

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 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

* OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

The Word of God

* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Lector The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.'

"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

“Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *
 forget your people and your father’s house.
The king will have pleasure in your beauty; *
he is your master; therefore do him honor.
 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
 the rich among the people seek your favor.”
All glorious is the princess as she enters; *
her gown is cloth-of-gold.
 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *
 after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
With joy and gladness they are brought, *
and enter into the palace of the king.
 “In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; *
 you shall make them princes over all the earth.
I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another; *
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever.”

Second Lesson: Romans 7:15-25a

Lector	I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Gospeller	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People	Glory to you, Lord Christ.
Gospeller	Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

* THE NICENE CREED

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All

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

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

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

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Intercessor	Wondrous and almighty God, you have always desired that we, your creation, might live into the potential you have crafted for us; hear now our prayers and fulfill our desires that we may be wholly and enthusiastically your people as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Bless your church; give us courage to overcome our divisions, and faith to fulfill our call to bring good news and healing to the world. Lord in your mercy,
People	Hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Bless the people of our nation; inspire our very best that we might live into the promise of our founding. Lord in your mercy,
People	Hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Bless all the places that are home to us; grant us peace, health, and the true safety that only your grace can bring. Lord in your mercy,
People	Hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Bless those whose work supports the healing of our environment and the pursuit of a sustainable way of life. Lord in your mercy,
People	Hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Bless those in need of healing and care and bless those whose work supports their welfare. 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	Bless those who stand on the threshold of death, grant them a loving welcome and care tenderly with those who grieve their loss. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud. Lord in your mercy,
People	Hear our prayer.
Presider	God of grace and glory, you have crafted us lovingly in your own image that we might be sustained through relationship with you and one another; make us continually aware of your presence and grant us confidence to reflect your radiant love into the world. All this we ask through our Lord and advocate, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, now and always. Amen.

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

* THE PEACE

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: 686 "Come, thou fount of every blessing"

1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly

heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a

ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to

flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and

on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer D

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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 our thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

Presider It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

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.**

The people stand or kneel.

Presider We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All **We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Presider Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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 O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

People have mercy upon us.

Presider O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

People have mercy upon us.

Presider O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

People grant us your peace.

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

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Presider Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

* THE BLESSING

* DISMISSAL

Following the dismissal,

People Thanks be to God.

* CLOSING HYMN: 718 "God of our fathers, whose almighty hand"

1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 past, in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
 way, lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 be thou our ru - ler, guard - ian, guide, and stay
 thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,
 fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 thy bount - eous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

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VOLUNTARY: Ceremonial March

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

Following the service today, swing by Founders' Hall for coffee and good company.

Serving Today

Presider	The Rev. Clare Stern-Burbano
Preacher	The Rev. Canon W. James Yazell
Deacon	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Organist	Dr. Lucas Fletcher
Lector	Kelsey Leftwich-Yazell
Eucharistic Minister	Terri Curran
Usher	Deborah Carr, Greg Coffey
Altar Guild	Vangie Rich, Jennifer Mason
Healing Minister	Joan Bergstrom

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

July 5

Oliver Burbano Stern

July 9

Michael Guarente

July 6

Catherine Green & Thomas Taylor

July 10

Richard & Jill Fanolio
David Herschede

July 7

Abbey & Nathan Mattson

July 11

Pat Decker
Porter Munsell
LeeAnne Hays

Camp Canterbury: July 18-19

Registration link at kccathedral.org/young-adults

A one-night retreat for young adults 18-30. There will be opportunities to enjoy the beauty of the Camp Wood property and camp activities. There is also time to have rich and meaningful conversations about faith and friendship. We hope to see you there! Register online by July 16.

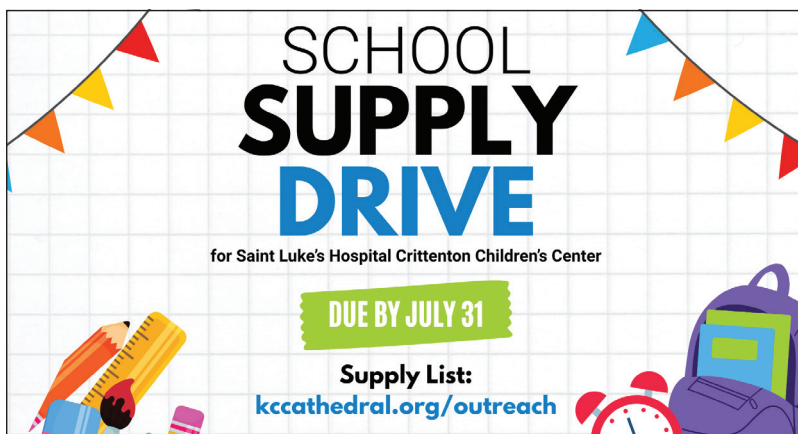
Missionpalooza 2026: July 21-26

Registration link at kccathedral.org/youth

Registration is now open for Missionpalooza 2026! 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.

Outreach

Learn more: kccathedral.org/outreach



Backpacks
Expo dry erase markers (4 count)
Highlighters (yellow, pink, green, blue)
Spiral notebooks
Composition notebooks (fun colors & designs appreciated)
5-tab dividers (for 3-ring notebooks)
1 inch 3-ring binders
Pocket folders w/brads
Pens (black, blue and/or red ink)
Colored pencils
Crayola markers (10 pack)

Crayola washable markers (fine line)
Crayons
Pink erasers
Black sharpies
Rulers
Elmer's glue bottles and sticks
Scissors - blunt and point
Wood Pencils
Mechanical pencils
Pencil pouches
Index cards w/lines

Help Pete's Garden by Labeling Lids

July 19, August 16 | 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. 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, July 18, August 15 | 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, repackage the food into family-sized portions and then hand out the food. To volunteer or for more information, contact Deacon Barbara 816.739.8032 or bwegener@kccathedral.org.

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: All those impacted by Wildfires; Frances Henrietta Gates; George Parry; All impacted by the earthquakes in Venezuela; Randal Loy; Camila Rose; Evelyn; Pat Decker; Barbara Cipolla; Family of Cipriano Don Candillo; Mike Bennett; Matt Bissett; Orin Jones; Shaun Kelly & Family; Amrit Prasad; Zachary Brewer; Carlyle Conley; Steve Sprague; Norbert King; Derek Mattson; Shandell Debroc; Cherry Barthel; Sharon; Diego Garcia; All suffering in the summer heat; Cathy Thomas; Ashleigh; Melanie Boyd; Jacob and Sophia Purcell; Sandra Fuhrman; Sandra Brown; Vicki Price; Cheryl Kennedy; Penny Sullivan; Brend; Marcille McCandless; Mike Barzee & Family; Phineas Gitta; Those fighting chronic illness; Iris Parsons; Wayne Alexander; Larry McMullen; Gloria Stocks; Jim Royer; Joyce Morrow; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; Yvonne Kehoe Meier; Jeffrey and family; Charlotte Colburn; Those affected by gun violence; First Responders; Immigrants

Pray for the Departed: Emily Barker; Sydney Watson; Nick Hutcherson; Emily Barker; All those lost in the earthquakes in Venezuela; Joe Anderson; Those lost in the plane crash in Butler Missouri; Those lost in the plane crash from Edwards Air Force Base; Jessica Manning; Deacon Bill Crain; Cipriano Don Candillo; Phil Carroll; Cherry Barthel; Those lost in the San Diego Mosque shooting; Dolly Galus; Phyllis Hart; Loretta Stotts; Gianvito Liantonio; John Graham; Military members killed in action; those lost in war; those who have died from gun violence

For all military members and their families, especially: Taya Velasco; Ethan Bergeron; Alexandria Puls; Capt. Aryk Bingham; Cpt. Charles Lewis, Jr.; Adam; Anita Feugate Opperman; Brian Chellgren; Charles Braden Fowler; Colin Walker; Connor Spake; James Brown; John K. Baker; Joshua Gordon; Lt. Col. Kevin Thomas; Lexi Puls; Nick; Patrick Williams; Steve Conner; The Rev. Ben Newland

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: The Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City—The Rt. Rev. Poulson C. Reed, Jr., Bishop Stewardship Commission

This Week at GHTC

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

Sunday, July 5

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9 a.m. Coffee Hour
9:15 a.m. Adult Formation: Stranger in a Strange Land
9:30 a.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist* (Family Worship)
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
5 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, July 6

6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Tuesday, July 7

12:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study+
6:45 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study+

Wednesday, July 8

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

Sunday, July 12

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9 a.m. All Parish Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist* & Cathedral Kids
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
5 p.m. Holy Eucharist

+On Zoom

*In person service streamed on YouTube @kccathedral

Venezuela Earthquake Relief

On June 24, two strong earthquakes struck north-central Venezuela in rapid succession. Episcopal Relief & Development is in contact with local partners as they provide critical relief today and assess their community needs. The International Disaster Fund is an important tool for responding to immediate needs and supporting long-term recovery. You can make



Episcopal
Relief & Development

your gift in the offering today or
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Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

The Human Condition and Divine Grace

"Triumphal Entry" Illumination (Zechariah 9:9-12)

The lectionary readings for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost address the struggles of the human condition, finding rest amid those struggles, the humble nature of Christ, and God's abundant grace. The Old Testament reading from Zechariah highlights the theme of a victorious yet humble king who brings peace to the world's nations and freedom to those enslaved. In the Gospel reading Jesus offers his "easy" yoke to those who are weary and heavy-laden. This is an invitation to join him in humble discipleship as an alternative to the exhausting expectations of the world. The Epistle reading from Romans describes the human dilemma of wanting to do good while repeatedly falling into the sin we hate. This offers a penetrating exploration of the human need for divine rescue. Finally, the alternative Old Testament reading from Genesis narrating the marriage of Isaac and Rebekah treats divine providence and enduring human relationships. These lectionary themes converge in today's Collect where we pray for God's grace to love both God and our neighbor.

In the context of Israel's history, it is significant that the Zechariah text emphasizes a global rather than a parochial perspective. After Israel had lived in Babylonian captivity for about fifty years, a power shift brought the Persian Empire to victory over Babylonia. In 538 BCE, the subjected Jews were allowed to return to their decimated homeland. The few Jews who chose to return faced what seemed like impossible hardships in their efforts to survive in this devastated land. Amid these circumstances, Zechariah prophesied a vision of hope regarding the future, albeit one that was far different than that sought by the returnees. Zechariah's vision was one of national humility, not revenge and domination. It imagined a king riding upon a young donkey rather than upon a

regal stallion. The envisioned kingdom was peaceable and universal, not exclusive and ethnocentric.

The "Rejoice" illumination highlights the text of Zechariah 9:9, "Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he." But as the image conveys, this is not a vision of the conquering military leader that many returned exiles expected. Instead, it portrays this victorious king as a suffering servant. Illuminator Hazel Dolby depicts the "king" riding on a sad-looking donkey with its head bowed low. Palm trees line his route. The image of a city appears in the upper left-hand corner of the depiction. Both elements serve as indicators of an eschatological dimension at work. God intends to inaugurate a new Jerusalem whose existence is above and beyond the coercive and corrupting influences of earthly powers.

The Bible's overarching story tells us that God created the entire cosmos. In Genesis, God promised to bless "all the families of the earth" through the obedient action of Abraham and Sarah. In Revelation, God gathers people from "every nation, tribe, people, and language." As God was not exclusively the God of the ancient Jews, neither is he exclusively the God of any one nation or race of people today. God is the father of "every family in heaven and on earth" (Ephesians 3:15). Does this reminder from today's lectionary readings fill you with hope for the future or does it disappoint you? Why?



Upcoming Events | Announcements

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

All Parish Breakfast

Sunday, July 12 | 9 a.m. | Founders' Hall

Rise and shine! Swing by Founders' Hall for some breakfast and good company. We can't wait to see your bright and cheery face there!

Musical Guests at Coffee Hour

Sunday, July 19 | 11:45 a.m. | Founders' Hall

During coffee hour on Sunday, July 19, we will enjoy beautiful piano music played by a Band of Angels student. Band of Angels is a nonprofit organization that helps students participate in music by providing musical instruments, music camp scholarships, and other

financial support to children who face financial barriers. Please join us!

Make a Difference: Volunteer

You are invited to use your skills and spirit to make a real impact. Whether you have a few hours or want to dive into regularly serving, there are many ways to help: serving in worship services, teaching/helping with children & youth programs, assisting with the Cathedral gardens, singing in the choir and more. For more information, visit kccathedral.org/volunteer or contact Volunteer Coordinator Joan Bergstrom at volunteers@kccathedral.org.

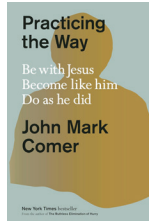
Formation for All Ages

Learn more: kccathedral.org/learn

Adults: Sundays

Sundays starting July 26 • 9:15 a.m.

Our Summer Book Study begins July 26. We will be reading Mark Comer's *Practicing the Way*. Copies will be available in the Cathedral Bookstore next week.



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.

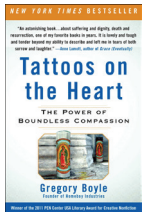
Adults: Tuesdays

GHTC's Virtual Cafe The Virtual Café is taking a break. Watch announcements for future meetings.

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

Women's Bible Study (WBS) meets by Zoom every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. for about an hour. As we gather we share joys and concerns followed by discussion of the selected topic or Bible study book. Conversation is lively, thought-provoking, and often irreverent. All are welcome. Visit our website, kccathedral.org/adultformation, for the Zoom link.

This summer, we are studying *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* by Fr. Gregory Boyle. Don't worry if you haven't had time to do the reading or even if you have the book. We're always happy to see you regardless of what time you have to spend with us.



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.