

# GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



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The Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 18, 2026 • 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: Andante (from *Three Organ Preludes*)

T. Frederick H. Candlyn (1892-1964)

### 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.**

#### \* CANTICLE 11, The Third Song of Isaiah *Surge, illuminare*

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All Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.  
Nations will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.

\* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7

Lector Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The Lord called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,  
and my reward with my God."  
And now the Lord says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength--  
he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."  
Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
"Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."  
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

I waited patiently upon the Lord; \*

he stooped to me and heard my cry.

**He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; \***

**he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.**

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; \*

many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

**Happy are they who trust in the Lord! \***

**they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.**

Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!

how great your wonders and your plans for us! \*

there is none who can be compared with you.

**Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \***

**but they are more than I can count.**

In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \*

(you have given me ears to hear you);

**Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \***

**and so I said, "Behold, I come.**

In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*

'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'

**I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \***

**behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.**

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \*

I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

**You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; \***

**let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.**

## Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Lector

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

\* THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

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

People            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller      John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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      God of strength and resoluteness, you have sought to make yourself known to us and to show us your loving care. Hear our collective hopes and prayers as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.  
Encourage the truth speakers and prophets of your church, that we might see Christ in our midst.  
Lord in your mercy,
- People            Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor      Be with the leaders of our nation. Hold them accountable to their commitments to liberty, peace and unity.  
Lord in your mercy,
- People            Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor      Grant us the wisdom, strength and perseverance to make difficult decisions for the welfare of creation.  
Lord in your mercy,
- People            Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor      Heal those in pain or illness. Bring joy to the sorrowful, hope to the forlorn. Grant a path to your promise to all who have lost their way. 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      Guide us as we seek to become icons of Christ and builders of the kingdom of God in all the places our lives take us.  
Lord in your mercy,
- People            Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor      Bring peace to the dying and comfort to those who grieve. Grant us all a new life in your eternal presence. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud.  
Lord in your mercy,
- People            Hear our prayer.**
- Presider        Your Son lived and died as one of us that we might know the surest path to the life we were created for. Let the light of his love shine in our lives, dispelling all darkness and leading us ever forward into your glory. **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: 542 "Christ is the world's true Light"

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,  
 2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,  
 3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;  
 the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting:  
 cast out our pride and shame that hin-der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:  
 when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,  
 the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.  
 to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.  
 to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

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

All **AMEN.**

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

\* BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Presider Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

People **have mercy on us.**

Presider Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

People **have mercy on us.**

Presider Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

People **grant us peace.**

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

Presider      Let us pray.

All            Almighty and everliving God,  
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
 of the most precious Body and Blood  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
 And now, Father, send us out  
 to do the work you have given us to do,  
 to love and serve you  
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## \* THE BLESSING

## \* DISMISSAL

*Following the dismissal,*

People      Thanks be to God.

\* CLOSING HYMN: 535 "Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim"

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
 2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;  
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!  
 4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;  
 and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.  
 Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.  
 All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:  
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
 and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.  
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
 fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

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VOLUNTARY: Kleine Praeludium in E minor

Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)

Serving Today

Presider	The Rev. Canon W. James Yazell	Lector	Lenette Johnson
Preacher	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse	Eucharistic Minister	Jennifer Mason
Deacon	The Rev. Barbara Wegener	Usher	Deborah Carr, Greg Coffey
Organist	Dr. Lucas Fletcher	Altar Guild	Michelle Ritter, Jennifer Mason

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

## January 18

Arianne Fortune  
Corbin Munsell

Brian Marrs

## January 22

Stephen Carlson  
Alexander Fortune  
Phaedra Fahnestock

## January 19

Jennifer Orton

## January 20

Terri Curran  
Catherine Green  
Caroline John

## January 23

Angela Michka  
David Patt  
George Lagergren

## January 21

Cecilia Pedroza  
John Braum

## January 24

Jae McKeown

## Vestry Nominations Due TODAY

We will elect four members of the congregation to the Vestry Class of 2029 at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 25. If you are interested in being nominated or have someone you would like to nominate, please contact Dean Keyse, [akeyse@kccathedral.org](mailto:akeyse@kccathedral.org), no later than **TODAY**.



Get more information about being a Vestry member and the information form to submit at [kccathedral.org/vestry](http://kccathedral.org/vestry).

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

## Sponsor the Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are a great way to commemorate an event near a specific date, or honor/remember someone close to your heart. Donations of any amount toward the weekly flowers can be given by anyone who wants to acknowledge special events or people in their lives. See [kccathedral.org/flowers](http://kccathedral.org/flowers) for more information.

## Want to setup all of your 2026 flower reservations now?

Contact Julie Toma ([jtoma@kccathedral.org](mailto:jtoma@kccathedral.org)) to arrange the dates now; payment in advance not required.

# Valentine's Day BRUNCH



**COME ONE, COME  
ALL TO A HEARTFELT  
CELEBRATION AT THE  
HOME OF DIANE &  
DAVID BARKER IN  
BELTON, MO**

**FEBRUARY 14 | 11:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.**

We look forward to celebrating love and friendship with you!  
Everyone's invited, from the littlest tots to the young at heart.

**RSVP: [kccathedral.org/events](http://kccathedral.org/events)**

**BRING YOUR FAVORITE VALENTINE TREAT AND/OR DRINK TO SHARE.**

# This Week at GHTC

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

## Sunday, January 18

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Formation: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices
- 9:15 a.m. Label Containers at Pete's Garden
- 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
- 12:15 p.m. Label Containers at Pete's Garden
- 5 p.m. Choral Evensong

## Monday, January 19 • Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Office Closed

## Tuesday, January 20 • National Day of Racial Healing

- 9 a.m.-5 p.m. *Nave open for prayer*
- 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, January 21

- 10 a.m. Staff Gathering
- 12 p.m. Noonday Prayer\*
- 12 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

## Thursday, January 22

- 5:30 p.m. Meeting: Vestry+
- 6 p.m. Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Meeting
- 7 p.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir

## Saturday, January 24

- 10 a.m. Ordination to the Diaconate\*

## Sunday, January 25 • Annual Meeting; 10:30 service only

- 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
- 6 p.m. Youth Group

+On Zoom

\*In person and streamed on YouTube @kccathedral

# 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:** Claudia Risebig; Farzana Farzad; Donna Knoell; Fawzia Ziayee and Mohammad Yunus; Jay; Janel Mosley; Charlotte Lipari; Osha; Carolyn McGlothen; Kimberly Bacchus; Ahmed al Ahmed; Gayle Webb; Konan; Zachary Pearce; Ann Ryder; Erin Kalkbrenner; All those injured in the Shooting in Stockton, CA; Katie Rose; Gene Easter; Betty Ouverson; Mike Duloher; Bill Stancil; Gayle Melton Family; The Brunner Family; The Gooch Family; Abby Zwerner; Katie Cummings; Carolyn McGlothen; Lt. Col. Kevin Thomas; Mike O'Neill; Ellen Spake; Phineas Gitta; Mike Barzee & Family; Iris Parsons; Larry McMullen; Gloria Stocks; Jim Royer; Joyce Morrow; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; Yvonne Kehoe Meier; Jeffrey and family; Charlotte Colburn; All those fighting chronic illness; All families affected by gun violence; First Responders; All Immigrants

**Pray for the Departed:** Renee Nicole Good; Larry, Marcia and Gary Wilson; Jonathan Everett Boley; Those souls lost in the Switzerland ski resort fire; Tatiana Celia Kennedy Schlossberg; Ella Cook; Those lost in the Silver Lake Nursing Home Explosion; Joe Bacchus; Mukhammadaziz Umurzokov; Ella Cook; Those lost in the Bondi Beach Shootings; Maliyah Brown; Rev. Barbara Beam; LaGreta Gitta; Faye Brunner; Gayle Melton; those lost in war; those who have died from gun violence

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lee's Summit—The Rev. Tim Coppinger, Rector  
Education for Ministry

## Looking Ahead

- February | Paper Drive for Sheffield Place
- February 14 | Valentine's Brunch at the Barker's House, 11:30 a.m.
- February 15 | Pancake Breakfast after morning services
- February 15 | Choral Evensong, 5 p.m.
- February 16 | Office Closed: Presidents' Day
- February 17 | Shrove Tuesday Jambalaya Dinner, 6 p.m.
- February 18 | Ash Wednesday, 7 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 7 p.m.
- February 18 | Rule of Life Workshop, 5:30 p.m.
- February 25 | Lent Class, 6:30 p.m.

# Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

## Divine Calling and Invitation to Discipleship

### "Call of the Disciples" Illumination (John 1:29-42)

Today's lectionary readings address Jesus' nature and mission as revealed through John the Baptist's identification of him as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." Across these readings, themes emphasize processes of divine calling, testimony and discernment, the extension of God's salvation to include all peoples, and appropriate human responses. In the Gospel reading, God manifests his redemptive purpose through Jesus. The supporting Old Testament and Epistle texts treat diverse ways individuals and communities are called to witness and respond to this manifestation. Applying these insights, today's collect asks that God's people, "illuminated by your Word and Sacrament, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory."

An important element in today's Gospel text is the challenge of discernment that John the Baptist's testimony regarding Jesus elicited from those who responded. While some persons recognized there was something unique about Jesus, most were not yet sure what to make of him. Only gradually would those who chose to "come and see" (v. 39) grow to understand Jesus' true nature and mission.

The "Call of the Disciples" illumination portrays the crowds, the sense of purpose, and the excitement associated with following Jesus. Beyond this, the portrayal also captures the confusion many felt over what this meant. (In your view how does this depiction convey that sense of confusion?) Note that Jesus is portrayed in white, thus linking him with the angels who are hovering about, but he also blends with the people surrounding him. It is significant also that he is the same color as the lamb in the bottom right corner. The Baptist announces him as "the Lamb of God," a description found only in the Gospel of John and thereby loaded with symbolic and interpretative significance for this text. (Try to articulate what John's description says to you.)

At the bottom of the panel are the words of John the Baptist's declaration regarding Jesus: "Look, here is the Lamb of God." Upon hearing this, two disciples immediately decide to follow him and ascertain more. Their understanding of what this announcement meant likely was incomplete, but they sensed enough to recognize that their eternal wellbeing somehow resided in this person, and they acted upon that early perception.

Hidden among the mix of images in this illumination

are the Passover sacrifice, elements of the Eucharist, and a liturgical cloth (a portion of which protrudes beyond the border of the panel). (What does this suggest to you?) Note the many colors and how they are used in identifying Jesus' nature, identity, and mission in these early days of his public ministry.

Perhaps you remember the divine callings as experienced by Samuel (1 Samuel 3), Isaiah (Isaiah 6:1-8), Elisha (1 Kings 13:19-21), Paul (Acts 9:1-19) or others. How is the call to follow Jesus portrayed in John 1:35-51 different from those? Do you see any ways in which they might be similar? In what ways has your own understanding of who Jesus is grown over the years? Can you identify a few things that facilitated your growth?



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## Love in Action: Growing in Faith and Community

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. Bearing this in mind, our theme for our 2026 Stewardship campaign is *Love in Action: Growing in Faith and Community*.

Love never ends. Growth never ends. Our faith remains strong as long as we are actively loving one another. The writer of Hebrews tells us 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.



You may make your financial commitment and support our continued growth by returning your pledge card to the Cathedral by mail or in the offering plate. You may also make your commitment online through the Cathedral's website: [kccathedral.org/stewardship](http://kccathedral.org/stewardship).

Thank you for your continued care and support of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral.

## Join Us in Making a Difference: Volunteer

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.

### Sign up to be an Oblation Bearer

Oblation bearers are members of the congregation who bring forward the gifts of bread and wine that we offer to God at the Offertory. People of all ages, even young children can help with this important liturgical role. At the Cathedral, oblation bearers serve at the 10:30 a.m. service and at special services.

For more information, visit [kccathedral.org/volunteer](http://kccathedral.org/volunteer) or contact Volunteer Coordinator Joan Bergstrom at [volunteers@kccathedral.org](mailto:volunteers@kccathedral.org).



FIND YOUR PLACE TO SERVE

### Text us! (816) 310-1888

- Text **LOOP** to stay in the loop about Cathedral updates (weather closures, reminders).
- Text **GUEST** if you are new with us & want to know more.
- Text **PRAYER** to submit prayer requests.

You'll then receive a return text with a link to a form requesting your name and email. Once you've completed the form for the first time, the system will recognize you when you text again.

*Note: this number is for texts only, not voice calls.*

# 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: Today, January 11; February 15, March 1, April 5, May 3*

## Youth

Youth in grades 6-12 meet Sundays at 9:15 a.m. for Formation.

Youth Group meetings are at 6 p.m. Sundays, January 25, February 15, March 1, March 15

## Adults: Tuesdays

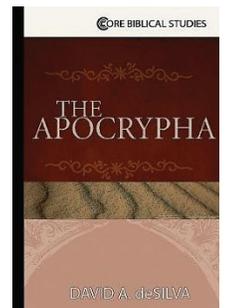
### GHTC's Virtual Cafe • 7:30 a.m. • Zoom

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](http://kccathedral.org/other-activities).

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

Conversation is lively, thought-provoking, and often irreverent. All are welcome. Visit our website, [kccathedral.org/adultformation](http://kccathedral.org/adultformation), for the Zoom link.

Women's Bible Study is studying 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.”



### 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](http://kccathedral.org/adultformation), for more details.

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# Diaper Drive

With your support, HappyBottoms, the KC metro area's diaper bank, is able to provide thousands of children each month with clean diapers.

*Sizes 4, 5, 6 needed most. Open packages accepted.*



Bring your diapers to the basket in the Tower or donate online at [kccathedral.org/outreach](http://kccathedral.org/outreach).

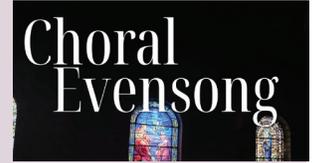
not having a clean diaper can really stink

# Upcoming Events & Announcements

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

## Today | Choral Evensong, 5 p.m.

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 The 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.



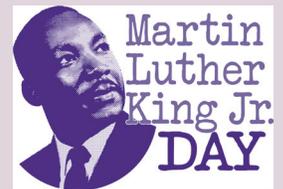
## Today | Volunteer with Pete's Garden, 9:15 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

Volunteer with fellow parishioners during coffee hour to put labels on the containers that will be used to package meals for families in need by Pete's Garden. We will label upstairs in Founders' Hall at both morning coffee hours. Please no food or drink at the labeling tables and wash your hands before helping. This is a great opportunity to help at Pete's Garden. All ages are welcome; younger children should have a parent present.



## Monday, January 19 | Office Closed: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

The Cathedral office is closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. If you have a pastoral emergency, contact Dean Andy at 256.762.5889, Father James at 816.739.2930 or Deacon Barbara at 816.739.8032.



## Tuesday, January 20 | National Day of Racial Healing

The Nave will be open for prayer from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The National Day of Racial Healing is a time to contemplate our shared values and create the blueprint together for #HowWeHeal from the effects of racism. Launched in 2017, it is an opportunity to bring ALL people together and inspire collective action to build common ground for a more just and equitable world. Prayer guides are available at the back of the Nave and on our website so you can pray from anywhere.



## Saturday, January 24 | Diocesan Ordination, 10 a.m.

On Saturday, January 24, 2026, at 10 a.m., God willing, Christopher Ryan Dodson, Richard Liantonio, Jeffery Jory Mertens, Anita Ruth Philbrick, Barbara Janette Platter, and Brandon Mason Smee will be ordained into the Sacred Order of Deacons at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City. All are invited!



## Sunday, January 25 | Annual Meeting; After the 10:30 a.m. service

We gather as a parish family to celebrate what happened at GHTC in 2025 and look ahead to 2026. We also elect new Vestry members and honor outgoing members. *There is only one service at 10:30 a.m. January 25 (no 8 a.m. or 5 p.m. services).*



## Saturday, February 14 | Valentine's Day Brunch, 11:30 a.m.

Come one, come all to a heartfelt celebration at the home of Diane & David Barker! It's a great chance to connect, meet new friends, and enjoy community joy. Everyone's invited, from the littlest tots to the young at heart. Bring your favorite Valentine treat and/or drink to share. We look forward to celebrating love and friendship with you!

