

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 2025 • 8 a.m.

Kirkin' of the Tartan

What is Kirkin' of the Tartan?

Welcome to Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral's *Kirkin' of the Tartan* service, a Cathedral annual tradition since the 1970s. *Kirking*, from the Scottish Gaelic word *kirk*, means church. In this usage, it means "blessing."

While the Kirkin' o' the Tartan service celebrates Scotland and Scottish heritage, it is a truly a Scottish-American custom. If one searches the Internet for information, stories abound of the Kirkin's roots being in days of the Act of Proscription, when the wearing of the kilt was banned in the Highlands. According to the legend, Highlanders hid pieces of tartan and brought them to church to be secretly blessed at a particular point in the service. Ask any Scot or Scottish expatriate about the Kirkin', and chances are you will be met with a questioning look and an admission of ignorance of this supposedly centuries-old Scottish tradition.

In his famous collection of Highland folklore, prayers, charms and omens, the *Carmina Gadelica*, Alexander Carmichael does list a prayer for the "Consecration of the Cloth", but no mention is made of it originating from the days following the '45 or being associated with outlawed tartan. Whilst making for a rather romantic legend, there seems to be no credible source for such a tale. The real history of the Kirkin' service is "All American", with a Scottish "twist."

The Rev. Peter Marshall is believed to be the originator of the Kirkin' o' the Tartan service. Rev. Marshall, originally from Coatbridge, Scotland, was the pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington DC, and served as Chaplain of the United States Senate. During the Second World War, Rev. Marshall held prayer services at New York Avenue to raise funds for British war relief. At one of the services on April 27, 1941 (although a May 1943 date is sometimes mentioned) Rev. Marshall gave a sermon entitled "the Kirkin' o' the Tartans." In 1954, the Kirkin' was moved to National Cathedral (Episcopal) in Washington. Nowadays, the celebration is found across denominational lines and is meant to reflect patriotism, faithfulness and independence. Kirkin' is typically celebrated on Tartan Day (April 6) or on St. Andrew's Day (November 30), the patron saint of Scotland. (*Adapted from Todd Wilkinson as found on www.scottishtartansmuseum.org*)

On this day, we also honor the debt the Episcopal Church owes to the Scottish Episcopal Church. Before and after the American Revolution, there were no Anglican bishops living in the colonies. Those seeking ordination to the priesthood could not be ordained without making an arduous round-trip journey to England. In 1784, Samuel Seabury was elected as first bishop in the American Episcopal Church. Since there were no Anglican bishops in America to consecrate him, and because he refused to pledge allegiance to the King of England, he traveled to Scotland to be consecrated by bishops there. Bishops in the Scottish Episcopal church did not swear allegiance to the crown. When Bishop Seabury returned to the States, he brought with him the Scottish Communion Rite, parts of which are still used in American Episcopal churches today. The American Episcopal church commemorates Samuel Seabury's life and ministry on November 14.



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.*



HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY: Andantino and Melody

Alfred Hollins (1865-1942)

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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Malachi 4:1-2a

Lector See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98 *read by alternating whole verse*

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Sing to the Lord a new song, *

for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm *

has he won for himself the victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; *

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *

and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp, *

with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn *

shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *

the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, *

and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world *

and the peoples with equity.

Second Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Lector Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

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

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

Gospeller When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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.

Eadar-ghuidhe	A Thighearna naomh, bi nar measg, èisd rinn, agus coilean dòchas ar n-ùrnaighean agus sinn ag ràdh, A Thighearna nad thròcair, èisd ri ar n-ùrnaigh. Thoir do ghràs don eaglais agus thoir dhuinn do neart gus an urrainn dhuinn deagh sgeul Ìosa Crìosd a shearmonachadh agus a bhith beò gu dàna. A Thighearna nad thròcair	Intercessor	Holy Lord, be among us, hear us, and fulfill the hope of our prayers as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. Bestow your grace upon the church and lend us your strength so that we might boldly proclaim and live out the good news of Jesus Christ. Lord in your mercy,
Daoine	Cluinn ar n-ùrnaigh.	People	Hear our prayer.
Eadar-ghuidhe	Cuir gliocas orrasan aig a bheil ùghdarras nar beatha, gus am bi iad a' sìreadh stiùireadh tro sheirbheis don mhath as motha. A Thighearna nad thròcair	Intercessor	Shower wisdom on those who hold authority in our lives, that they might seek to lead through service to the greatest good. Lord in your mercy,
Daoine	Cluinn ar n-ùrnaigh.	People	Hear our prayer.
Eadar-ghuidhe	Misnich sinn gus a bhith nar corp Chrìosd nar coimhearsnachd ionadail, gus am bi ar làthaireachd na gealladh air ar dealas ar nàbaidhean a ghràdhachadh. A Thighearna nad thròcair	Intercessor	Embolden us to be the body of Christ in our local community, that our presence might be a pledge of our commitment to love our neighbors. Lord in your mercy,
Daoine	Cluinn ar n-ùrnaigh.	People	Hear our prayer.
Eadar-ghuidhe	Dùisg annainn am miann do chruthachadh pailt a dhìon agus a chumail suas, gus am fuirich an saoghal againn na àite iongnaidh agus beathachaidh do ghinealaichean ri teachd. A Thighearna nad thròcair	Intercessor	Arouse in us the desire to protect and sustain your abundant creation, that our world may remain a place of wonder and sustenance for future generations. Lord in your mercy,
Daoine	Cluinn ar n-ùrnaigh.	People	Hear our prayer.
Eadar-ghuidhe	Thoir do chumhachd slànachaidh gu beatha nan uile a tha a' fulang tinneas no leòn, gus am bi sith aca, agus brosnach sinn gu bhith nar daoine cùraim agus rèite. Tha sinn ag ùrnaigh gu sònraichte airson an fheadhainn air Liosta Ùrnaigh na Cathair-eaglais, agus airson an fheadhainn a tha sinn a' toirt ainmean dhaibh a-nis gu sàmhach no gu h-àrd. A Thighearna nad thròcair	Intercessor	Bring your healing power to bear in the lives of all who endure illness of injury, that they may know peace, and arouse us to be people of care and reconciliation. 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,
Daoine	Cluinn ar n-ùrnaigh.	People	Hear our prayer.

Eadar-ghuidhe	<p>Gabh nad ghàirdeanan gràdhach iadsan uile a chaochail, gus am fàs iadann an gaol agus ann an dilseachd dhut, agus thoir sinn a-rithist gu làthaireachd na feadhach air an robh gaol againn nad rìoghachd shìorraidh. Tha sinn ag ùrnaigh gu sònraichte airson na feadhach a tha sinn ag ainmeachadh a-nis, an dàrna cuid gu sàmhach no gu h-àrd.</p> <p>A Thighearna nad thròcair</p>	<p>Intercessor</p> <p>Take into your loving arms all those who have died that they might grow in love and devotion to you and bring us once again into the presence of those we have loved in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud.</p> <p>Lord in your mercy,</p> <p>Hear our prayer.</p>
Daoine	<p>Cluinn ar n-ùrnaigh.</p>	<p>People</p>

Presider Blessed Lord, you have longed for the turning of every human heart and have shown us in word and deed the path of promise that leads to you. Hear and answer our prayers, that we might see more fully, your kingdom and so that your glory might be reflected and magnified throughout the world. **Amen.**

CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION

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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

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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: 627 "Lamp of our feet, whereby we trace"

1 Lamp of our feet, where - by we trace our path when went to stray;
2 bread of our souls, where - on we feed, true man - na from on high;
3 pil - lar of fire, through watch - es dark, and ra - diant cloud by day;
4 word of the ev - er - liv - ing God, will of his glo - rious Son;
5 Lord, grant us all a - right to learn the wis - dom it im - parts;

1 stream from the fount of heaven - ly grace, brook by the trav - eler's way;
2 our guide and chart, where - in we read of realms be - yond the sky;
3 when waves would whelm our toss - ing bark, our an - chor and our stay;
4 with - out thee how could earth be trod, or heaven it - self be won?
5 and to its heaven - ly teach - ing turn, with sim - ple, child - like hearts.

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PRESENTATION *led by the piper*

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

Presider Almighty God, Source of Life, you place the solitary in families and households: we give you thanks for the ties of blood and adoption that bind us together in love and mutual support, and especially for the redeeming love of Christ that unites us as siblings through the waters of baptism. May those who wear these tartans, with their distinctive patterns and colors, do so with praise and thanksgiving for the blessing of family and clan, that at the last, all may gather with the great multitude that no one can number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing in worship before your throne and before the Lamb, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer A

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Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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

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

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

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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

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

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

All **AMEN.**

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

* BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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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: 598 "Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth"

1 Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, up - on a cross they
 2 O awe - ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de -
 3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain re -
 4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in us thy new cre -

bound thee, and mocked thy sav - ing king - ship then
 nied thee, and, doomed to death, must bring to doom
 fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war
 a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,

by thorns with which they crowned thee: and still our wrongs
 the powers which cru - ci - fied thee, till not a stone
 we per - ish as we lose thee? From old un - faith
 we wait thy rev - e - la - tion: O love that tri -

may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that
 was left on stone, and all those na - tions'
 our souls re - lease to seek the king - dom
 umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -

stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round thee.
 pride, o'er-thrown, went down to dust be - side thee!
 of thy peace, by which a - lone we choose thee.
 fore thy cross, to fi - nish thy sal - va - tion.

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VOLUNTARY: Fanfare

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

Serving Today

Presider	The Rev. Canon W. James Yazell
Preacher	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Deacon	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Organist	Dr. Lucas Fletcher; Iain McKee, Piper
Lector	Rebecca Rezaei
Intercessor	Ric Sweeting
Eucharistic Minister	Terri Curran
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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: Phineas Gitta; The Brunner Family; The Gooch Family; Gayle Melton Family; Alan & Mary Simon; Carolyn McGlothen; Mike O'Neill; Lt. Col. Kevin Thomas; Norma Brooks; Brian and Amy Hummell; Ken McCandless; Joel; George Helmkamp; Diego Garcia; Jeremy Oliver; Mike Barzee & Family; All those fighting chronic illness; Iris Parsons; Katie Cummings; Marian Philip; The High Family; Joan and Joe Bacchus; Elaine Karsten; Kathy Manning; Terri Wesner; Sandra Fuhrman; Abby Zwerner; Lenette Johnson; Larry McMullen; Gloria Stocks; Jim Royer; Joyce Morrow; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; Yvonne Kehoe Meier; Ellen Spake; Kim Heitzenrater; Elliott Oliver; Don Brown; Kay Steiner; Jim Holstein; George Nodler; Jeffrey and family; Charlotte Colburn; All families affected by gun violence; First Responders; All affected by Hurricane Melissa; Maison de Naissance in Haiti; Jody Beck; All Immigrants ; Mike Duloherly; Betty Ouverson

Pray for the Departed: LaGreta Gitta; Faye Brunner; Gayle Melton; Richard Gooch; Sue King; Jay Robert Sherwood; Hunter Simoncic; Rev. Cindy Carter; Margaret Hall; Rev. Elizabeth Phillips; those lost in war; those who have died from gun violence

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: The Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas – Hutchinson, KS; The Rt. Rev. Mark Cowell, Bishop Diocesan & Parish Staff Members

Love in Action: Growing in Faith and Community

The Season of Pentecost is a season of growth. During this time, we have readings that are meant to teach us about being better people as we grow in faith and in doing all that Christ calls us to do. We hear from prophets and apostles about loving God and our neighbor, and we hear from Jesus about how to be better stewards of all that God has given us.

Growth is vital to us as individuals and as a family of faith. Learning and growing is something we all do together as we hear the words and teachings of Jesus and are supported by the great cloud of witnesses who have come before to show us the way.

As the season of Pentecost once again comes to an end, love never ends. Growth never ends. Our faith remains strong as long as we are actively loving one another. The writer of Hebrews told us a few weeks ago to “let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have...” Paul writes to Timothy and says that the people “are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share...” In keeping with these teachings, we ask that we all continue our commitment to the work and ministry of our Cathedral in 2026.

LOVE IN ACTION



Growing in Faith and Community

In-gathering Sunday: November 30

What is an In-gathering Sunday? On Sunday, November 30, at all services we will honor and celebrate our 2026 pledged stewardship commitments as a sacramental sign of our engagement to the work and ministry that's being done here at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Thank you to all those who have already made a pledge for 2026!

Please prayerfully consider making your stewardship pledge on or before November 30 as stewardship season comes to a close.

Thank you for sharing your blessings with this faith community.

You may make your financial commitment and support our continued growth by returning the enclosed pledge card to the Cathedral, by turning your card in at the lunch, home visits, or in the offering plate. You may also make your commitment online through the Cathedral's website: kccathedral.org/stewardship. Thank you for your continued care and support of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Altar Flowers

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

- in memory of Sara Gaggens and Margaret Heider Martinez by Ruth Music

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.

This Week at GHTC

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

Sunday, November 16 • Kirkin' o' the Tartan

- 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
- 5 p.m. Choral Evensong
- 6 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, November 17

- 5 p.m. Meeting: Budget Committee+

Tuesday, November 18

- 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, November 19

- 10 a.m. Staff Gathering
- 12 p.m. Noonday Prayer*
- 12 p.m. AA Meeting in Multipurpose Room
- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
- 7 p.m. Meeting: Daughters of the King

Thursday, November 20

- 5:30 p.m. Meeting: Vestry
- 7 p.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir

Friday, November 21

- 6:30 p.m. GHTC Movie Night

Saturday, November 22

- 11 a.m. Visitation for LaGreta Gitta (Nave)
- 12 p.m. Funeral for LaGreta Gitta, followed by burial at Mt. Moriah Cemetary & reception in Founders' Hall

Sunday, November 23

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 9:15 a.m. NO 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
- 5 p.m. Choral Evensong
- 6 p.m. Youth Group

+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.

November 16

Scott Anthony
Jeff Johnson
Jennifer Obiesie
Yvonne Meier

November 19

Helen Cavanaugh

November 20

Jackye Finnie

November 17

Nancy Lee Kemper
Julie Mullies

November 22

Sandra Mauro

November 18

Mark Galus & Sara Copeland
Abby Moore Belozar &
Jordy Belozar

Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

A Vision Offering Practical Hope and Encouragement

“Vision of the New Jerusalem” Illumination (from Rev. 21 supporting today's Isaiah 65 and Luke 21 texts)

Today's lectionary texts speak of hope for a transformed world, one that nurtures daily faithfulness, peace and justice, and highlights the contrast between judgment and healing. Isaiah 65:17-25, presents a prophetic vision of a new creation. The Apostle Paul encourages the Thessalonian church to remain active in doing God's work while they await Christ's coming. Jesus instructs his disciples of their need to remain faithful amid the trials they are about to endure. The unifying theme connecting these readings is God's promise of a new heaven and new earth where peace and joy will replace the current conditions of suffering, oppression, and injustice. This vision of God's ultimate plan for creation is intended to be a source of strength and motivation for followers of Christ, helping them to endure present hardships and to persist in faith.

Saint John's Bible lacks artwork for this week's lectionary texts that would support our usual exercise of the *visio divina*. Consequently, a parallel illumination from Revelation 21 is being employed due to its visual treatment of the theme of a new heaven and a new earth that is created not through human methods but through God's initiative. Here John offers a glimpse of what the new creation is like. On the other side of the veil, he writes, we will find not destruction, division, anxiety, and rivalry, but new life – life that is the way God intends it to be.

The “Vision of the New Jerusalem” illumination draws upon images associated with the rebuilding of Jerusalem after the Babylonian Exile. The depiction features elements reminiscent of Old Testament instructions for building and rebuilding the temple. The gold grid pattern derived from the layout of the temple as recounted in Ezekiel's vision completes a partial image portrayed in Daniel's “Vision of the Son of Man”

illumination. In the Revelation 21 scene, however, the Lord God and the Lamb are the new temple, there is no building. The Son of Man seen on the throne inhabits this city.

Through the Exodus, God delivered the Hebrews from Egyptian slavery to a land of promise where he would dwell among them as the *shekinah*. As long as the Hebrews would accept his lordship then they would live in community bound together by God's love and righteousness. In the gospels, Jesus came to dwell among humanity to inaugurate God's new community made visible ideally through the church. In Revelation, John declares that at the end God will be the *shekinah* and because of this we finally will live as a complete community – a new creation. In your view, how does the tree of life image in the lower right corner of this

illumination speak to this affirmation about God's intent for creation?

The vision of God's new creation offers hope to us amid the challenges of our present circumstances. A benediction frequently rendered at the close of worship serves as a reminder of the admonitions for living made in today's lectionary texts: “Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good

courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Comfort the afflicted. Be patient with all but make no peace with oppression. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.” These are a few ways we are encouraged and empowered to live at present in the light of God's promised cosmic renewal.



Formation for All Ages

Adults: 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.

Children: Sundays

10:30 a.m. • Haden Hall

Cathedral Kids

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 cabinet in the back cross aisle.

Upcoming Family Worship Dates: November 30, December 28

Youth: Sundays

Sunday Formation • 9:15 a.m.

Formation study with light breakfast options.

Youth Group • 6 p.m.

Study, fun and dinner.

Adults: Tuesdays

GHTC's Virtual Cafe • 7:30 a.m. • Zoom

The Virtual Café is open every Tuesday morning for Cathedral members and friends to connect; discuss current topics and activities happening at the Cathedral and in our community; and share what's on your mind. For details, visit kccathedral.org/other-activities.

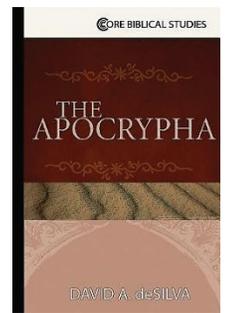
Women's Bible Study • 12:30 p.m. • Zoom

Conversation is lively, thought-provoking, and often irreverent. All are welcome.

We are currently reading David A. Desilva's *The Apocrypha*.

This book studies the Apocrypha "{u}sing a thematic approach{.}" Dr. David deSilva gives a brief introduction and summary of these largely unknown and unappreciated books. In addition the book gives an overview to the social and cultural context of the world of the Apocrypha and early Christianity. After surveying the Apocrypha's relevance and impact on Christian practices and spiritual formation, the book highlights the Apocrypha's impact on Jesus, the New Testament, and the formation of the Early Church's doctrines and theology."

Visit our website, kccathedral.org/adultformation, for the Zoom link.



Lectionary Bible Study • 6:45 p.m. • Zoom

Join us for a discussion of context which will, with God's grace, lead us to a discussion of how an understanding of scripture can restore us to fullness with God and each other in Christ. Join the Lectionary Bible Study group in Realm or on our website, kccathedral.org/adultformation, for more details.

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GLOVES & WARM SOCKS

For men & women at



Shelter KC

A Kansas City Rescue Mission



**Bring donations of gloves
and socks for men or women
to the Tower entrance
during November &
December**



Outreach Volunteer Opportunities

The Emergency Food Assistance Program

In partnership with St. Paul's on Main, we have been invited to help organize and distribute food as part of TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program). We meet from about 9:30 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of each month. To volunteer or for more information, contact Deacon Barbara 816.739.8032 or bwegener@kccathedral.org.

Pete's Garden

In the lower level of Founders' Hall, Pete's Garden is a food rescue committed to less food waste and more family meals. They collect unserved prepared food from caterers, restaurants and food service operations each day. Volunteers work together to portion and package donated food so it can be redirected to social service agencies who get meals to families. Sign up for a shift at petesgarden.org/volunteer.

Nourish KC

Volunteers are the heart and soul of NourishKC. Every meal served, every pantry stocked, and every food item redistributed is made possible because of the time, energy, and dedication of our volunteers. Whether it's lending a hand in our Community Kitchen, assisting with pantry distribution, or helping with events, your contribution makes a lasting impact. Sign up for a shift at theprospectkc.org/nourish-kc.



Holiday Open House and Gift Bazaar

Enjoy the festive decorations, complimentary lunch, tour of the facility, and a selection of holiday gifts made by the mothers and children at Sheffield Place!

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4

916 Newton Ave | Kansas City, MO 64126

Drop by anytime during the event for a tour. No cost/no RSVP needed.

Contact Stephanie Hoover with any questions:
816.483.9927 x129 or shoover@sheffieldplace.org

The mission of Sheffield Place is: "To empower homeless mothers and their children to heal from their trauma and become self-sufficient."

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Gather your loved ones, cozy up, and join us for a heartwarming movie night. Enjoy the magic of the season on the big screen, complete with festive treats and holiday cheer with nachos, popcorn, and hot chocolate.

Don't forget to bring your comfier-than-Founders' Hall-chairs or blankets, and perhaps some beloved movie candy to share with the crew!

Let us know you're coming:
kccathedral.org/events

Friday, November 21
 Gather at 6:30 p.m. • Movie starts at 7:30 p.m.

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.



FIND YOUR PLACE TO SERVE

Advent Greens & Christmas Flowers

Flowers and Greens will once again adorn the Cathedral as part of our celebrations. Your gift in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one helps provide festive decorations for Christmas Eve through The Feast of the Epiphany. This visual proclamation of the glory of the Incarnation adds so much to our celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

- Give online using the QR code.
- Text "GIVETOGHTC flowers" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.
- Mail a check to the Cathedral office or place in Sunday's offering.

To have your name appear in the Christmas bulletins, make your gift by Wednesday, December 17. (Gifts received after this date will appear in subsequent bulletins.)



Thank you for your generous gifts in celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ!



Upcoming Events & Announcements

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

Today | 12:15 p.m.

Volunteer at Pete's Garden

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Today | 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 20 | 5:30 p.m.

Vestry Meeting

You are welcome to attend and observe the meeting in the Common Room or on Zoom. For Zoom information: kccathedral.org/vestry. Non-Vestry members must have prior arrangement to be included on the agenda to address the meeting. To be placed on the agenda for the meeting, please contact Dean Keyse, akeyse@kccathedral.org, no later than noon on the Monday before the meeting.

Friday, November 21 | 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Movie Night

Get ready for a flick-tastic Friday on November 21—it's movie night! The Cathedral's got your munchies covered with nachos, popcorn, and hot chocolate. Don't forget to bring your comfier-than-Founders' Hall-chairs or blankets, and perhaps some beloved movie candy to share with the crew! Gather in Founders' Hall at 6:30 p.m., movie starts at 7:30 p.m. Let us know you're coming at kccathedral.org/events.

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.*

Saturday, November 29 | 10 a.m.

Deck the Halls for Advent!

The joyous season of Advent is almost upon us, and we invite you to help make our Cathedral ready for Advent, we hang greenery to spread anticipation as we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth. All ages are welcome! *Altar Guild Workday begins at 9 a.m.*

Looking Ahead

November-December | Sock and Glove drive for Shelter KC

November 18 | Meeting: Finance Committee | 7:30 a.m.

November 20 | Meeting: Vestry | 5:30 p.m.

November 21 | Movie Night | 6:30 p.m.

November 23 | Youth Friendsgiving, 6 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.

November 30 | Advent Workshop, 11:45 a.m.

December 1-7 | The Nativity Puppets

December 6 | Women's Lunch & Outreach Project, 11 a.m.

December 7 | Advent Lessons & Carols, 5 p.m.

December 7 | Youth Advent Party & White Elephant Exchange, 6 p.m.

December 8 | City Come Again, 11:30 a.m.

December 16 | Meeting: Finance Committee, 7:30 a.m.

December 18 | Meeting: Vestry, 5:30 p.m.

December 24 | Christmas Eve service, with pageant, 5 p.m.

December 24 | Christmas Eve service, 10 p.m. with choral prelude at 9:30 p.m.

December 24-26 | Closed: Christmas

December 25 | Christmas Day service, 10 a.m.

December 31-January 1 | Closed: New Year's Eve