance into your light and love at our last day. We pray for those we now name, either silently or aloud.  
Lord in your mercy,  
**People hear our prayer.**
- Presider You have worked from the beginning to urge us onto the path of abundant life, continue to guide us on the Way and welcome us back whenever we stray. Through Christ our Lord who with you and the Holy Spirit live and reign, forever 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 HYMN: 423 "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908), alt. Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822–1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt. All Rights Reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-710278.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

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

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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

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

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

All **AMEN.**

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

\* BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

COMMUNION

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

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

\* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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

\* THE BLESSING

\* DISMISSAL

*Following the dismissal,*

People Thanks be to God.

\* CLOSING HYMN: 408 "Sing praise to God who reigns above"



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
 2 What God's al-might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy  
 3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of  
 keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful  
 glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and  
 eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!  
 won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
 All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
 Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

Words: Johann Jakob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt. Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kischengeseng darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.). All Rights Reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-710278.

**VOLUNTARY: Carillon**

Herbert Murrill (1909-1952)

**Serving Today**

Presider	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Preacher	The Rev. W. James Yazell
Deacon	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Organist	Dr. Lucas Fletcher
Lector	Joan Bergstrom
Eucharistic Minister	Kelsey Leftwich-Yazell
Usher	Jim Crum
Altar Guild	Sharon Hudson

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# This Week at GHTC

Learn more about our weekly services & opportunities for study and fellowship: [kccathedral.org](http://kccathedral.org)

## Sunday, September 14

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Formation: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices
- 9:50 a.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist\*
- 10:30 a.m. Cathedral Kids
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 11:45 a.m. Newcomer Gathering
- 5 p.m. Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist

## Monday, September 15

- 5:30 p.m. Meeting: Social Activities Committee+

## Tuesday, September 16

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

## Wednesday, September 17

- 10 a.m. Staff Gathering
- 12 p.m. Noonday Prayer\*
- 12 p.m. AA Meeting in Multipurpose Room
- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
- 6:30 p.m. Rehearsal: Cathedral Bell Ringers

## Thursday, September 18

- 7 p.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir

## Sunday, September 21

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 9:15 a.m. Label Containers at Pete's Garden
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Formation: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices
- 9:50 a.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist\*
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- 5 p.m. Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist

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

## Sponsor the Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are a great way to beautify the sanctuary and remind your fellow worshipers of the new life that Jesus brings. They are also a great way to commemorate an event near a specific date, or honor/remember someone close to your heart. Donations toward the weekly flowers can be given by anyone and are accepted in any amount. You can mail a check to the Cathedral office, put your donation in the offering or make a payment through our online payment site.

For more information: [kccathedral.org/flowers](http://kccathedral.org/flowers).

# 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](mailto:bwegener@kccathedral.org).

View the prayer list anytime: [kccathedral.org/prayers](http://kccathedral.org/prayers)

**Pray for:** Jody Beck; George Nodler; George Helmkamp; Benjamin Jones Family; Judith Poitier; Holly; Tom Taylor; Phyllis Biddle; Betty Buck and Family; Cathy Hager; Daylin and Capt Aryk Bingham; Sandie Sorbo; Emma Ruth Morestatter; Peg Brown; Keri Kirby; Jeremy Oliver; Phineas Gitta; Mike Barzee & Family; Iris Parsons; Larry McMullen; Joyce Morrow; Gloria Stocks; Jim Royer; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; Yvonne Kehoe Meier; Jeffrey and family; Charlotte Colburn; Trish Lambert; All those fighting chronic illness; All families affected by gun violence; First Responders; All Immigrants

## Comfort and Peace for the families of the departed.

**Pray for the Departed:** Rev. Elizabeth Phillips; Dr. Robert Toth; Ralph Wegener; Pat Bridgforth; Deputy Elijah Ming; Anupama Vaidya; Warren Sheldon; Scott Johnson; Benjamin Jones; Victoria Meredith; Patrick Gaboriau; those lost in war; those who have died from gun violence

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** The Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande – Albuquerque, New Mexico — The Rt. Rev. Michael Buerkel Hunn

Hispanic Ministry & Diocesan Hispanic Missioner, The Rev. Canon Jose Palma

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

## September 14

Davina Reed

## September 15

Karla Kelly  
Guy Townsend  
Janel & Cliff Mosley

## September 16

Marsha Beggs  
Jeff Johnson  
Julie Brogno  
James Yazell  
Holly & Jeff Johnson

## September 17

Richard Moore & Linda Hezel

## September 19

Julia Moreno Akins  
Audrey Ryder

## September 20

Marian Philip  
Elvarea Bennett  
Ryan Bennett  
Jim Lyen  
Eddie & Sandy Carter  
Bruce & Lill Weekes



**October 13, 2025 | 6-8 p.m.**

Rockhurst University, Arrupe Auditorium | 5351 Forest Ave., Kansas City, MO

What role does the faith community have in stemming gun violence?

Surely there is one. Sadly, firearms deaths, whether homicide, suicide or accidents, continue plaguing our country. Firearms are the #1 killer of children 17 and younger.

Faith may give comfort to survivors, but it requires action to prevent even more victims. Join us to learn the tools local faith leaders share to turn faith into action.

The Diocese of West Missouri is proud to be a sponsor of the Grandparents for Gun Safety Community Forum, this year titled "Faith and Firearms: Turning Faith into Action", featuring national activist, pastor, and author John Pavlovitz as the keynote speaker. John is joined by a panel of local Kansas City faith leaders who will lead the discussion on gun violence and gun prevention actions.

Tickets available at [grandparentsforgunsafety.org](https://grandparentsforgunsafety.org) (or scan the QR code above). Reduced rate for groups of 10 or more is available.

*Keynote speaker John Pavlovitz, an author and former youth pastor, with nearly one million social media followers, often speaks out about gun violence. As he's posted: "If you pray for victims of gun violence, while doing nothing to stop their proliferation or to make them more difficult to get—your prayers may as well be bullets for the next mass shooting."*



**Saturday, October 25 | 9 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
**Guns to Gardens: Safe Surrender Event**

Central Presbyterian Church  
3501 Campbell St., Kansas City, Missouri

Central Presbyterian Church is hosting their 2nd annual Guns to Gardens: Safe Surrender Event Saturday, October 25.

Guns to Gardens is a national movement where people can surrender their unwanted firearms safely, responsibly, and anonymously. Based on Isaiah 2:4, "...beat their swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks," the movement aims to make the community safer and more richly connected. Grocery store gift cards are offered in appreciation for surrendered firearms, and last year alone saw 81 firearms surrendered from participants, including 34 semi-automatics.

### Why We Need Your Support:

To grow our 2025 outreach, we are seeking non-profit donations and gift cards to help cover event costs. Last year, we distributed \$5,225 in grocery gift cards as a token of thanks to those who surrendered firearms. With your support, we can expand this vital work to make our communities safer.

If you'd like to help support or volunteer your time, reach out to Central Presbyterian Church for more information:  
[centralpreskc.org/guns-to-gardens](https://centralpreskc.org/guns-to-gardens).



# Donations for our Outreach Partners

## Diaper Drive for HappyBottoms: September

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. 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).

[happybottoms-101520.square.site](http://happybottoms-101520.square.site)

# Diaper Drive

for **happybottoms**  
diapers for families in need



Donate packages of diapers

Sizes 4, 5, 6 needed most

HUNGER ACTION MONTH HUNGER ACTION MONTH HUNGER ACTION MONTH HUNGER ACTION MONTH



## HOW WE FIGHT HUNGER

NOURISH



Free nutritious and delicious meals served daily at our Nourish KC Community Kitchen

TEACH



Culinary job training & mentorship with our Culinary Futures Workforce Development program

EMPOWER



Connecting neighbors with resources through our Pantry Partner Program and other Social Enterprise Initiatives

## Hunger Action Month

Healing hunger takes hands, heart, and hustle. We're calling on our community to serve with us in the kitchen, on the front line, or behind the scenes.

Our Culinary Futures students are learning. Our chefs are leading. And you, our volunteers, are the ones making this movement possible.

Sign up for a shift at [theprospectkc.org/nourish-kc](http://theprospectkc.org/nourish-kc).

Hunger Action Month isn't about just raising awareness, it's about doing something. Whether it's volunteering in the kitchen, making a donation, or simply sharing the news about us, your action fuels the work we do every day at The Prospect KC.

We'll keep showing up all month long and we hope you will too.

With fierce love and full plates,

Chef Shanita McAfee-Bryant  
Founder & Executive Director  
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# Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

## Holy Cross Sunday: The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost "A Poisonous Serpent" Illumination (Numbers 21:4b-9)

In addition to lectionary readings assigned to the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, today is also Holy Cross Sunday. The visio divina emphasis today is taken from Numbers 21:4b-9 which focuses on this theme. Today is a time when we contemplate the redemptive and reconciling power of Christ's death on the cross. It is an occasion for reflecting upon how a symbol of suffering and death has been transformed into a symbol of salvation and life.

In the Christian tradition, the Numbers 21 narrative has tended to be interpreted in light of John 3:14-15 where Jesus states: "And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." The Numbers and John texts focus upon the image of the serpent, conveying a powerful theological message that is core to the Christian faith — the curse of the fall through the serpent's deception, has become the divine gift of salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ.

In "A Poisonous Serpent," illuminator Thomas Ingmire employs the broken image of a serpent to represent a broken world. God and the serpent are portrayed symbolically through the colors and the geometry of the creation and fall, and through the rising toward resurrection.

In the Numbers narrative, the Israelites' incessant spirit of complaining finally induces God to respond by sending poisonous serpents into their midst. Some of the people are bitten and some even die from the bites. The people then repent of their sin and beg Moses to pray on their behalf. Moses does so and God instructs him to "make a poisonous serpent, set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look upon it and live" (21:8). Here, the obedient act of "looking" with

faith became the source of healing and salvation. In order to be saved, the Israelites are required to look seriously at the thing which harms, poisons, and kills them. Doing this with obedient faith in God's goodness, provision, and love becomes the source of their deliverance.

Through his work on the cross, Jesus showed humankind the "serpent." He revealed what human power, left to its own devices, always will become unless God in divine mercy delivers us. When the Son of Man is lifted up, those who look to him see their need for the God who will take the instruments of death and transform them for the purposes of resurrection. In this, the cross functions as a means of grace — a mysterious pathway to the divine.

In what ways does this illumination encourage you to "look up" and thereby experience God's deliverance?



## Adult Formation: Sundays

9:15 a.m. • Common Room

### Episcopal Beliefs & Practices: A Study of the Prayer Book

Through a weekly study of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer we will explore the beliefs and practices of the Episcopal Church. If you are curious about the Anglican way of Christianity, want to better understand familiar prayers and liturgies, or are seeking to engage more deeply in Christian practice and theology then this course is for you! No preparation needed, prayer books will be provided in class.

# Upcoming Events & Announcements

For more info and signup links: [kccathedral.org/events](http://kccathedral.org/events)

**TODAY • 11: 45 a.m.**

## **Newcomer Gathering**

A special gathering just for those who are new to Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral to learn more about our community and how to get involved. Join us after the 10:30 service in the Common Room for coffee, snacks and fellowship!

This casual event is a great chance to:

- Meet our clergy and fellow newcomers
- Ask questions about life at the Cathedral
- Discover ways to get involved
- Share your story and hear others'

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. We look forward to getting to know you and sharing the joy of our community together! If you have any questions, contact Fr. James Yazell at [jyazell@kccathedral.org](mailto:jyazell@kccathedral.org). Register at [kccathedral.org/newcomers](http://kccathedral.org/newcomers).

**Sunday, September 21 | 9:15 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.**

## **Help at Pete's Garden**

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.

**Sunday, September 21 • 5 p.m.**

## **Choral Evensong**

Choral Evensong is a centuries-old Anglican musical service of sung Evening Prayer that combines music, prayer, and scripture into a contemplative experience. It features our own Trinity Choir singing composed settings of the psalms, responses, and canticles, providing a peaceful and reflective pause as the day closes. Following the service, all are welcome to take communion in the Chapel.

**Friday, October 3 • 6:30 p.m.**

## **Music Fundraiser: How You Can Help**

On Friday, October 3, GHTC hosts a fundraiser for our Messiah Singalong. The evening will include a raffle, a wine & whiskey pull, and performances by the KC Jazz Orchestra. Doors open at 6 p.m. in Founders' Hall and admission is \$20 per person.

### **How YOU can help:**

- Donate raffle items
- Donate an "experience"
- Donate bottle of wine (over \$40) or whiskey (over \$50)
- Bring an appetizer
- Attend this event and share with others!!

Contact Director of Music, Dr. Lucas Fletcher to donate items: [lfletcher@kccathedral.org](mailto:lfletcher@kccathedral.org).

**Saturday, October 4 • 11 a.m.**

## **Blessing of the Animals**

Round up Fido, Fluffy, and the whole furry, feathery gang and bring them to the Cathedral for our annual Blessing of the Animals. Join us on the north lawn for a paws-itively divine day of prayers and a tail-wagging celebration for all of God's creatures!

**Sunday, October 5 • 3:30 p.m.**

## **Hymn Sing**

Come and belt out your beloved hymns with us! Pick your top tunes and submit them at our website. We'll craft a playlist and sing our hearts out together!

**Sunday, October 19 • 8 & 10:30 a.m.**

## **Rite of Healing**

During both morning services, the laying-on-of-hands and anointing for healing will be offered for those desiring it. We observe this sacramental rite annually on the Sunday closest to the feast of St. Luke the Physician, October 18.