

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



"We Are All One in Jesus Christ" by Soichi Watanabe

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 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: Psalm-Prelude, Op. 32, No. 3 (on Psalm 23:4)

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Lector Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *read in unison*

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The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Lector It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

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

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

Gospeller Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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*

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| Intercessor | Hear us Lord as we lift our voices in common cause saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.
We pray for the church universal, that the circumstances of this world will lead us into new ways of being the good dream of God; a body of people who love and serve God and neighbor.
Lord in your mercy, |
| People | Hear our prayer. |
| Intercessor | We pray for our nation, and all nations, that we might live in health, safety, and peace. We pray for those who govern, that they keep the needs of all people as their first priority; and that truth and mercy are their closest companions.
Lord in your mercy, |
| People | Hear our prayer. |
| Intercessor | We pray for the poor, the hungry and the marginalized and for those whose life's work is to help them with basic needs and the ability to thrive.
Lord in your mercy, |
| People | Hear our prayer. |
| Intercessor | We pray our unique situations and needs. For health, for the safety and happiness of our families, for our coworkers, friends, neighbors. We pray especially for those things that bring us fear or anxiety, asking that we might shed our concerns and be at peace.
Lord in your mercy, |
| People | Hear our prayer. |
| Intercessor | We pray for those who suffer sickness or debility, that they might know healing and wholeness. 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 in thanksgiving for this life and, in faith, for the life to come. Bless the dying with your grace and welcome. Grant us also the hope of heavenly reunion in the age to come. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud.
Lord in your mercy, |
| People | Hear our prayer. |
| Presider | God of love, you know our needs greater than we know them ourselves; hear us and answer us as you have always done and clothe us in your loving grace and that we might fully be your son's continuing work in the world; and all this through Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and always. 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: 343 "Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless"

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bid with
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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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: *Wonder, Love, and Praise* 801 “God be with you till we meet again”

Unison *Harmony*

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain; by wise coun - sels
 2. God be with you till we meet a - gain; 'neath bright wings pro -
 3. God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's pe - rils
 4. God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, with the sheep se - cure - ly fold you:
 tect - ing hide you, dail - y man - na still pro - vide you:
 thick con - found you, put strong arms un - fail - ing round you:
 float - ing o'er you, smite death's threat - 'ning wave be - fore you:

Unison

God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.

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VOLUNTARY: Voluntary on a theme of Orlando Gibbons, Op. 105

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Serving Today

Presider	The Rev. Canon W. James Yazell
Preacher	The Rev. Clare Stern-Burbano
Deacon of the Word	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Deacon of the Table	The Rev. Dr. Richard Liantonio
Organist	Dr. Lucas Fletcher
Lector	Lenette Johnson
Eucharistic Minister	Jennifer Mason
Usher	Jim Crum
Altar Guild	Candy McDowell, Vangie Rich, Jennifer Mason

Outreach

Learn more: 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

The Emergency Food Assistance Program Saturday, May 16, June 20 | 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 May 17, June 21 | 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. This is a great opportunity to help at Pete's Garden. All ages are welcome; younger children should have a parent present.

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. •

Bring your donations of Onesies to the Tower entrance. Thank you for your kind and generous giving.

This Week at GHTC

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

Sunday, April 26

- 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
- 12 p.m. Eucharistic Practices Workshop
- 12 p.m. Spring Garden Workday
- 5 p.m. Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist
- 6 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, April 27

- 6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Tuesday, April 28

- 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 29

- 10 a.m. Staff Gathering
- 12 p.m. Noonday Prayer*
- 12 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
- 6:00 p.m. St. Luke's Hospice Celebration of Life
- 6:30 p.m. Rehearsal: Cathedral Bell Ringers

Thursday, April 30

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

Sunday, May 3

- 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

+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: Graham family; Jacob and Sophia Purcell; Melanie Boyd; Randal Loy; Sandra Fuhrman; Sandra Brown; Vicki Price; 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; 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; Marcille McCandless; Mike Barzee & Family; Phineas Gitta; Those fighting chronic illness; Iris Parsons; Larry McMullen; Gloria Stocks; Jim Royer; Joyce Morrow; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; Yvonne Kehoe Meier; Jeffrey and family; Charlotte Colburn; Brend; Families affected by gun violence; First Responders; Immigrants ; Barbara, Sara Jane, John Ralmp, Eleanor Elizabeth; Martina Arveola; Clint & Emily Saunders; Trish Lambert

Pray for the Departed: John Graham; Keith Matthews; Berthe Cowles; 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; those lost in war; those who have died from gun violence

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: All Saints Episcopal Church, West Plains—The Rev. Dr. James Harris, Priest-in-Charge

Spring House of Bishops Meeting

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

April 26

Jim Pfeffer
McKenna Atherton

April 27

Steve McClure
Colin Chambers
Florence Barnard

April 29

Deborah Buckner
Deante Finnie
Courtney Fletcher

April 30

Ann Reed
Jordann Ryder
Henley Spake
Nick Whitford

May 1

Kristen Nichols

May 2

Terry Duncan
Whitney Kerr
Coyote Schaaf

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 meets at 6 p.m. *Sundays, April 26, May 10 & 24*

Adults: Tuesdays

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

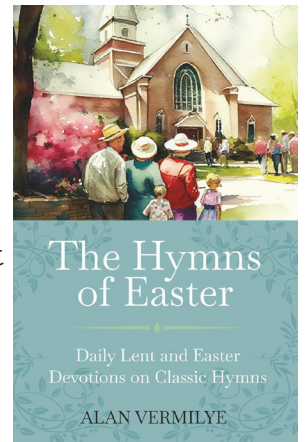
The Virtual Café is open every Tuesday morning for Cathedral members and friends to connect; discuss current topics and activities happening at the Cathedral and in our community; and share what's on your mind. For details, visit kccathedral.org/other-activities.

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.

Diocesan Youth Events: Registration links at kccathedral.org/youth

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.

Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

Gateway to Abundant Life

The Gate Section of "I AM Sayings" illumination (John 10:1-10)

The Fourth Sunday of Easter has traditionally been celebrated as Good Shepherd Sunday, emphasizing Christ's work as the guide and guardian of the faithful. This introduces a general theme extending over the next several Sundays focused on Jesus as the bridge between God and humanity. A number of tightly packed metaphors are employed to help illumine Christ's nature and work by means of his bridging function.

Today's Gospel reading highlights the intimate relationship between the shepherd and the sheep. Jesus is the voice we follow, the gate that simultaneously gives entrance and protects us, and the source of abundant life. The reading from Acts offers a model for Christian community by valuing the sharing of possessions, the breaking of bread together, and effective personal and communal prayer. The Epistle reading urges us to follow the example of Christ as the means for successfully enduring suffering. Collectively, these texts encourage us to pray for the grace to "hear his voice," "know him who calls us each by name," and "follow where he leads."

The "I AM Sayings" illumination draws upon the seven metaphorical "I AM" statements from the Gospel of John to visually portray the connection between the Old Testament revelation to Moses and Jesus' claims of divinity. These metaphors include: Bread of Life (John 6:35), Light of the World (John 8:12), Gate for the Sheep (John 10:7), the Good Shepherd (John 10:11) the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25), the Way, Truth, and Life (John 14:6), and the True Vine (John 15:1). In this portrayal, Thomas Ingmire summarizes the seven metaphors into five vertical panels that evoke the concept of a gateway or possibly of multiple doors. These panels rest on the base of the sacred Hebrew name for God, "YHWH" (I Am Who I Am). One of the highlighted "I AM" sayings depicted here is "I am the gate for the sheep" (John 10:7).

Note that in this portrayal important truth is revealed about Jesus' nature and work. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus offers guidance, nurture, direction, and protection. As the gate, he conducts the seeker into relationship with the divine and opens the way to abundant life, which is indicated by the geometric sparks and spinning suns. Often gates are associated with exclusion and separation (the "insiders" and "outsiders"). In this illumination, upward extensions from the letters YHWH protrude into the panels symbolizing that Jesus

doesn't hold shut and only begrudgingly open the gateway. He makes the way open for all who will enter.

Today's *visio divina* message proclaims that in John's Gospel Jesus does not simply use poetic metaphors to illustrate but uses them to claim for himself the divine identity revealed to Moses at the burning bush. In him we find a place of encounter, acceptance, and liberation. What in you might be resisting the open gate? Where might your life be walled off, averse to change that would bring you into closer relationship with God? In the "I AM Sayings" illumination Jesus beckons us to follow him beyond all barriers and impediments into God's abundant living.



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Join Us in Making a Difference: Volunteer

You are invited to use your skills and spirit to make a real impact. Whether you have a few hours or want to dive into regularly serving, there are many ways to help: serving in worship services, teaching/helping with children & youth programs, assisting with the Cathedral gardens, singing in the choir and more. Volunteering lets you give back, connect with others, and grow in faith.

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

For more information, visit kccathedral.org/volunteer or contact Volunteer Coordinator Joan Bergstrom at volunteers@kccathedral.org.

Sponsor the Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are a great way to beautify the sanctuary and remind your fellow worshippers 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 or contact Julie Toma, jtoma@kccathedral.org.

SUMMER

SAVE THE DATE

12
JUN

BUNCO GAME NIGHT

6 p.m.

Let the good times roll for an evening of thrilling games, fabulous fellowship, and unforgettable memories.

21
AUG

TRIVIA GAME NIGHT

6 p.m.

Team up with your fellow GHTCers to score you the ultimate prize at trivia night!

14 12
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9
AUG

ALL PARISH BREAKFASTS

9 a.m.

Come by Founders' Hall for a morning of breakfast delights and camaraderie!

5-7
JUN

PRIDEKC

The Diocese of West Missouri will have a booth and be walking in the Pride Parade. Volunteers are needed to help with the booth, serve at the Eucharist and walk in the parade.

FOR YOUTH & CHILDREN

May 31-June 6 Episcopal Summer Mega Camp
July 21-26 MissionPalooza at St. Paul's KCMO

Upcoming Music Events

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



Spring Enchantment!

Thursday, April 30, 2026 | 7:30 p.m.

Kansas City Chamber Orchestra

Celebrate spring with the magnificence of great music by Mozart and lush, evocative tunes from Elgar and Forrest Pierce under candlelight!

KCCO is offering GHTC members/supporters to take \$10 off regular tickets, or family packages with the code GHTMUSIC.

Ticket link at kccathedral.org/musicevents.

From Colony to Concert Hall: 250 Years of American Music

Friday, May 15 | 7 p.m. | Free admission

A Celebration of American Music Across the Centuries with soprano, Eva Peng and pianist, Anthony Olson



Spanning two and a half centuries, this program traces the development of a uniquely American musical voice. Beginning in the colonial era with Francis Hopkinson—a signer of the Declaration of Independence and one of the first American composers—the concert highlights the roots of artistic expression in the early United States.

The program continues through the 19th century with music by Louis Moreau Gottschalk, the virtuosic pianist and composer whose works reflect the cultural diversity of the Civil War era. Moving into the 20th century, the program features selections by iconic American composers including George Gershwin, Scott Joplin, and Leonard Bernstein, alongside songs from films of the Golden Age of cinema, highlighting the intersection of classical, popular, and theatrical traditions in American music.

The program will conclude with the final aria from Scott Joplin's opera *Treemonisha*, bringing the evening to a powerful close with one of the most significant works in early American opera.

Through this carefully curated program, The Lyric Duo presents a vibrant musical narrative that reflects the richness, diversity, and innovation of American music across generations. The concert offers an engaging and accessible experience for a wide audience, blending historical context with compelling performance.

Upcoming Events | Announcements

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

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.

Eucharistic Practices Today | 11:45 a.m.

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Choral Evensong



MUSIC, PRAYER, SCRIPTURE

Choral Evensong Sunday, May 17 | 5 p.m.

Choral Evensong is a centuries-old Anglican musical service of sung Evening Prayer. 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.



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.

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. Submit name at kccathedral.org/events



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!

PARISH PICNIC

RELAX AND ENJOY TIME WITH FELLOW PARISHIONERS!

- Main dish provided
- Bring side and/or dessert to share

May 24 | 11:45 a.m.

Games and Activities for All Ages
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!

RSVP KCCATHEDRAL.ORG/NEWCOMERS

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! The nursery is open during this gathering. RSVP kccathedral.org/newcomers

Kintsugi Workshop | May 9, 2026 | 11 a.m.

St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 1815 NW Independence Ave., Lee's Summit

Ready to make art? Join the Access for All God's Children Committee for a sponsored workshop that is open to anyone! Fellowship and snacks will be provided. There is no charge for this workshop; it should be a fun and enlightening day. If you're interested, please register at diowestmo.org/events. Kintsugi is the Japanese art of mending broken pottery with gold. This spiritual practice rooted in 15th century Japan is brought to life today to honor our cracks and healing together as the Body of Christ. Come break and remake objects as we reflect on creating a more accessible, welcoming church for all.

