

# GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



The Great Vigil of Easter  
April 4, 2026 • 7 p.m.

## Welcome to Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral!

I am very glad that you have chosen to join us today to shout Easter Alleluias from all around the greater Kansas City area, the nation, or wherever you may be! We are gathered together both digitally and in-person to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Light has overcome the darkness, love has overcome fear, and our doors stand open to welcome you to our Cathedral. Christ is risen, Easter is here! May you continue to be blessed in this Holy Season. Alleluia!

Dean Amy

**ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!  
THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

### Welcome!

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. Use the QR code to sign up for email news about special events, worship and ways to connect with our community.



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### Service Notes

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*.

### Children

Children are welcome in all our services and activities for them are available on a shelf in the back aisle. The Common Room is available during this service as a nursing & family room; the service is streamed in the room. The nursery in Haden Hall is open for this service. *To get to Haden Hall:* From the Tower entry, go up the stairs and straight ahead to the adjoining building. Follow signs or ask an usher for directions.

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### Following the Service

Please join us for a festive reception in Founders' Hall.

**Easter**  
OFFERING

Fifty percent of the Easter offering will be donated to the Food Pantry at St. Paul's. For over 40 years, the St. Paul's Food Pantry has been a vital resource for our community. Today, they distribute free groceries to anyone in need—no questions asked. The remainder of the offering is used for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral. Please consider making a generous and sacrificial gift for these ministries.

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Place in the **offering plate**.

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# THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

## THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

### \* THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

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*In the darkness, fire is kindled.*

**Presider** Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People** Amen.

*The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire. The candle is processed while the following is sung three times.*

**Deacon** The light of Christ.

**People** Thanks be to God.

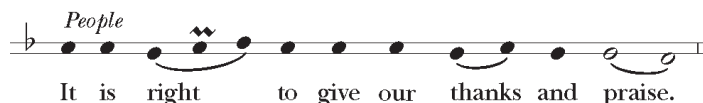
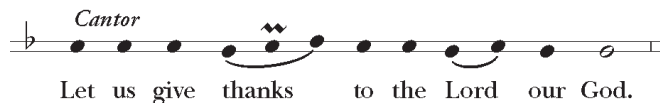
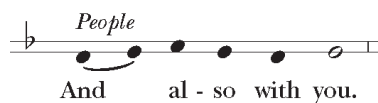
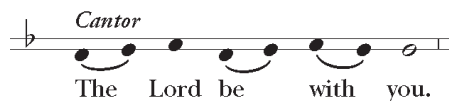
*The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. Then the Cantor, standing near the Paschal Candle, sings the Exsultet.*

**Cantor** Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Cantor

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

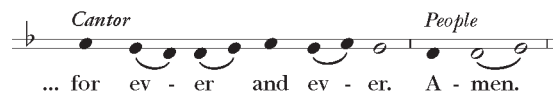
This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave. How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns



*It is customary that the Paschal Candle continue to burn at all services from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost.*

# THE SERVICE OF LESSONS

Presider      Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

## THE STORY OF CREATION: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The Word to the Lord.

**People**

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 *sung by the choir, chant by Thomas Norris*

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Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.  
Give thanks to the God of gods, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.  
Give thanks to the Lord of lords, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.  
Who only does great wonders, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
Who by wisdom made the heavens, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
Who spread out the earth upon the waters, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
Who created great lights, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
The sun to rule the day, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
The moon and the stars to govern the night, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.  
Who remembered us in our low estate, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
And delivered us from our enemies, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
Who gives food to all creatures, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.  
Give thanks to the God of heaven, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.

**Collect**

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**Presider**

Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature:  
Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People**

**Amen.**

## ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA: Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Lector

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians?' For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

"Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.  
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.  
This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.  
The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.  
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.  
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.  
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.  
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?  
You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.  
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.  
You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,  
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.  
The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.

## Collect

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Presider

Let us pray.

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

## A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT: Ezekiel 36:24-28

Lector

Say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

As the deer longs for the water-brooks, \*  
 so longs my soul for you, O God.  
 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; \*  
 when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?  
 My tears have been my food day and night, \*  
 while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"  
 I pour out my soul when I think on these things; \*  
 how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,  
 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, \*  
 among those who keep holy-day.  
 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
 and why are you so disquieted within me?  
 Put your trust in God; \*  
 for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.  
 My soul is heavy within me; \*  
 therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,  
 and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.  
 One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; \*  
 all your rapids and floods have gone over me.  
 The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; \*  
 in the night season his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.  
 I will say to the God of my strength, "Why have you forgotten me? \*  
 and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?"  
 While my bones are being broken, \*  
 my enemies mock me to my face;  
 All day long they mock me \*  
 and say to me, "Where now is your God?"  
 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
 and why are you so disquieted within me?  
 Put your trust in God; \*  
 for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.  
 Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; \*  
 deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.  
 For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me from you? \*  
 and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?  
 Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, \*  
 and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling;  
 That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; \*  
 and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.  
 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
 and why are you so disquieted within me?  
 Put your trust in God; \*  
 for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

**Collect**

Presider

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

## THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 143 *sung by the choir; chant by Paul C. Edwards*

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LORD, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; \*  
answer me in your righteousness.

Enter not into judgment with your servant, \*  
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

For my enemy has sought my life; he has crushed me to the ground; \*  
he has made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.

My spirit faints within me; \*  
my heart within me is desolate.

I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds; \*  
I consider the works of your hands.

I spread out my hands to you; \*  
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.

O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; \*  
do not hide your face from me or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.

Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you; \*  
show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD, \*  
for I flee to you for refuge.

Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; \*  
let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

Revive me, O LORD, for your Name's sake; \*  
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

Of your goodness, destroy my enemies and bring all my foes to naught, \*  
for truly I am your servant.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

## THE HOMILY

## CHRISTIAN INITIATION AND CONFIRMATION

*The Presider may first address the people in these or similar words.*

Presider Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

**Candidates for Confirmation:** Christopher Dean Bridgforth, Nick Ryan Flowers, Victoria Brianna Dalton

**Candidates for Reception:** Ethan Garcia Evans, Patrick Joseph Jacquinot, Dr. Robert Edward Johnson

**Candidate for Reaffirmation:** Burma Sue Cenovich

## PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

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Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present *these persons* for Confirmation.

I present *these persons* to be received into this Communion.

I present *this person* who desires to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## \* BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
**People I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
**People I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
**People I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
**People I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
**People I will, with God's help.**

\* THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

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Presider Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.  
**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.  
**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

*A period of silence follows the prayer.*

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**People Amen.**

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Bishop We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may be affirmed and strengthened in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

## Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation

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*Each Candidate comes before the Bishop for the laying on of hands.*

Bishop Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The assembly is sprinkled with the water as a reminder of baptism.*

# HOLY EUCHARIST

EASTER ACCLAMATION *The greeting is exchanged three times.*

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Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

\* SONG OF PRAISE: S278 "Glory to God" *Gloria in excelsis*

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4, you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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# The Word of God

## THE COLLECT

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

Lesson: Romans 6:3-11

Lector Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 114 *sung by the choir; chant by George Mursell Garrett*

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Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,  
Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.  
The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.  
The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.  
What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned back?  
You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
you little hills like young sheep?  
Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,  
Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

\* GOSPEL HYMN: 174 "At the Lamb's high feast we sing"

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
 2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;  
 3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;  
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;  
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
 thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light;  
 From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,  
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;  
 now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;  
 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.  
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.  
 thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.  
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

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Intercessor We give thanks for the lives of those who have already entered into your glory, and we ask that we too may one day arise in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider Most gracious God, in Christ your love was made manifest in our world. Embolden us to courageously continue his ministry and to face without fear wherever love might take us, confident in Christ's promise to stand with us and walk with us always. **Amen.**

\* THE PEACE

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Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

## The Holy Communion

*We invite you to donate to the Easter Offering today. Fifty percent of the Easter offering will be donated to the Food Pantry at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Thank you for your generosity.*

### Ways to Give

- Give online with the QR code (or use the GIVE button on the Cathedral website).
- Place in the offering plate.
- Text "GIVEtoGHTEC Easter" or "GIVEtoGHTEC" to 73256.
- Tap to give using the display in the Tower entrance. Instructions for use are next to the machine.



### OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Now the green blade riseth"

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)  
text: J.M.C. Crum

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,  
Thinking that never he would awake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
He that for three days in the grave had lain;  
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Thy touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

PRESENTATION HYMN: 184 "Christ the Lord is risen again!" *verse 1*



I Christ the Lord is risen a - gain! Christ has bro - ken ev - ery chain!



Now through all the world it rings that the Lamb is King of kings.

*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia!



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, our Pas - chal Lamb in - deed,



Christ, to - day your peo - ple feed. Al - le - lu - ia!

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\* 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.**

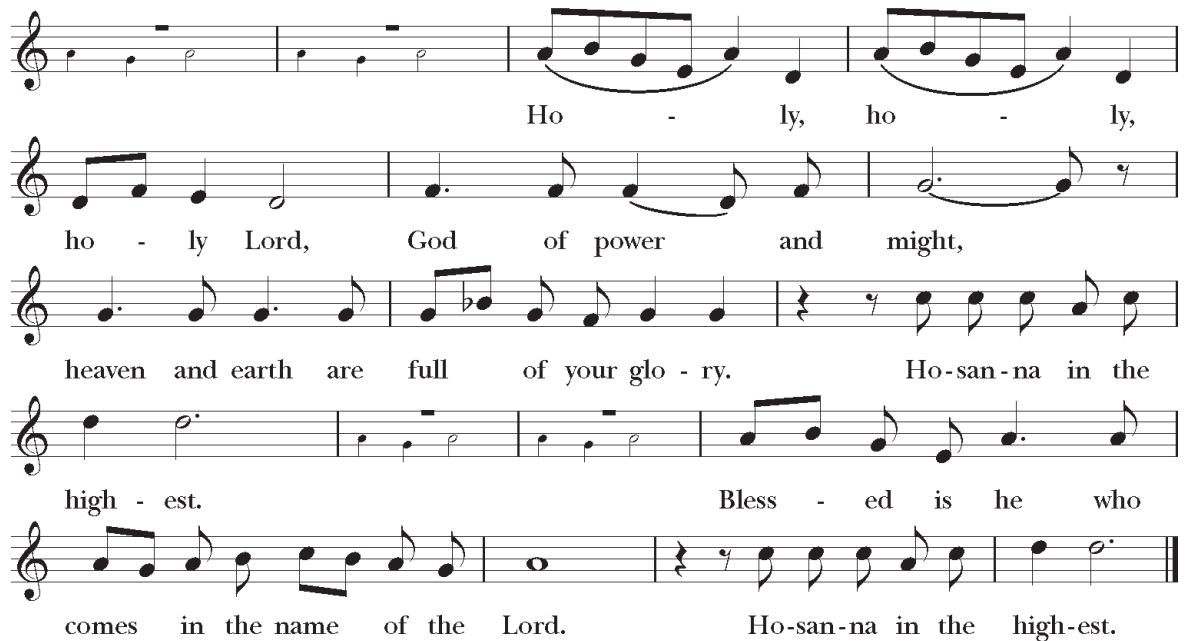
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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

S128: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*



Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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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.**

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

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o -  
 - ver has been sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us  
 keep the feast, Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

*f*  
*poco rit.*

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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.  
 Intinction of wafers is offered, if desired. For gluten-free bread, cross your hands palms down.  
 For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.*

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

– From *The Prayer Book for the Armed Services*

COMMUNION HYMN: 201 "On earth has dawned"

1 On earth has dawned this day of days, where - on the  
 2 At ear - ly morn, with spi - ces rare, the wo - men  
 3 "Whom seek ye here?" the an - gel said; "The Lord is  
 4 So let our songs to hea - ven wing, the vault with  
 faith - ful give God praise! For Christ is ris - en from the tomb,  
 three as - sem - bled there, all to a - noint fair Ma - ry's Son,  
 ris - en from the dead; see where he lay; let joy be - gin,  
 al - le - lu - ias ring, in praise of Christ, our ris - en Lord;  
 and light and joy have con - quered doom. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who o - ver death had vic - tory won. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 the tomb is emp - ty: en - ter in!" Al - le - lu - ia!  
 new life to all he doth af - ford. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Nikolaus Hermann (1480?-1561); tr. Charles Sanford Terry (1864-1936), alt. Music: *Erschienen ist der herrlich Tag*, melody Nikolaus Hermann (1480?-1561); harm. *Hymnal* 1982. Copyright: Words: Used by permission of Oxford University Press. All Rights Reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-710278.

\* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Presider Let us pray.  
 People 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.

EASTER BLESSING

Presider May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and claimed us as children through the resurrection of Christ our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of blessings. Amen.  
 May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. Amen.  
 May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. Amen.  
 And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

\* DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
 People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

HYMN: 205 "Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!"

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the  
 \*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -  
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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VOLUNTARY: Toccata from 12 Pièces pour orgue

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

*Please join us for a festive reception in Founders' Hall.*

**THANK YOU!**

A resounding thank you goes out to all the volunteers who helped make Holy Week and Easter services at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral a success.  
 We could not do it without you!



## Serving Today

Presider & Preacher	The Rt. Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux, Ninth Bishop of West Missouri
Assisting	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, The Rev. Canon W. James Yazell, The Rev. Clare Stern-Burbano
Deacon of the Word	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Deacon of the Table	The Rev. Dr. Richard Liantonio
Verger	Glen Wesner
Musicians	The Trinity Choir; Dr. Kelli Van Meter, conductor; Dr. Lucas Fletcher
Lectors	Bob Johnson, LeeAnne Hays, Jonathan Sternberg, Julie Brogno
Intercessor	Cliff Dubroc
Eucharistic Ministers	Steve King, Bob Johnson
Acolytes	Curtis Hamilton, Kahn McKeown, Kelsey Leftwich-Yazell, Chris Bridgforth
Ushers	Colin Chambers, John Braum, Nigel Jones, Steve Moore
Altar Guild	Leticia Porter, Candy McDowell, Joan Bergstrom
Sound/Video	Leticia Porter, Chris Morrison

## The Easter Celebrations Continue

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/easter](http://kccathedral.org/easter).

## Special Holy Week & Easter Offerings

For more info: [kccathedral.org/easter](http://kccathedral.org/easter)



A red graphic for the Good Friday Offering. It features a white shield with a cross and a red cross with smaller crosses on its arms. The text reads: "GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING" in large white letters, "CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF GIFTS. REJOICING IN 2000 YEARS OF GOOD NEWS." in smaller white letters, and a QR code in the bottom right corner.

For more than a century, Episcopalians have given generously to the Good Friday Offering. While we pray and work for peace, our siblings in the Holy Land will continue to serve God's people with hospitals, schools, orphanages, and humanitarian aid programs. These ministries serve people of all faiths without distinction, bearing witness to the power of hope and healing across divides. Together, we can support the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East as it turns despair into hope for God's people in the land where our faith was born.

Mark donations "Good Friday" OR give online using the GIVE button on the Cathedral website (choose "Good Friday" from the Fund menu).

## Easter OFFERING

Fifty percent of the Easter offering will be donated to the Food Pantry at St. Paul's. For over 40 years, the St. Paul's Food Pantry has been a vital resource for our community. Today, they distribute free groceries to anyone in need—no questions asked. The remainder of the offering is used for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral. Please consider making a generous and sacrificial gift for these ministries.

### Ways to Give

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- Place in the offering plate.
- Text "GIVetoGHTC Easter" to 73256.





*Easter flowers are  
given to the glory  
of God and ...*

- in thanksgiving for the Mattson Family; the Sander Family and in memory of Eric Cenovich by Burma Cenovich
- in thanksgiving for our children Siras and Mary-Mullis by Beth and Andy Keyse
- in memory of Ron McLeroy by Carolyn McLeroy
- in memory of Angie Brown and Patsy Bridgforth by Chris Bridgforth & Nick Flowers
- in memory of Sue King by Dave King
- in thanksgiving for our family by Day & Whitney Kerr
- in thanksgiving for the Cathedral Staff: Julie, Steve B., James, Clare, Holly, Joan, Barbara, Richard, Lucas, Angie, Bianca, Brian, Farzana, Donae, Elias and John by Dean Andy
- in thanksgiving for Luke & Hannah Woolley and Emma & Ashby Lane by Pat & Kay Woolley
- in thanksgiving for our family by Patti Ryder
- in celebration and loving memory of our families by Ric & Janet Sweeting
- in memory of Lillian and John Knoell, Marie Knoell, Ethel B Woodley, and Florence and Merritt Royer, with joyful celebration of the Resurrection, and in thanksgiving for our many blessings by Donna Knoell and Jim Royer
- in thanksgiving for our grandchildren, Ryan & Brodie and in memory of Col. and Mrs. John M. Brooks by Dr. John & Denise Nelson
- by Eric Elisabeth & Julie Brogno
- in memory of Willie Joe Finnie Jr. by Jackye Finnie
- in gratitude for my children by Joan Bergstrom
- in memory of Mildred & James Kemper, Bettie & Royce Smith and Laura Kemper Fields by Jonathan & Nancy Lee Kemper, and family
- in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Keyse, Mr. and Mrs. Siras A. Stocks, Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Grauer, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Johnson, Dr. S. Allan Stocks by Beth and Andy Keyse
- in memory of Catherine & Miller Nichols by Kay & John Callison
- in thanksgiving for the life and ministry of the Rev. Melissa Kean by Kelsey and James Yazell
- in thanksgiving for our mother Ermiten Weekes, who will be 104 years old June 2 by Lill M. Weekes & Bruce T. Weekes
- by Mary Martin
- in thanksgiving for our Gaboriau & Thomas children and grandchildren and in memory of Lloyd Liming, Charles & Mary Thomas by Michael & Cathy Thomas
- in thanksgiving for Barb
- in thanksgiving for Melanie Boyd and in memory of Reginald & Fleeda Franklin by Muriel Boyd
- in memory of my parents, Robin & Ann Jones by Nigel R. Jones
- in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren and in memory of our parents by Paget & Tom Higgins
- in memory of Robert Hudson by Sharon Hudson
- in memory of Taloyre Mahoney by Tom Mahoney
- in memory of John M. Brown
- in memory of our parents and in thanksgiving for our family and friends by Kristy & Steve Moore
- in thanksgiving for our parents' guidance of "faith and integrity"; in memory of Howard & Ruby Weaver and Gordon & Thelma Wesner and in memory of our siblings: Robert & Sara Weaver, Dale, Joan & Randy Wesner by Terri Weaver Wesner & Glen Wesner

# This Week at GHTC

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

## Sunday, April 5 • Easter Day

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 9 a.m. Breakfast & Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist\* (Family Worship)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour & Easter Egg Hunt

## Monday, April 6 • Easter Monday, Office Closed

- 6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

## Tuesday, April 7

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

## Wednesday, April 8

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

## Thursday, April 9

- 11:30 a.m. Crossroads Academy: *Beauty and the Beast*
- 6 p.m. Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Meeting
- 7 p.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir

## Friday, April 10

- 6 p.m. For Pete's Sake Fundraiser for Pete's Garden

## Saturday, April 11

- 2:30 p.m. Concert: Re:Sound presents *Unraveling*

## Sunday, April 12

- 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
- 5 p.m. Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist
- 6 p.m. Youth Group

+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:** Hanah Kizer; Eva Blanco; Shandell Debroc; Norbert King; Brend; Heather; John Kennedy; Phil Carroll; Carmen Quintero; Eva Silva; Gail E; Heather Stone; Dan McGrath; Pat Miller; 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; Farzana Farzad; Donna Knoell; Charlotte Colburn; Gloria Stocks; Iris Parsons; Jeffrey and family; Jim Royer; Joyce Morrow; Larry McMullen; Mike Barzee & Family; Phineas Gitta; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; Yvonne Kehoe Meier; All those fighting chronic illness; All families affected by gun violence; First Responders; All Immigrants;

**Pray for the Departed:** Military members killed in action; Lt Col Brandon Shah; 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; those lost in war; those who have died from gun violence

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** Christ Episcopal Church, St. Joseph—Mrs. Cosette Hardwick, Senior Warden

Liturgy & Worship Commission

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

## April 6

Aubrey Nichols

## April 11

Mona Gauer

Leticia Porter

# Cathedral Office Closed

## Monday, April 6 & Thursday, April 16

The Cathedral office is closed Monday, April 6 for Easter Monday and Thursday, April 16 for a staff retreat.

If you have a pastoral emergency, contact a clergy member on their cell phone.

# Outreach

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

## Donations for our Partners

April

# TOILETRY DRIVE

Body Wash  
Hand/Body Lotion  
Shampoo & Conditioner  
Deodorant

• Regular size items  
requested •



Bring your donations for the  
Jewish Family Services pantry  
to the basket in the Tower.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Help Pete's Garden

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, April 18 • 8 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).

## Donate Onesies for



## Maison de Naissance

During May, we collect Onesies for  
Maison de Naissance, a modern maternal  
health center supporting healthy mothers  
and healthy babies in Haiti.

- The best sizes are Newborn to 6 months. •
- Short sleeves only PLEASE. It gets HOT in Haiti. •

# TEXT US!

TEXT US AT  
(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.

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

## Moving from Fear to Empowerment "The Resurrection" Illumination (John 20:1-18)

Today we celebrate Christ's victory over death and hopelessness. But, as today's lectionary texts reveal, coming to terms with Christ's resurrection was no easier for his first-century followers than it is for many today. After the crucifixion, even Jesus' closest friends were traumatized by fear, confusion, ignorance, and disbelief. Women bearing spices and perfumes went out expecting to anoint a corpse, not witness a resurrection. Mary Magdalene thought someone had stolen Jesus' body, not that he was raised from the dead as he had said he would be. The disciples did not believe the women's reports after they had encountered the resurrected Jesus. Their responses were very similar to those of multitudes today - doubt, disbelief, and denial.

But, as we continue the readings, we notice something happening -- the confusion, disbelief, and doubts gradually give way to bold conviction. And this is the story of Easter, both then and now. It is the story of a new beginning, of triumph over death, of life everlasting, of moving from fear to empowerment, of moving from despair to hope. The story is not simply about an historical event, but about a living reality that changes the way believers live in the world.

Today's focal illumination presents a visualization of this resurrection message. Observe how the perspective is reversed from the traditional arrangement. Here Mary Magdalene is the most detailed figure in this portrayal and much of the impact of what is happening is conveyed in her face. Jesus faces away from the viewers meaning we are not direct witnesses of his glory but must contemplate

him from past, present, and future events. Mary's red face, however, reflects the glory she sees in Jesus' face. We hereby recognize our dependence on the witness of other messengers of the resurrection to help comprehend our own experiences of spiritual encounter with the living Christ.

In this portrayal, Jesus is clothed as he was in "The Transfiguration" illumination (Mark 9:2-8) but this time with shades of purple indicating his royalty. In the background are other reminders of pivotal events leading to this moment: the same tree appears in the "Road to Emmaus" illumination (Luke 24a: 13-35), the tomb guarded by two angels in white (Luke 24:4), the three crosses of Golgotha, and the stamped patterns from the carpet page at the end of each gospel. The same stamped patterns are highlighted in the incipit letters of each chapter in the Letters and Revelation volume, visually connecting the resurrection to the beginnings of the Christian community.

Mary's posture in relation to Jesus provides the illumination's focal feature conveying an end and a beginning. Her extended hand reaching to touch Jesus' face is translucent. She wishes to hold on to the Jesus she had known on earth, but he instructs her to embrace the fullness of his resurrected life instead. Following this, the book of Acts begins narration of the new story.

How does the resurrection end the story of Jesus' ministry and mission? How does that ending become the beginning of God's "new thing" (Isaiah 43:19) In what way has this impacted your life during this Holy Week? What new hope does this give you going forward?

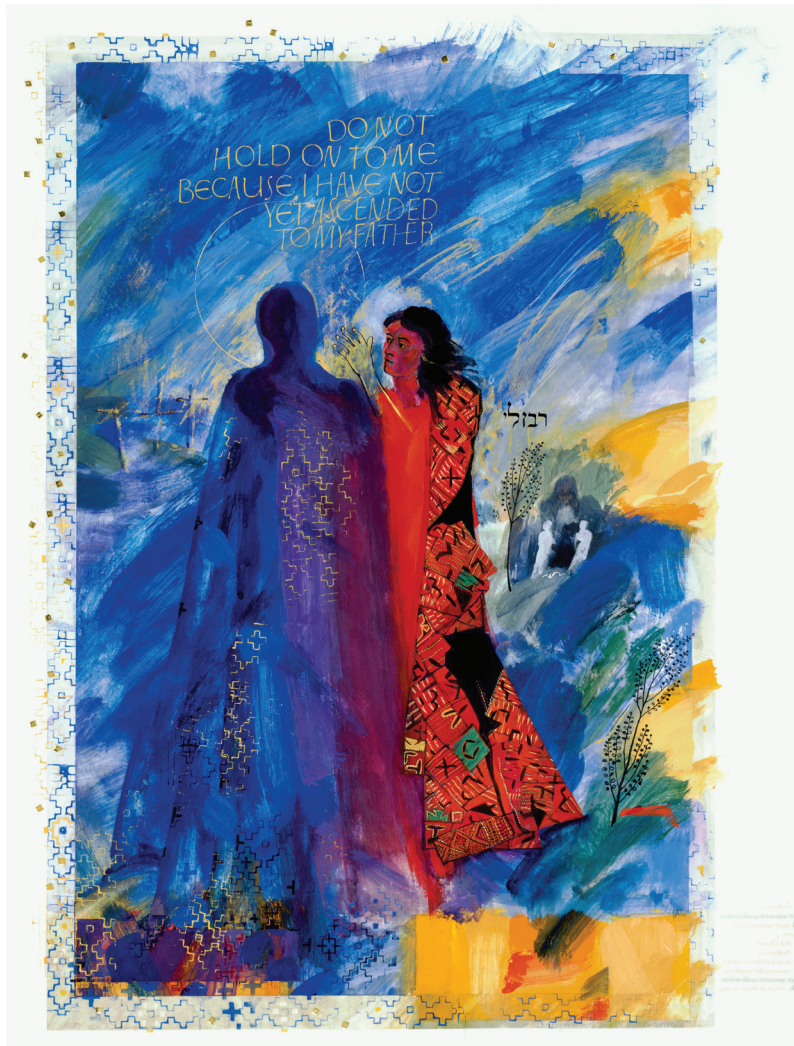


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# Formation for All Ages

## 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: May 3, June 14, July 5, August 2*

## Youth

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

Youth Group meetings are at 6 p.m. Sundays, April 12 & 26, May 10 & 24

### Diocesan Youth Events: Registration links at [kccathedral.org/youth](http://kccathedral.org/youth)

#### Junior High Retreat: April 17-19

Youth are invited to try out real worship roles, such as acolyte, lector, usher, and learn why we serve the way we do in church (with some fun mixed into the weekend!)

#### Episcopal Summer Mega Camp:

May 31-June 6

Ready for a week full of fun activities, meaningful connections, and worship? Then sign up for Episcopal Summer Mega Camp; a week-long summer experience for 3rd-12th graders.

#### Missionpalooza 2026: July 21-26

This gathering is all about rolling up our sleeves, putting our faith into motion, and discovering just how much good we can do together. During the week we will spread out across the greater Kansas City area, offering our hands, hearts, and laughter to the places that need us most.

## 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).

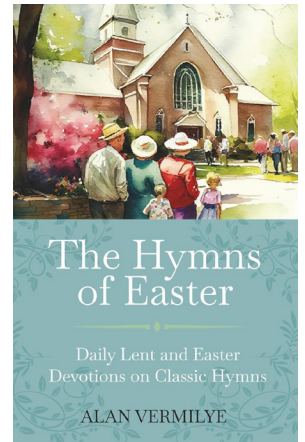
### Women's Bible Study • 12:30 p.m. • Zoom

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.

On April 7 WBS will begin an Easter devotional, *The Hymns of Easter* by Alan Vermilye.

*The Hymns of Easter* is a devotional inspired by some of history's most cherished Easter hymns.

Experience a fresh perspective on the hymns you've sung your whole life now set to personal reflections in this 40-day devotional journey. Each week, you begin by reading the history of the hymn, followed by daily readings that reflect on a verse from the hymn along with Scripture and a devotion.



### 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.

## Make 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. 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).

### Immediate Ways to Get Involved

- **Holy Hands 1st Sunday & 5th Sunday:** We have no one on these teams to provide coffee hour treats.
- **Ushers** for 10:30 & special services
- **Acolytes** for 10:30 & special services
- **Lectors** for 8 a.m. & 5 p.m. services
- **Oblation Bearers** at 10:30 services

## Sponsor the Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are a great way to beautify the sanctuary and remind your fellow worshipers of the new life that Jesus brings. They are also a great way to commemorate an event near a specific date, or honor/remember someone close to your heart.

Donations toward the weekly flowers can be given by anyone and are accepted in any amount. You can mail a check to the Cathedral office, put your donation in the offering or make a payment through our online payment site.

For more information: [kccathedral.org/flowers](http://kccathedral.org/flowers) or contact Julie Toma, [jtoma@kccathedral.org](mailto:jtoma@kccathedral.org).



## TAKE ACTION FOR COMMON SENSE GUN LAWS

### MOMS DEMAND ACTION

**2026 ADVOCACY DAY  
TUESDAY, APRIL 7  
MISSOURI STATE CAPITOL**

**INFO AND RSVP AT  
DIOCESEMO.ORG/MINISTRIES/  
SELECT GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION**

Missouri  
Christian

[www.MOChristian.org](http://www.MOChristian.org)



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DEMAND  
ACTION**  
FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA

# DON'T MISS A THING



**SUBSCRIBE TO OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**



# Upcoming Music Events

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



Re:Sound  
presents  
*Unraveling*

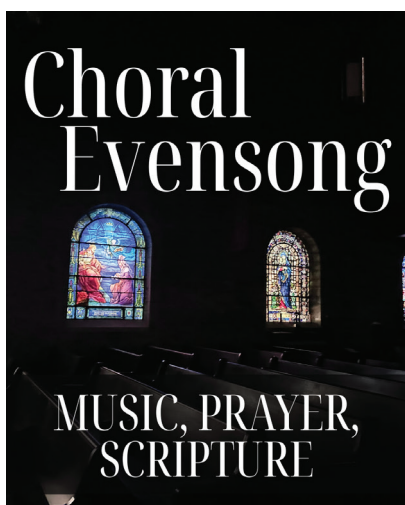
Saturday, April 11  
2:30 p.m.

Join as Re:Sound presents *Unraveling*, a powerful documentary concert drama exploring the story of Maurice Ravel, artist Anne Adams, and the neurological condition primary progressive aphasia. Through choral music and live narration, this moving performance weaves together music, art, and neuroscience in a deeply human story of creativity and loss.

Members of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral are invited to receive **30% off** tickets using code TRINITY.

Tickets:

[resoundensembles.org/event-details/unraveling-1](http://resoundensembles.org/event-details/unraveling-1)



## Choral Evensong

Sunday, April 19 | 5 p.m.

Sunday, May 17 | 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. The Trinity Choir sings 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.

**Cathedral Staff:** The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, *Dean*; The Rev. Canon W. James Yazell, *Canon for Adult Formation*; The Rev. Clare Stern-Burbano, *Associate for Children, Youth & College*; The Rev. Barbara Wegener, *Deacon*; The Rev. Dr. Richard Liantonio, *Deacon*; Dr. Lucas Fletcher, *Director of Music*; Julie Toma, *Cathedral Administrator*; Holly Campbell, *Events Coordinator*; Steve Berman, *Finance Coordinator*; Dr. Joan Bergstrom, *Sacristan & Volunteer Coordinator*; Angie Graham, *Facility Manager*; Bianca Jackson, *Assistant Facility Manager*; The Very Rev. Peter J. DeVeau, *Dean Emeritus*; Canon John Schaefer, *Canon Musician Emeritus*

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# Upcoming Events | Announcements

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

## For Pete's Sake: A Fundraiser for Pete's Garden | April 10 | 6-8 p.m.

Join us at our annual event benefiting Pete's Garden for an evening of live music, great food, wine and wonderful company. All to support delivering high quality, wholesome meals to the tables of Kansas City families. In 2026, Pete's Garden's goal is to recover 260,000 pounds of food, providing approximately 217,000 meals to our neighbors in need. Nights like this help make that possible. Come celebrate, connect, and help us grow. We can't wait to see you there!

Buy your tickets: [kccathedral.org/events](http://kccathedral.org/events).

## Bingo Game Night | April 24 | 6 p.m.

Gather your family, friends, and fellow game enthusiasts for an evening of thrilling games, fabulous fellowship, and unforgettable memories. Bring a snack and/or drink to share and join in the fun. Sign up on our website.

## Eucharistic Practices | April 26 | 11:45 a.m.

Walking through several elements of the Eucharist, we will experiment with devotional practices for deeper engagement in the liturgy. Any who desire to feel more proficient and at ease in worship are invited to join us, both newcomers and long-term members alike.

## Youth Sunday | May 3 | 10:30 a.m.

Our young people take key leadership roles in the service and the Cathedral's youth leadership will preach.

## Graduate Recognition | May 3 | 10:30 a.m.

We celebrate all graduates as part of our Youth Sunday celebration. If you or a family member is graduating this year, submit their name by Monday, April 27. Graduates will be recognized during the 10:30 a.m. service. Submission link at [kccathedral.org/events](http://kccathedral.org/events)

## Newcomer Gathering | May 17 | 12 p.m.

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

## Parish Picnic | May 24 | 11:45 a.m.

Join us for our annual Parish Picnic. The Cathedral serves up the main feast, and you're invited to dazzle us with your finest sides and sweetest desserts. We'll have fun activities for kids of all ages. Dress casually and enjoy this time of fun and fellowship!



## SUMMER SAVE THE DATE



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### FOR YOUTH & CHILDREN

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July 21-26 MissionPalooza at St. Paul's KCMO