

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



The Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2026 • 8 a.m.

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

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

Service Notes

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



HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY: Variations on "Good Christians all, rejoice and sing"

Marilyn Keiser (b. 1941)

The Word of God

* OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* GLORIA

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All Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been 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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a,22-32

Lector Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16 *read by alternating half verse*

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Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *

I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *

upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods *

shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, *

nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *

it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
 I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Lector Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

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All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

adapted from *Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People for the Revised Common Lectionary*

- Intercessor Lord God, we are your people, and we confess our need for you in our lives, hear now our prayers as we say Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.
- We pray for your church and all those who follow you and serve the world in your name. May they be strengthened, energized, and comforted by the knowledge of your constant love.
- Lord in your mercy,
- People Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor We pray for those who serve and govern in this nation. May they act wisely with compassion, mercy, and selfless concern for all people.
- Lord in your mercy,
- People Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor We pray for the world, for the sustenance and viability of the earth and its creatures and resources, for the eradication of disease, for the health and livelihood of all people, for those who suffer persecution, homelessness, starvation, imprisonment, and oppression; so that all may be made new.
- Lord in your mercy,
- People Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor We pray for our neighbors, that we might live in peace and safety, that all might have everything they need to live a full and abundant life.
- Lord in your mercy,
- People Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor We pray for the suffering and those in trouble, for those who are anxious and frightened, for those who must face danger as a part of their work in the world. We pray for those who are in hospitals, for those who tend them in their illness. 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 dead and for those who are dying that the love of God might be a strong comfort as they depart this world and for that same comfort to sustain those who mourn. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud.
- Lord in your mercy,
- People Hear our prayer.**
- Presider You are our strength Lord God, and we gladly lean on you in times of trouble. Take these burdens now and offer us your grace and remind us of your promise that you are always with us. In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION PRAYER

All O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY HYMN: 194 "Jesus lives! thy terrors now"

1 Je - sus lives! thy ter - rors now can no long - er, death, ap -
 2 Je - sus lives! for us he died; then, a - lone to Je - sus
 3 Je - sus lives! our hearts know well nought from us his love shall
 4 Je - sus lives! to him the throne o - ver all the world is

pall us; Je - sus lives! by this we know thou, O
 liv - ing, pure in heart may we a - bide, glo - ry
 sev - er; life, nor death, nor powers of hell tear us
 giv - en: may we go where he has gone, rest and

grave, canst not en - thrall us. Al - le - lu - ia!
 to our Sa - vior giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 from his keep - ing ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
 reign with him in hea - ven. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

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

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

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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

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

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

All **AMEN.**

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

* BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.
For gluten-free bread, cross your hands palms down.
For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.*

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

* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Presider Let us pray.
All Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* THE BLESSING

* DISMISSAL

Following the dismissal,

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

* CLOSING HYMN: 209 "We walk by faith"

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
 2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
 fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound, to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
 we re - jice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near, and seek where you are found:
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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VOLUNTARY: Easter Prelude on "O filii et filiae"

T. Frederick H. Candlyn (1892-1964)

Serving Today

Presider	The Rev. Clare Stern-Burbano
Preacher	The Rev. Canon W. James Yazell
Deacon of the Word	The Rev. Dr. Richard Liantonio
Deacon of the Table	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Assisting	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Organist	Dr. Lucas Fletcher
Lector	Rebecca Rezaei
Eucharistic Minister	Kelsey Leftwich-Yazell
Usher	Dave Patt
Altar Guild	Sharon Hudson, Jennifer Mason

This Week at GHTC

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

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

Monday, April 13

- 6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Tuesday, April 14

- 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 15

- 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. Rehearsal: Cathedral Bell Ringers

Thursday, April 16 • Office Closed (Staff Retreat)

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

Sunday, April 19

- 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

+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.

View the prayer list anytime: kccathedral.org/prayers

Pray for: Cheryl Kennedy; Penny Sullivan; Sheila Denton; Ann Ryder; Zachary Pierce; Diego Garcia; Zane Thomas Rhea Reed; Michael DeFeo; 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; 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, Boonville—
The Rev. Kim Taube, Priest-in-Charge

Order of Naucratius

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

April 13

Bob Moreno
James Franklin Reed
Aiden Ryder

April 14

John Pinkston
Harper Conley

April 15

Steve Spoonhour

April 16

Denise Nelson
Robert Paulus

April 17

Clare Stern-Burbano

April 18

Cecelia Carter
Isabella Reifeiss

Cathedral Office Closed

The Cathedral office is closed **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

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 during the month of April.



Volunteer Opportunities

The Emergency Food Assistance Program

Saturday, April 18, May 16 • 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.

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.

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*

The Vestry: Steve Moore, *Senior Warden*, smoore@sheltonmoore.com; Nigel Jones, *Junior Warden*, redbox712@gmail.com, (405) 747-6550; Chip Buckner, *Treasurer*; Colin Chambers, *Clerk*; Bill Boyd; Julie Brogno; Pat Decker; Steve King; Blain Lagergren; Christine Morrison; Mathias Nichols; Charles Shipley; Janet Stewart Sweeting

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

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

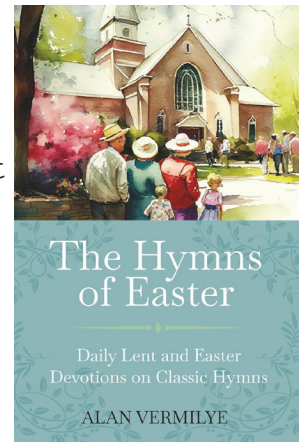
The Virtual Café is open every Tuesday morning for Cathedral members and friends to connect; discuss current topics and activities happening at the Cathedral and in our community; and share what's on your mind. For details, visit kccathedral.org/other-activities.

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, 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, for more details.

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



- in memory of Sarah Ingram-Eiser, Virginia & Max Foresman, Susan Barlow and Tim Sifers by Allie Sifers
- in memory of my parents Mr. and Mrs. Alberto Quintero and Mrs. Paula Alva Quintero by Carmen Quintero
- 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 my 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 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 thanksgiving for Barb
- 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

music, prayer, scripture

Choral Evensong

Sunday, April 19 | 5 p.m.
Sunday, May 17 | 5 p.m.

Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

Transforming Doubt into Faith

"The Resurrection" Illumination (John 20:19-31)

Today's lectionary readings focus on some of the initial responses of Jesus' followers to the shock of the Resurrection as they transitioned from his physical presence to lives of communal faith. This transition was enabled by Christ's actions to transform their fear into peace and their doubt into faith, and to commission the church for continuing God's mission of reconciliation and recreation. But this transition required time and initiated a process that continues today.

In the John 20 text, Jesus enters a locked room to bring peace to his fear filled disciples. Later, he makes a focused appearance to the Apostle Thomas, who had been absent from the prior encounter, and offers him an invitation to a deeper, personal confession of faith that overcame his doubts. To these disciples Jesus gave the Holy Spirit, empowering them to forgive sins. The Acts 2 text describes the early church's life as characterized by sharing possessions, apostolic teachings, and breaking bread – a product of the Resurrection's impact. The 1 Peter 1 text focuses on a "living hope" through the resurrection which sustains believers who have not physically seen Jesus yet love and believe in him. Collectively, these texts call for disciples to "show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith...."

These lectionary texts for the week after Resurrection Sunday acknowledge that post-Easter life can be complicated, confusing, and full of struggles. In contrast to the worry-free life we might have imagined at the end of our Lenten journeys, the Apostle Thomas reminds us that resurrection is hard. It can be hard to accept, hard to internalize, and hard to incorporate into the real situations of life – especially in the face of pain, loss, uncertainty, and death. But today's accounts of the struggles experienced by Jesus' followers during the days and weeks after his resurrection reveal that stalwart belief often is not instantaneous, it is a process. Those who commit themselves to believe "that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing would have life in his name" (John 20:31), consent to a process of transformation that lasts a lifetime.

Today we return to consider again "The Resurrection" illumination from last week's focus with a reminder that the Resurrection does not magically end all doubts, fears, disappointments, and hurts. Many features of this illumination visually connect the Resurrection (last week) to the beginnings of the Christian community (this week) [see last week's article]. But that community's history

has included many struggles, among them persecutions, doctrinal divisions, unresolved questions, and depravations. Mary's posture in relation to Jesus provides the illumination's focal feature conveying both 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. In this she is representative of the larger Christian community which seeks a more comprehensible Jesus who acts in predictable ways and fits into familiar expectations. The book of Acts narrates the early church's struggles to adjust to a new understanding of who Jesus is and to an unforeseen view of what following Christ entails.

The story that follows Easter celebrations is one that includes confusion and doubts. Jesus helped fearful and doubting disciples find their way to faith and wholeness. Does the fact that belief and courage took some time for these followers of Jesus help you allow yourself the necessary time and experience to find your way into a lifestyle characterized by trust and wholeness?

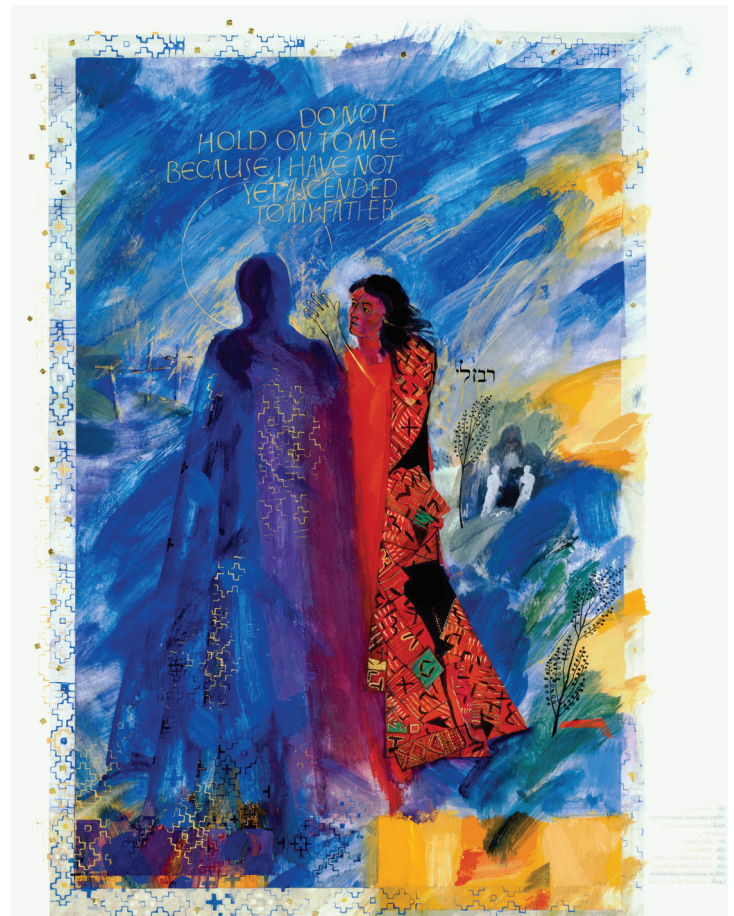


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BINGO GAME NIGHT

FRIDAY, APRIL 24
6 P.M.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRACTICES

Sunday, April 26 • 12 p.m. • Nave



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.



MAY 3

Graduate RECOGNITION

We celebrate all graduates as part of our Youth Sunday celebration during the May 3 10:30 a.m. service.

If you or a family member is graduating this year, let us know by Monday, April 27.

Submit names at kccathedral.org/events.

SUNDAY, MAY 17 • 11:45 A.M.

NEWCOMER GATHERING

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

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!

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