

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 26, 2025 • 5 p.m.

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

- Thank you for joining us for worship today at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. If you are new to the Cathedral, we invite you to fill out our welcome card. Welcome cards are available in the pews or text GUEST to 816-310-1888.
- If you need a hearing assistance device, please ask an usher. Instructions to connect via Bluetooth are on the back table.
- Gendered restrooms are available in Founders' Hall. A non-gendered, accessible restroom is available at west end (rear) of the Cathedral.

Service Notes

- Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (*).
- Donations may be placed in the offering, made through the Cathedral website: kccathedral.org, by scanning the QR code to the right or by texting "GIVEtoGHTC" to 73256. Tap to give using the display in the Tower entrance. Instructions for use are next to the machine. *Thank you for your generosity.*



ORDER FOR EVENING AND HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY: Variations on "St. Anne" (Hommage à Pachelbel)

Christa Rakich (b. 1952)

The Order for Evening

* OPENING ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR LIGHT

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Cantor  *People*

Light and peace, in Je - sus Christ our Lord. Thanks be to God.

The presider adds a prayer for light.

* O GRACIOUS LIGHT *Phos hilaron*: 25


1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O


you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through


blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

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The Word of God

* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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: Jeremiah 14:7-10,19-22

Lector Although our iniquities testify against us,
act, O Lord, for your name's sake;
our apostasies indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you.
O hope of Israel,
its savior in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
like a traveler turning aside for the night?
Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?
Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name;
do not forsake us!
Thus says the Lord concerning this people:
Truly they have loved to wander,
they have not restrained their feet;
therefore the Lord does not accept them,
now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.
Have you completely rejected Judah?
Does your heart loathe Zion?
Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?
We look for peace, but find no good;
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.
We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord,
the iniquity of our ancestors,
for we have sinned against you.
Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonor your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant with us.
Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
Or can the heavens give showers?
Is it not you, O Lord our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Cantor How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord | of hosts! *
 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in | the living God.

All The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay | her young; *
 by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my | King and my God.

 Happy are they who dwell in | your house! *
 they will always | be praising you.

 Happy are the people whose strength is | in you! *
 whose hearts are set on | the pilgrims' way.

 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place | of springs, *
 for the early rains have covered it | with pools of water.

 They will climb from height | to height, *
 and the God of gods will reveal | himself in Zion.

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

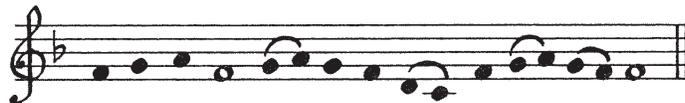
Lector I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

 At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

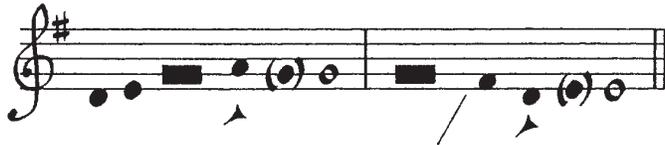
People Thanks be to God.

* ALLELUIA VERSE *Cantor; then People*



Al-le-lu-ia, al - le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Cantor



Your word is a lantern to [▲] my feet* and a light u / pon my path.

All repeat the three alleluias.

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

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

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

Gospeller Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

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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 God of Justice, hear us, make your presence known to us, and respond to us as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.
- Show us how to be the body of Christ today, that your Good News might enter every human heart.
 Lord in your mercy,
- People** **hear our prayer.**
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- Intercessor Be in the eyes and ears and on the lips of our civil leaders, that they might lead through serving the welfare of all and help us to hold our leaders accountable to the needs of the whole nation.
- Lord in your mercy,
- People** **hear our prayer.**
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- Intercessor Open our hearts and our hands to our neighbor's needs, that they might encounter Christ through us.
- Lord in your mercy,
- People** **hear our prayer.**
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- Intercessor Bring peace with justice where there is conflict, bring freedom where there is oppression, and bring restoration to lands ravaged by greed, that your creation might be renewed and your purpose for us fulfilled.
- Lord in your mercy,
- People** **hear our prayer.**
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- Intercessor Be with those who suffer. Be their strength and their firm foundation throughout their struggles. 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.**
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- Intercessor Welcome all who have died, that they might continue towards the bright future of your heavenly kingdom. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud.
- Lord in your mercy,
- People** **hear our prayer.**
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- Presider Loving God, you have showed us how to love you by loving others more than we love ourselves. Hear our prayers and answer us as may be best for us and to your glory. All that we ask through Christ, our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit, live and reign, on God. **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 us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us 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: 656 "Blest are the pure in heart"

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the
 2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to
 3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and
 4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give

se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.
 dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;
 for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.
 us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

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Presider Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

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.*

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.

DISMISSAL

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us
 all evermore. Amen.

Following the dismissal,

People Thanks be to God.

* CLOSING HYMN: 680 "O God our help in ages past"

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past, be thou our guide while life shall last,
 our hope for years to come, and our eternal home.

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Serving Today

Presider & Preacher	The Rev. Clare Stern-Burbano	Cantor	Harry Brewster
Lector & Eucharistic Minister	Patti Ryder	Organist	Dr. Lucas Fletcher

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: Alan & Mary Simon; LaGreta Gitta; Kim Heitzenrater; Elliott Oliver; Marian Philip; The High Family; Joan and Joe Bacchus; Elaine Karsten; Kathy Manning; Terri Wesner; Norma Brooks; Lenette Johnson; Don Brown; Kay Steiner; Jim Holstein; Sandra Fuhrman; Joel; Brian and Amy Hummell; Diego Garcia; Ken McCandless; Jeremy Oliver; Jody Beck; George Nodler; George Helmkamp; Judith Poitier; Holly; Tom Taylor; Peg Brown; Phyllis Biddle; Betty Buck and Family; Cathy Hager; Charlotte Colburn; Gloria Stocks; Iris Parsons; Jeffrey and family; Jim Royer; Joyce Morrow; Larry McMullen; Mike Barzee & Family; Phineas Gitta; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; Yvonne Kehoe Meier; 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: Sue King; Jay Robert Sherwood; Hunter Simoncic; Rev. Cindy Carter; Margaret Hall; Rev. Elizabeth Phillips; Dr. Robert Toth; Ralph Wegener; Pat Bridgforth; Deputy Elijah Ming; those lost in war; those who have died from gun violence

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Grace Episcopal Church, Liberty—The Rev. Canon Robin James, Rector

Diocesan Grant Committees & Grant Writers

Altar Flowers

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

- in thanksgiving for my granddaughters, Maya McLeroy and Grace Leonard
- in thanksgiving for the marriage of Bruce Glenn & Mischelle Tripp
- in memory of Sue King.

This Week at GHTC

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

Sunday, October 26

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Formation: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices
- 9:15 a.m. Youth Formation
- 9:30 a.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist*
- 10:30 a.m. Cathedral Kids
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour & Fall Festival
- 5 p.m. Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist
- 6 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday, October 28

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

Wednesday, October 29

- NO 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*
- 10 a.m. Staff Gathering
- 12 p.m. Noonday Prayer*
- 12 p.m. AA Meeting in Multipurpose Room
- 6:30 p.m. Rehearsal: Bell Choir
- 7 p.m. Concert: Friends of Chamber Music

Thursday, October 30

- 7 p.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir

Daylight Saving Time Ends: Fall Back

Sunday, November 2 • All Saints' Sunday

- 8 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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Please contact the Cathedral office (jtoma@kccathedral.org) if we have omitted your birthday or anniversary.

October 26

Joyce Morrow
Bruce Weekes
Nigel Jones

October 27

Abbey & Andy Mosley
Conrad Ahn
Thomas Higgins
Tim Brown
Cesar Sanchez

October 28

Victoria & Zach Janky
Ron Fortune
Glen Wesner

October 29

Donna McGuire

October 31

Tom Brill

Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

Humility, Faithfulness, & Saving Grace

"If I Speak in the Tongues of Mortals" Text Treatment: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

The Collect of the Day unites the themes of the lectionary readings into a holistic prayer that asks God's help for applying their teachings in life. Today's Collect requests that God might "increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity." It reinforces the readings' admonitions for deeper discipleship through humility (Luke 18:9-14), perseverance (2 Timothy 4:16-18), and hope (Joel 2:23-32). Drawing upon these emphases, today's visio divina utilizes the 1 Corinthians 13 text treatment to illumine our spiritual cognizance of these affirmations in worship.

We begin by asking what the Pharisee in the Luke text lacks. What does the despised tax collector have or do that the Pharisee in this parable does not that results in the former gaining God's forgiveness and the latter failing to do so? The 1 Corinthians 13 text suggests that the missing quality is God's revealing love. The Pharisee's arrogance exposes a compulsive need to evade his actual inner condition as he focuses on the external boundaries and appearances of his life. His religious life centers around the maintenance of definitions and practices that determine who is "in" and who is not, enabling him to imagine himself righteous while avoiding confronting his true position of living in alienation from God.

Failure to honestly acknowledge our true condition before God prevents us from opening our true self to God, to others, and even to ourselves. Unacknowledged sin produces estrangement, disconnection, sterility, and disorder. It kills. It deadens us to God's Spirit.

In the 1 Corinthians 13 text treatment, Thomas Ingmire depicts this spiritual condition in two parts. In the first part, he portrays Paul's dismissal of the usefulness of any action or spiritual gift not practiced in agape love. The physical positioning of this part of the passage appears to be out of place. Its lettering is patchy, dark, and disjointed. It seems unharmonious, ugly, and filled with tension. It offers a visualization of the religious life that avoids honest exploration of its true condition before God.

The second part of the message enumerates essential qualities of love – qualities indicative of the transforming work of Christ in a responsive person's heart. This section of the text begins "Love is patient; love is kind..." and continues to itemize the importance of love in association with each of the values listed. In conjunction with this the text moves from solid colors to simple forms as it descends the page, producing a rainbow effect. This conjures an enduring image of hope and of God's abiding presence, characteristics symbolized by the rainbow.

Today's parable never informs us of how the tax collector's life might have changed as a result of his prayer. All we are told is that he receives God's saving grace – a grace that cannot be earned, only received. Growing deeper in discipleship (i.e., increasing in the gifts of faith, hope, and charity) demands that we surrender our proclivities for self-assuring affirmations of our own righteousness and that in confession we open our empty hands to receive God's unearned grace.

Such enabling openness before God is what we pray for in today's Collect. It is an openness that renounces any fixation upon the forms of religiosity that we can display for others to applaud and, instead, cultivates the secret and hidden life of God within our own souls.



Upcoming Events & Announcements

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



Items most needed:

Canned fruits & vegetables
Canned sweet potatoes
Mac & cheese
Stuffing
Gravy Packets
Dinner Rolls
Canned Cranberry Sauce

During the month of October, we are collecting food for Shelter KC.

Today | 11:45 a.m.

Fall Festival

Embrace the autumn vibes! 🍂 Join us for our annual Fall Festival on October 26, right after the 10:30 a.m. service.

Get ready for: 🍁

- An epic scavenger hunt
- Chili to warm your soul
- A costume contest full of flair
- Games galore
- A pie showdown of deliciousness

Come for the tricks, stay for the treats, and revel in the fun!

Sunday, November 2

All Saints' Sunday

On All Saints' Sunday, we honor all those who have died in the past year. You may submit names of personal friends and family who have passed away in the last twelve months to be included in the bulletin. Submit names by *this Tuesday, October 28*: kccathedral.org/events

Sunday, November 9 | 2 p.m.

Concert: Ho Anthony Ahn

Prepare your ears for a delightful duet! Ho Anthony Ahn, cello, and Jiwon Choi, piano, take the spotlight on November 9 at 2 p.m. in the Cathedral Nave. No ticket needed, just bring your love for music. Donations welcomed.

Sunday, November 16 | 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Dust off your kilts and join the tartan-tastic fun at our annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan! We display the tartan banners and enjoy listening to a piper at the 8 a.m. service and the Kansas City St. Andrew Pipes and Drums at the 10:30 a.m. service. So put on your kilt and come celebrate with us!

Coffee Hour after Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Bring your favorite shortbread recipe to share with the parish and our special guests at coffee hour.

Sunday, November 16 | 5 p.m.

Choral Evensong

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

Thursday, November 27 | 10 a.m.

Thanksgiving Day Service

Join your church family to celebrate and express gratitude this Thanksgiving Day at our 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist service. *The Cathedral office will be closed November 26-28.*

Looking Ahead

November-December | Sock and Glove drive for Shelter KC
November 7-8 | Diocesan Convention at GHTC & Youth Lock-in
November 9 | Concert: Ho Anthony Ahn and Jiwon Choi | 2 p.m.
November 16 | Kirkin' o' the Tartan | 8 & 10:30 a.m.
November 16 | Evensong | 5 p.m.
November 18 | Meeting: Finance Committee | 7:30 a.m.
November 20 | Meeting: Vestry | 5:30 p.m.
November 26-28 | Office Closed: Thanksgiving
November 27 | Thanksgiving Day service | 10 a.m.
November 29 | Advent Decorating & Altar Guild Workday | 9 a.m.