

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



"Ascension of Christ" by Ed de Guzman
April 21, 2016

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 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: Fanfare

Cynthia Dobrinski (1950-2021)

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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Acts 1:6-14

Lector When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.

**Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.

**Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!**

Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!

**God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.**

O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,

**The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

**Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.

**He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**

Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

**How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!**

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Lector Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

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

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

Gospeller Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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 Lord God who guides us and beckons us ever forward, hear now our prayers as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.
Uphold and strengthen your church, reform what is amiss, bolster what is good, and keep us ever mindful of your charge to reflect your love for us into the world.
Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Grant wisdom and patience to those in authority in our lives, guide them to always put human life and wellness as their priority.
Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Give us courage to be engaged with, and working for, the welfare of our neighbors and the places we call home; help us to see more clearly how to be Christ to one another.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Open our eyes to the challenges and opportunities in dealing with global issues; give us perseverance and urgency as we develop new and more sustainable ways of being.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Be present to all who suffer and all who serve them; bring your healing powers to bear and let them know peace 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 Welcome the dying, comfort the grieving, and let the hope of your promises be our consolation and inspiration. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider Love God, you have given us the example of Christ's life as the template for our own, and you have shown us, in his death and resurrection, the power of your promises to us. Be with us now and always as we strive to live in your kingdom every moment. All this we ask through our Lord and advocate, Jesus the Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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: 617 "Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round"

Unison or harmony

1 E - ter - nal Ru - ler of the cease - less round
2 We would be one in ha - tred of all wrong,
3 Oh, clothe us with thy heaven - ly ar - mor, Lord,

of cir - cling plan - ets sing - ing on their way,
one in the love of all things sweet and fair,
thy trust - y shield, thy word of love di - vine;

guide of the na - tions from the night pro - found
one with the joy that break - eth in - to song,
our in - spi - ra - tion be thy con - stant word,

in - to the glo - ry of the per - fect day;
one with the grief that trem - bleth in - to prayer;
we ask no vic - to - ries that are not thine;

rule in our hearts, that we may ev - er be
 one in the power that makes thy chil - dren free
 give or with - hold, let pain or plea - sure be;

guid - ed and strength - ened and up - held by thee.
 to fol - low truth, and thus to fol - low thee.
 e - nough to know that we are serv - ing thee.

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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.

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

* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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: 182 "Christ is alive! Let Christians sing"

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
 5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
 3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
 4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
 5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

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VOLUNTARY: Toccata on *Hyfrydol*

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Serving Today

Presider	The Rev. Clare Stern-Burbano
Preacher	The Rev. Canon W. James Yazell
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	Terri Curran
Usher	Jim Crum
Altar Guild	Michelle Ritter, Jennifer Mason

This Week at GHTC

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

Sunday, May 17

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 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
- 6 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, May 18

- 6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Tuesday, May 19

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

Wednesday, May 20

- 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 21

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

Sunday, May 24 • Day of Pentecost

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 9:30 a.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist* & Cathedral Kids
- 11:45 a.m. Parish Picnic
- 5 p.m. 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: 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: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Kansas City—The Rev. Canon John Spicer, Rector; The Rev. Jean Long, Associate Rector; The Rev. Rita Kendagor, Associate Rector; The Rev Anne Hutcherson, Associate Rector Emeritus; The Rev. Adam James, Deacon; The Rev. Janette Platter, Deacon

Armed Forces – Active Duty, Reserve, Guard, Veterans, Retirees & Their Families

Memorial Day Weekend

The Cathedral's Memorial Garden will be open over the Memorial Day weekend.

The Cathedral office is closed Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day. If you have a pastoral emergency, contact Father James at 816.739.2930, Mother Clare at 904-874-1854 or Deacon Barbara at 816.739.8032.

Today's altar flowers

Today's flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of Zan Crum by Jim Crum; in honor of Ina Martin by Sara Kambouris; in memory of Leona (Fiona) Schaefer by The Trinity Choir.

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



Baby Shower for Baby Girl Liantonio-Stegner

May 31 | 12 p.m.

Please join Richard Liantonio and Jeff Stegner in celebrating the upcoming arrival of their baby girl! RSVP & find their registry at kccathedral.org/events.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

May 17

Bruce & Page Reed
Miranda Schmidt

May 18

Arnold Epley

May 20

Joseph & Tina Lewandowski
Ethan Campbell
Frank Colburn

May 21

Bill Colvin

May 22

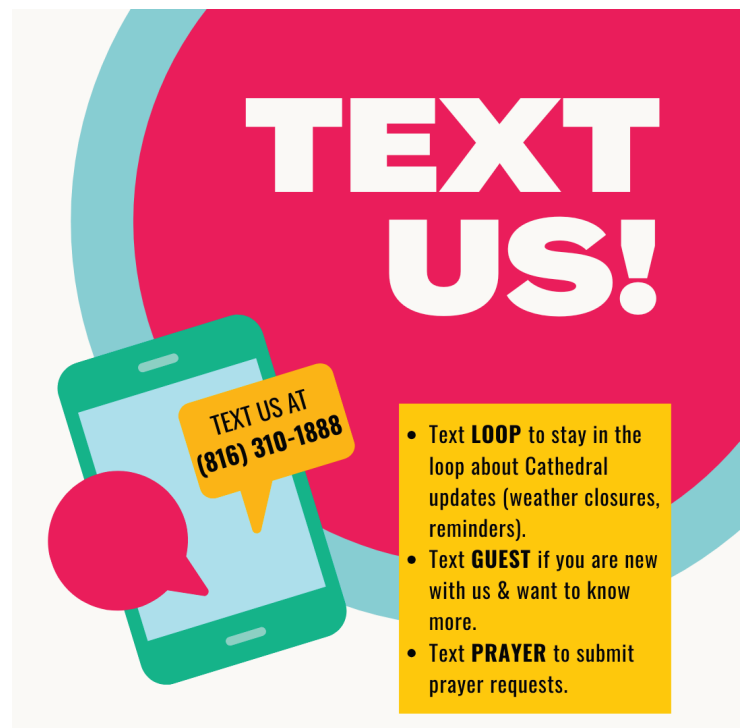
Kathy & Jim Jennings
George Verschelden
Maria Bernicchi

May 23

Brad Amer

May 24

Cathy & Tony Carrillo
Kirkland & Kathy Gates
Vangie Rich





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.

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.

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- 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.





The Diocese of
West Missouri

PRIDE MONTH

Celebrate Kansas City Pridefest
June 5 - 7, 2026

PARADE-PREP

for Pridefest is on June 4 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Kansas City. Come make signs or set-up your own bracelet-making party!

PRIDE MASS

is at 9 a.m. on June 6 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Following the service, we will march in the parade.

VOLUNTEER

to set-up the booth or hand out flyers at Pridefest! Help support our community during Pride.



Scan the QR Code for
more details or visit
www.pride.church

Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

Patient Waiting

"To the Ends of the Earth" Illumination (Acts 1:6-14)

This, the last Sunday of the Easter Season, confronts a liminal moment in the church's life – Christ has left but Pentecost has not yet arrived. This calls for us to consider how the church should navigate "in-between" times. The Acts reading admonishes that instead of wallowing in nostalgia wishing for a return to the past, we should commit ourselves to prayer in preparation for the mission ahead. Through the collect we pray that God would not "leave us comfortless, but send us his Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before..."

The Gospel reading emphasizes the unity of the Trinity and extends the same desire for unity to the church as well. The Epistle reading highlights the church's sacred calling to continue Christ's mission through being a witness of God's love wherever it is located, even in the face of adversity and suffering. In both Acts and John, prayer is emphasized as the Christian community's central activity. When confronted with uncertainty, the apostles turned to prayer and so should we.

Today's focal illumination, "To the Ends of the Earth," knits together the unity and chaos of creation, God's presence through his followers, and the church's abiding witness to the resurrection. In Acts 1:8 Jesus declares the spread of the Gospel (God's offer of redemption for all humanity) to be the heart of the church's mission. This mission is repeated in Acts 13:47. At the end of the book of Acts (where this illumination is located) Paul has reached Rome, the center of the civilized world as conceived by the dominant culture of his day and from which the Gospel is being spread to the known world. Following this, the continuing work of witness is left to the church through its ongoing mission.

In this illumination the earth is portrayed suspended in space – the first handmade Bible to depict the earth as seen from space. It accentuates the magnitude of the church's task as well as the earth's minuteness in relation to the vastness of the universe. Note the comet in the sky above the earth which is used to bridge the gap between

ancient biblical prophecy and modern scientific understanding, symbolizing God's active, ongoing role in creation and history. In addition, observe the swirling mass of a galaxy. The cross pattern from the Gospel and Acts volume's carpet pages is stenciled over this dynamic universe. The interlocking circles of gold filigree signify the presence of God throughout the creation.

Jesus' prayer in today's Gospel reading reminds us of the importance that prayer, love, and unity have for the church's witness. He seems to imply here that if we accept divisiveness, bitterness, and discord as acceptable standards for Christian community then the world will not know what it needs to know about God. In the absence of that knowledge, it will believe falsehoods regarding God's presence and activity in the world. It will conclude that the Bible's message is a sham and that the church's claims are fraudulent. How does this lectionary emphasis speak to you? How might you describe your own experiences of sharing God's revelation? What have those experiences revealed to you?



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Outreach

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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

Help Pete's Garden

Today, 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.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program

Saturday, 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 repackage 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.

LIVE YOUR MISSION AT MISSIONPALOOZA

JOIN US!

July 21-26, 2026 @ St. Paul's, KCMO
Grades 9-12, \$125 (scholarships available)

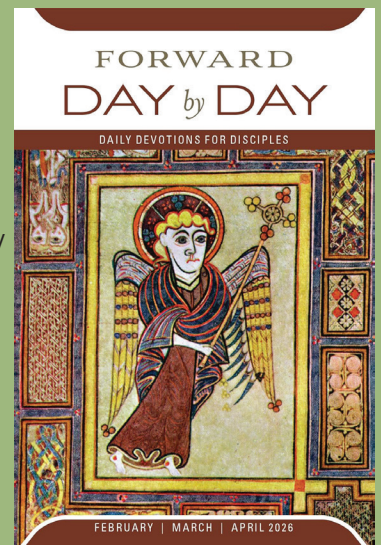


edokformation.wordpress.com/missionpalooza/

Forward Day By Day

We provide Forward Day by Day to parishioners as a simple and effective daily prayer practice. Each day features a Bible verse from the daily readings and a related reflection written by a different author each month, all in less than 200 words. It even includes the daily feast days, as well as prompts to take faithful action in your daily life.

Printed copies are available in the tower entrance and in Founders' Hall.



Read it online at prayer.forwardmovement.org/fdd.

Formation for All Ages

Adults: Sundays

No class today, May 24 or May 31.

STRANGER ^{IN} A STRANGE LAND



ADULT FORMATION
Sundays in June
9:15 a.m.

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.

Upcoming Events | Announcements

For more info and signup links: 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 Today | 12 p.m.

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Choral Evensong

Last Evensong until September!

MUSIC, PRAYER, SCRIPTURE

Choral Evensong Today | 5 p.m.

This uplifting service of sung Evening Prayer 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.

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

PARISH PICNIC

Next Sunday
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!

GRILLERS & SETUP HELPERS NEEDED!

Sign up to help on our website.