

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



And I will ask the Father, and he will give
you another Helper, to be with you forever

JOHN 14:16

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 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: "A Kingsfold Suite"

David P. Dahl (b. 1937)

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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 17:22-31

Lector Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66:7-18 *read by alternating whole verse*

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Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Lector Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

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

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

Gospeller Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

All

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

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

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

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Intercessor Let us pray for the world, saying Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.
Holy God, through the gift of your spirit we are given the ability to do what you ask of us and the desire to respond with our hearts and hands. Give each person who hears this prayer the ability to live a life of discipleship and the courage to make a difference in the world.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for the health and welfare of our nation, for the health and security of all nations and for those who have the authority to bring your vision of peace, prosperity, and safety to fruition. Bless us with the will to solve problems, care for the marginalized, and improve the lives of all people.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for those who are sick and for those who work to heal, that the pain and suffering of this world might be diminished. 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 those who suffer from abuse, who are not safe at home. We pray for those who have no shelter, for the hungry, the oppressed, the downtrodden and the fearful. We pray for those without hope and who are alone. We pray for those who prey on the weak, for those who seek to do harm and for those who embrace evil – that they might turn away from the darkness inside them and embrace the light of God's love.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for those who have died, whom we remember and long to see. Give us hearts that rest in the hope of a future life lived in your presence. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider Holy God you are our strength and compass. Send us your spirit, your advocate to guide us in this life and strengthen us to love and serve you through service to your people. Be present to us this day and always, as creator, redeemer, and sustainer. **Amen.**

* THE PEACE

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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: 408 "Sing praise to God who reigns above"



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
2 What God's al - might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy
3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful
glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

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* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer A

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.*

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: 292 "O Jesus, crowned with all renown"

1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast
2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be
3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy
trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -
given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe
throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -
forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and
from the bount - eous heaven. At - tem - per fair with
pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee
thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and
gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that
all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and
thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.
kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

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VOLUNTARY: Prelude and Fugue in G Minor, Op. 84

C.S. Lang (1891-1971)

Serving Today

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

Packets of zinnia seeds are available to all who worship with us today in honor of those who loved and nurtured us.



IN HONOR OF MOTHER'S DAY, WE SUGGEST:

- Plant them in honor of the mother who gave you life.
- Give them to a child along with a small pot and a bit of soil, and give thanks for the women who nurtured you.
- Save them for a special occasion and give thanks for moms everywhere who graciously accept gifts of all kinds.



Mental Health Awareness Month

Our Youth are gathering donations this month for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

DONATE ON
OUR WEBSITE



The Cathedral youth are recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month by raising funds for National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Giveaways are available for donations at coffee hour.

NAMI is an alliance of more than 650 local Affiliates and 49 State Organizations who work in communities to raise awareness and provide support and education that was not previously available to those in need. They are dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. Through their programs and services, they challenge stigma, champion supportive policies, and support and empower individuals and families. They are building stronger communities and a better future for everyone affected by mental illness.

This Week at GHTC

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

Sunday, May 10

- 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, May 11

- 6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Tuesday, May 12

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

Wednesday, May 13

- 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, May 14

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

Friday, May 15

- 7 p.m. Concert: The Lyric Duo

Sunday, May 17

- 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
- 11:45 a.m. Newcomer Gathering
- 12:15 p.m. Label Containers for Pete's Garden
- 4 p.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
- 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: Wayne Alexander; Cathy Thomas; 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; Pat Miller; 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

Pray for the Departed: Phyllis Hart; Gianvito Liantonio; Loretta Stotts; All those lost in the shooting tragedy in Shreveport, LA; 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: Christ Episcopal Church, Springfield—The Rev. Joe Behen, Rector; The Rev. Katherine Mansfield, Curate

Priests of the Diocese

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

May 10

Michael Thomas
Donna Canfield
Bud McDowell

May 12

Barbara Carlson
Chris Newton
Patrick Jacquinet

May 13

Sarah Gardner

May 14

Terri Wesner

May 15

Mike & Toni Bennett
Cynthia Pennington

May 16

Andrea Skowronek

Outreach

Learn more: kccathedral.org/outreach

Donations for our Partners

Donate Onesies FOR MAISON DE NAISSANCE

Maison de Naissance is 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.

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). Friendly volunteers are needed to break down pallets of shelf-stable and frozen food from Harvesters and repack the food into family-sized boxes and bags. Then we 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 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.

EVERY HAND HAS A PURPOSE

YOU BELONG. YOUR HANDS ARE NEEDED.

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.

KCCATHEDRAL.ORG/VOLUNTEER

bring food for coffee hour
usher or greet at worship services
acolyte
teach/help with children & youth programs
assist with the Cathedral gardens
sing or ring bells in one of the choirs
outreach volunteering

Summer is a great
time to try out
volunteering
or try out a new
ministry.

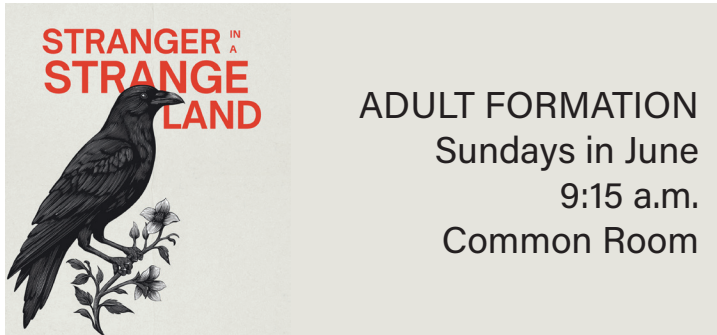
Formation for All Ages

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.

Family Worship Sundays

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 31, June 14, July 5, July 26, August 2*

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.

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.

We are currently studying 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.

Youth

Youth in grades 6-12 meet Sundays at 9:15 a.m. for Formation and for Youth Group at 6 p.m. May 10 & 24.

Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

Promise of the Advocate "Life of Paul" Illumination (Acts 17:22-34)

Today we begin a two-Sunday transition from the Easter season to Pentecost. The Gospel reading emphasizes Jesus' promise to his disciples that he will send the Advocate (Spirit of Truth) to guide them, thereby furnishing an early indication of what is to come. This Advocate will empower them to do what otherwise would not be possible, especially to love as he has loved and bear witness of God's acceptance of those who seek him (the 1 Peter 3 and Acts 17 readings). These texts sketch the transition from Christ's physical presence to his presence within the faith community through the Holy Spirit, which will be realized in its fullness at the coming Pentecost.

In his discourse on the promised Advocate, Jesus asserts an inseparable connection between our love of Christ and obedience to his commandments. Just prior to today's Gospel text, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: "Love one another. As I have loved you so you must love one another" (John 13:34). All else that we say or do as his followers distills into this. But if this is the mark of a true disciple, who is able to pass this qualifying test? The stories of early Christians recorded in the Book of Acts portrays some of the hard challenges posed by Christ's love. It makes us vulnerable, and we prefer relationships that make us feel secure and sure of ourselves. It requires trust, but we harbor a lot of suspicion and easily feel threatened. It pushes beyond social boundaries, but we feel safer with well-maintained borders. Christ's love requires time, effort, and change, but we are too busy and exhausted for all this. Only a divine Advocate can enable us to obey Jesus' commandment regarding love.

Today's focal illumination, "Life of Paul," presents an anthology of incidents from the life of the Apostle Paul. This means that the portrayal includes far more detail than we can decipher here. Still, given the significance of Paul's message to the Athens' Areopagus, it is important to consider the *missio divina* insight this depiction offers for today's lectionary lesson. Note the scale of Paul's image here. His bigger than life portrait is intended to communicate the magnitude of his importance for the early church and beyond. Also, it is significant that the model church he holds is broken. In light of today's lectionary texts this suggests the Christian community's failure to fulfill

Christ's commandment regarding love. What meaning do you find in the fact that Paul cradles both pieces of the broken church? Furthermore, what might be suggested by the fact that Paul is wearing a Jewish prayer shawl? In addition, focus on Paul's gaze. He faces forward yet manages a sideways glance. Might this show a combination of determination and hesitancy? In this sense does the illumination speak to the dual experiences of confidence and doubt which constitute the faith life of every believer?

Christ's teachings on love in today's readings have perennially been a mystery in the church's life. The love that Christ commands us to share is the love that is endlessly given to us by God's Holy Spirit. "You in me and I in you" is the great mystery of God's witness to the world through the church in spite of the church's many failures. How does this mystery help you define your experience of loving Christ and others amid your disappointments over failures to do so?



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SUNDAY, MAY 17 • 11:45 A.M.

NEWCOMER GATHERING

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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
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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! Sign up to help on our website.



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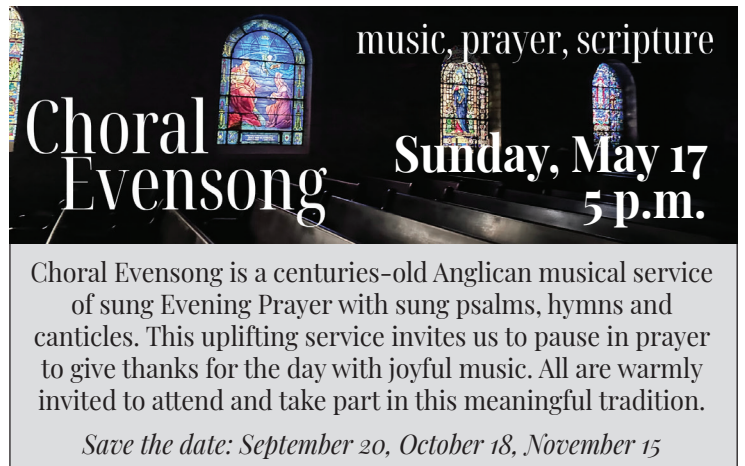
Baby Shower

FOR RICHARD LIANTONIO & JEFF STEGNER

**MAY 31
12:30 P.M.
COMMON ROOM**

Baby Shower: Richard Liantonio & Jeff Stegner May 31 | 12 p.m.

Please join Richard Liantonio and Jeff Stegner in celebrating the upcoming arrival of their baby girl! Find their registry here: stegtonio.short.gy/baby



music, prayer, scripture

Choral Evensong

**Sunday, May 17
5 p.m.**

Choral Evensong is a centuries-old Anglican musical service of sung Evening Prayer with sung psalms, hymns and canticles. This uplifting service invites us to pause in prayer to give thanks for the day with joyful music. All are warmly invited to attend and take part in this meaningful tradition.

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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. 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.



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