

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 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.
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### Service Notes

- During the season of Lent, we are using Rite I as a way to put us in a different mindset as we observe a holy Lent. Note that many of the responses are different than our usual Rite II. Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (\*). Page numbers listed are from red The Book of Common Prayer and hymn numbers are from *The Hymnal 1982*.
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## HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY: Jesu Kreuz, Leiden und Pein ("Suffering, pain and death of Jesus")

J.G. Walther (1684-1748)

### Penitential Order

#### \* OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Presider Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.  
People The Lord's mercy endureth forever.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Presider The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us. or Kyrie eleison.

People Christ, have mercy upon us. Christe eleison.

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us. Kyrie eleison.

# The Word of God

## \* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### First Lesson: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Lector The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 23 *read by alternating half verse*

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The Lord is my shepherd; \*

**I shall not be in want.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

**and leads me beside still waters.**

He revives my soul \*

**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*

**you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*

**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

## Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14

Lector Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!  
Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## \* THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Gospeller As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise be to thee, O 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 glory, be present as you have promised; hear our prayers and respond swiftly to the yearnings of our hearts as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.  
  
                  Awaken your church to its mission of healing and reconciliation, that it might be a beacon of hope.  
  
                  Lord in your mercy,

People            **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor    Stir the leaders of this nation to pursue justice and peace so that all who live here might live with dignity and the confidence of a better tomorrow.  
  
                  Lord in your mercy,

People            **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Arouse in us the desire to be engaged with our local communities, where all might have a chance to be discovered and nurtured.

Lord in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Stir up in us the courage to confront the challenges of a changing climate, that we might ensure a world where future generations might thrive.

Lord in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring your healing peace to all who suffer and keep us mindful of their needs, that they might know wholeness and healing. 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 We pray for the departed, for those who are dying and for all those who watch and wait with them. May light perpetual and joy unending be theirs to claim. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Presider Through your Law, your prophets and your Son, O God, you have ever sought to expand our perception and to lead us into deeper relationship with you and your creation. Keep us in your love and show us how we might continue Christ's mission of healing and reconciliation in our own lives. All this we ask through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

\* THE PEACE

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Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And with thy spirit.**

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: 149 "Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church"

*Unison or harmony*

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church  
 2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
 3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
 so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,  
 you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:  
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.  
 so we are dead and live with you in God.  
 so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Presider It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

People **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider        Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Presider        O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**All**                **have mercy upon us.**

Presider        O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**All**                **have mercy upon us.**

Presider        O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**All**                **grant us thy peace.**

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. 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.*

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

All            Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Deacon        Bow down before the Lord.

*The people kneel.*

Presider      Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* DISMISSAL

*Following the dismissal,*

People        Thanks be to God.

\* CLOSING HYMN: 671 "Amazing grace! how sweet the sound"

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 \* 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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VOLUNTARY: Cortège (Trois Improvisations)

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Serving Today

Presider	The Rev. Canon W. James Yazell
Preacher	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Deacon of the Word	The Rev. Dr. Richard Liantonio
Deacon of the Table	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Organist	Dr. Lucas Fletcher
Lector	Chuck Ritter
Eucharistic Minister	Kelsey Leftwich-Yazell
Usher	Dave Patt
Altar Guild	Michelle Ritter, Jennifer Mason

# This Week at GHTC

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

## Sunday, March 15

- 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
- 9:15 a.m. Label Containers for Pete's Garden
- 9:30 a.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist\* & Cathedral Kids
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 12:15 p.m. Label Containers for Pete's Garden
- 5 p.m. Choral Evensong
- 6 p.m. Youth Group

## Monday, March 16

- 6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

## Tuesday, March 17

- 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, March 18

- 10 a.m. Staff Gathering
- 12 p.m. Noonday Prayer\*
- 12 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
- 6:30 p.m. Class: Faithful Living, Faithful Dying
- 6:30 p.m. Rehearsal: Cathedral Bell Ringers

## Thursday, March 19

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

## Sunday, March 22

- 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\* & Cathedral Kids
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 3 p.m. Concert: Musica Vocale
- 5 p.m. Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist

+On Zoom \*In person service 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:** Brend; Heather; John Kennedy; Phil Carroll; Carmen Quintero ; Eva Silva; Heather Stone; Dan McGrath; Pat Miller; Gail E ; Nancy Guthrie; Patricia Easter; Joe Marvil; Ken, Pam and Carly Courson; Osha Badeau; Terry and Marie Clements; Dane Griffith; Shana; Ken McCandless; Marcille McCandless; Ella; Claudia Risebig; Farzana Farzad; Donna Knoell; Fawzia Ziayee and Mohammad Yunus; Jay; Janel Mosley; Charlotte Lipari; Osha; Carolyn McGlothen; Kimberly Bacchus; Ahmed al Ahmed; 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:** Kathy Manning; Jane Frances Blando; Deputy Sheriff Michael Hislope; Deputy Sheriff Gabriel Rameriz; Jill Dominick; Bob Huheey; Kevin Sweeney; Bill Stancil; Alex Pretti; Richard Sklar; 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; those lost in war; those who have died from gun violence

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** The Episcopal Diocese of Dallas—The Rt. Rev. George Sumner, Bishop

International Outreach Grant Committee

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

## March 16

John Richards

## March 19

Tom Wood  
Sara Copeland

## March 20

Ho Ahn

*Hail Bright Cecilia:  
A Purcellian Feast*

Sunday, March 29, 2026 | 3 p.m.

Celebrate the brilliance of Henry Purcell, one of England's great composers, with Musica Vocale and members of the Kansas City Baroque Consortium. This is a free concert and no tickets are required.



# Preparing Our Hearts for Easter: Fellowship & Reflection

**Friday, March 27 | 6:30 p.m. | Common Room**

All women are warmly invited to join us for an evening of fellowship and spiritual refreshment with The Order of the Daughters of the King®.

Together we will open Scripture and spend time reflecting on the Exodus account of the Israelites crossing the Red Sea, a powerful passage the Church returns to each year at the Easter Vigil. As we gather around God's Word, we'll consider questions like:

- What can we learn from this ancient story?
- Why does the Church return to it every Easter?
- How might God be speaking to our own lives through this story?

Come ready for conversation, encouragement, and time together in God's presence as we prepare our hearts for Easter.

The Order of the Daughters of the King® is a community of Christian women and girls who desire a closer walk with the Lord. Through prayer, service, and a shared Rule of Life, we encourage one another as we grow in faith and seek to know Jesus Christ and make Him known.

# Outreach

Learn more: [kccathedral.org/outreach](http://kccathedral.org/outreach)

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Help Pete's Garden

TODAY, April 19, May 17 | 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.

### The Emergency Food Assistance Program

Saturday, March 21 • 9:30 a.m.-noon

We help St. Paul's on Main organize and distribute food as part of TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program). St. Paul's receives delivery of several pallets of shelf-stable and frozen food from Harvesters each month. Friendly volunteers are needed to break down the pallets and repackage the food into family-sized boxes and bags. Then we open the doors to those in need and start handing out the food. To volunteer or for more information, contact Deacon Barbara 816.739.8032 or [bwegener@kccathedral.org](mailto:bwegener@kccathedral.org).

## Donations

# MARCH FOOD DRIVE

We are collecting non-perishable food for the food pantry at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church.

#### Suggested items to bring:

- ready meals (canned chili, spaghetti-o's, shelf-stable meals, soup)
- canned or dried fruit
- 100% fruit juice
- canned vegetables (not corn or green beans)
- canned meat (not tuna)
- gluten-free starches
- baking staples
- shelf-stable milk (quart-sized UHT boxes, dairy or plant-based)
- shelf-stable vegetarian meals.

**BRING FOOD DONATIONS TO THE BASKET IN THE TOWER.**



## For Pete's Sake

FRIDAY APRIL 10, 2026 | 6-8P

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FOUNDERS' HALL  
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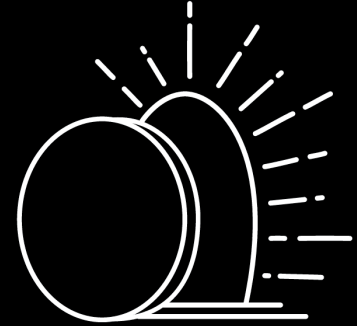
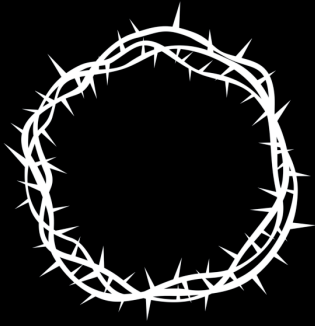
Buy tickets at [kccathedral.org/events](http://kccathedral.org/events)

Join us for live music, delicious bites, drinks, and tours of the kitchen. Your support helps us get more meals on family dinner tables.



- 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.



## A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN SEVEN DAYS

*We invite you to experience the journey to the Resurrection at the Cathedral.  
Our Holy Week services remember the last days of Jesus' life,  
culminating in his crucifixion and resurrection on Easter Sunday.*

### **Palm Sunday, March 29 | 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5 p.m.**

We recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with the blessing of palms and a procession, followed by the story of Christ's Passion and death. The 10:30 service begins with a procession through the courtyard.

### **Monday in Holy Week, March 30 | 12:05 p.m.**

Holy Eucharist

### **Tuesday in Holy Week, March 31 | 11 a.m.**

This Holy Eucharist features the renewal of baptismal and ordination vows, and the blessing of Holy Oils.

### **Wednesday in Holy Week, April 1 | 12:05 p.m.**

Holy Eucharist

### **Maundy Thursday, April 2 | 7 p.m.**

We remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples, which was the first Eucharist. We remember Christ's eternal promise to sustain his followers in a sacred meal, and we wash each other's feet as a sign of service and love. We witness the stripping of the altar.

### **Good Friday, April 3 | 9 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.**

9 a.m.: We remember Jesus' death with the Good Friday Liturgy and communion from the Reserved Sacrament on the Altar of Repose.

12:05 p.m.: This service includes the chanting of the Passion, choral and instrumental music, customary prayers and veneration of the cross of Christ.

### **Holy Saturday, April 4 | 9 a.m.**

A brief and simple liturgy recalls the mournful desolation of the lifeless Christ in the tomb.

### **Easter Vigil, April 4 | 7 p.m.**

Together, we reflect anew on the loving actions of God as recounted in the Easter Vigil readings. Together, we will walk through the depths of salvation history into the fullness of redemption. The service begins by lighting the new fire. We will witness the confirmation, reception and reaffirmation of persons in the Cathedral congregation. We then proclaim with joy "Alleluia. Christ is risen" and celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter. We will continue the celebration at a reception following the service.

### **Easter Day, April 5 | 8 & 10:30 a.m.**

We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus at each of our identical Easter morning celebrations. Both services include hymns, choral music, brass and a Cathedral resplendent with flowers. We will continue the celebration at a reception following each service. Following the 10:30 a.m. service, all children are invited for our annual Easter Day egg hunt.

#### **Additional Parking**

You can use the garage with entry on 13th Street for free. The barcode should be scanned upon entry and exit from the garage.

Get the barcode at [kccathedral.org/directions](http://kccathedral.org/directions).

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# Flowers for Easter

Your generous gifts, in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one, help provide beauty for our Easter celebrations.

Make your Easter flower donations by Sunday, March 29, for your name to be included in the Easter bulletins.



[onrealm.org/GraceHolyTrinit/give/flowers](https://onrealm.org/GraceHolyTrinit/give/flowers)

A string of colorful, wrapped candies hanging across the top of the section.

## EGG HUNT CANDY DONATIONS

**Bring your donations of candy (individually wrapped, in small packages) to the basket in the Tower by March 22.**



# 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: 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, March 15, April 12 & 26, May 10 & 24

## Adults: Tuesdays

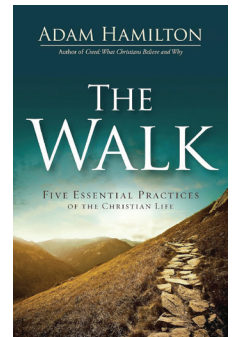
### GHTC's Virtual Cafe • 7:30 a.m. • Zoom

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.

This Lent, we will be using *The Walk* by Adam Hamilton to guide our discussions. How do we walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? In the Gospels, Jesus modeled for us the Christian spiritual life. The apostles taught it in their writings. And the Church has, through the last 2,000 years, sought to pursue this Christian spiritual life.



In *The Walk*, Adam Hamilton focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is intended as part of our daily walk with Christ while also being an essential part of growing together in the church.

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

## Receiving Spiritual Sight

### "Psalms Frontispiece" Illumination (Focus on Psalm 23)

Today has traditionally been called LAETARE Sunday (Rejoicing or Refreshing Sunday) and functions as a respite on the Lenten journey. This day often has been marked by liturgical use of the rose color and a temporary relaxation of some of the Lenten rigor.

Today's lectionary texts emphasize themes of spiritual sight, divine guidance, and moving from darkness to light. The Gospel reading on the healing of a blind man highlights Jesus as the Light of the World and reveals spiritual, not physical, blindness as being humanity's true affliction. Contrast is drawn between the Pharisees' self-righteous "blindness" and the blind man's illuminating faith. Psalm 23 assures us that even in the "shadow (darkness) of death" the Good Shepherd provides comfort and everything we need for our eternal wellbeing. The Epistle reading instructs us that persons enlightened by Christ should reflect that light through a life of "goodness, righteousness, and truth" that exposes the "fruitless works of darkness." The Old Testament reading narrates David's anointing, emphasizing that God values the inner character above external appearances. The central focus of these readings encourages us to view life through faith rather than by the usual external standards of human judgment.

Because the Book of Psalms approaches illumination somewhat differently from the rest of Saint John's Bible, it generally doesn't receive as much attention for its artwork as do many of the other volumes. Today's lectionary use of Psalm 23 offers an opportunity to rectify this neglect somewhat. The principal illumination in this volume is the two-page frontispiece. Here the five books that constitute Psalms are portrayed as five open

scrolls arranged in the form of a menorah. This has special significance for today's reading since the light of the menorah was (and is) a powerful symbol of God's light and holiness at work in our dark and often threatening world. To the people of God, it is a reminder that we are called to be his "Light to the nations."

Saint John's Bible makes frequent use of the menorah to symbolize seeing, enlightenment, and saving insight. To see like God sees requires a radical reorientation of one's perspective. As 1 Samuel 16 teaches, "People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." In the Gospel reading, a crowd of spectators sees the same thing, but individual people draw different conclusions based on the perspective from which each interprets what they see. Psalm 23 reminds us that even death can be either a dreaded terror or a place of comfort and grace depending upon the "eyes" through which it is seen.

In John 9:5, Jesus identifies himself as "the light of the world." Note how each of today's lectionary readings challenges us to think differently about how we see things. Jesus says that it is by acknowledging our blindness that we become open to seeing the true light. What insight does this suggest to you? The Lenten journey toward the "light" of Easter begins when we acknowledge our darkness, find God's peace to heal our shortcomings, and gain new vision through the light found in Christ.



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# Upcoming Events

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

## FAITHFUL LIVING, FAITHFUL DYING

### Preparing in the light of Christ

Learn about the theology of death and resurrection in the Anglican tradition and the importance of being prepared. Information will be provided on funeral planning, end of life care, and planned giving.

Schedule 

February 25: Theology of the Funeral Rite  
March 4: Music for the Funeral Rite  
March 11: Funeral Planning Workshop  
March 18: End of Life Care and Advanced Directives  
March 25: The Ultimate Gift: Christian Witness at Death

ALL ARE WELCOME

Wednesdays, February 25-March 25

6:30-7:45 p.m.

Common Room



MARCH 15 • APRIL 19 • MAY 17

## Choral Evensong

music, prayer, scripture

# PALM CROSS MAKING

Sunday, March 22  
9 & 11:45 a.m. • Founders' Hall

During coffee hour, we invite you to make crosses out of palm leaves for distribution on Palm Sunday.

Please bring your scissors. Someone will help if you've never made palm crosses before!

### Dinner & Book Discussion

Friday, March 20 | 6 p.m. | Common Room

Our Social Events Committee invites you for a book study and dinner on March 20. The book *Being Dead Is No Excuse: The Official Southern Ladies Guide to Hosting the Perfect Funeral* by Gayden Metcalfe and Charlotte Hays will be our guide for the night. It is a humorous look at Southern funeral customs, etiquette, and recipes. Our dinner will consist of recipes made from the book. Start reading today to discover your favorite recipes. **Sign up today on our website.** Books are available for purchase in the Cathedral Bookstore.

You're Invited!

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An Evening of Fun Dining & Good Company

Friday, March 20 • 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 | 9 A.M. | FOUNDERS' HALL

## EASTER BASKET PACKING

Pack Easter baskets for children in residential facilities and transitional housing.

