

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

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

The Word of God

* OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

People **And blessed be God's 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.**

* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Exodus 14:19-31

Lector The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

**Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.**

The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

**The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.**

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

**You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?**

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

**Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12

Lector Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

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

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

Gospeller Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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	Almighty Deliverer, you have heard and lifted up your people again and again; hear us now as we pray saying "Hear us O God, and answer our prayer."
	Grant your church wisdom in discerning your call to us that we might be the beacon of hope you have intended us to be. We pray especially for those on this week's Diocesan Cycle of Prayer.
	Hear us, O God,
People	and answer our prayer.
Intercessor	Give us courage and determination in our civic life, that we might be witness to the power of repentance, reconciliation, and justice to our neighbors.
	Hear us, O God,
People	and answer our prayer.

Intercessor	Lead us into a way of life that is sustainable and equitable, that all might participate in the bounty of your creation. Hear us, O God,
People	and answer our prayer.
Intercessor	Open our eyes, our hearts, and our hands to respond to the needs of those around us who suffer from the lack of basic needs; show us how to respond in love to the wants we encounter. Hear us, O God,
People	and answer our prayer.
Intercessor	Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer, who face illness, or who are wounded; mend what has broken in our lives. We pray especially for those on the Cathedral's Prayer List, and for those whom we now name silently or aloud. Hear us, O God,
People	and answer our prayer.
Intercessor	Embrace the dying in your grace, grant them and us new life in the kingdom to come. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud. Hear us, O God,
People	and answer our prayer.
Presider	Sovereign Lord, grant us deeper understanding and love of you, that we might grow to the stature you intended for us and answer our prayers through Christ, our Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and always. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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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.

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

* 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.**

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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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.*

* 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.

The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, Presider & Preacher

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: John Manley; Mike Bennett; Joyce; Jim Leuthold; Katie Lienemann; Charlene Thomas; Ysidro Quintero; Sakue Ide; Willard Welch; Greg Smith; Daniel Mufich; Those impacted worldwide by recent earthquakes; Luke McCullough; Those impacted by flooding; Barbara Martin; Ben Schoonover; Jane Anderson; Janet Baar; Jeanne Hoeft; Mary Margaret Saxon; Mary Breese; Carrie Robertson Gentry; Those impacted by Wildfires; Randal Loy; Camila Rose; Frances Henrietta Gates; George Parry; Evelyn; Brend; Rick Jordahl; Marcille McCandless; Mike Barzee & Family; Phineas Gitta; Those fighting chronic illness; Iris Parsons; Wayne Alexander; 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

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Trenton—Mr. Peter Allen, Bishop's Warden

Clergy Spouses & Surviving Spouses

Pray for the Departed: The Rev. Murray Trelease; The Rev. Sidney Breese; Brennan P. Younger; Drew Ross; Marv Schroeder; Nathan Matthews; Sgt. Michael Emmanuel Swinton; Pvt Isabella Gonzales; 1st Lt. Tyler James Feehan; Larry McMullen; Emily Barker; Nick Hutcherson; Sydney Watson; Joe Anderson; Those lost in recent earthquakes; those lost in war; those who have died from gun violence; Military members killed in action

For all military members and their families, especially: Russell Neice; Col. Brian Chellgren (retired); Ensign Brock Chellgren; Jonathan Wegener; for all military members and their families; Taya Velasco; Ethan Bergeron; Alexandria Puls; Capt. Aryk Bingham; Cpt. Charles Lewis, Jr.; Adam; Anita Feugate Opperman; 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

Choral Evensong

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral | kccathedral.org/musicevents

September 20
October 18
November 15

5 p.m. | Cathedral Nave

Choral Evensong is a traditional Anglican service that blends music, prayer, and scripture into a reflective Evening Prayer experience.

This Week at GHTC

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

Sunday, September 13

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9 a.m. Ministry Fair & Coffee Hour
- 9:30 a.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist*
- 10:30 a.m. Cathedral Kids
- 11:45 a.m. Ministry Fair & Coffee Hour
- 5 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, September 14

- 6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Tuesday, September 15

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

Wednesday, September 16

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

Thursday, September 17

- 7 p.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir

Friday, September 18

- 7 p.m. Concert: The Grenadilla Double Reed Ensemble

Saturday, September 19

- 8 a.m. Volunteer with St. Paul's TEFAP
- 11 a.m. Volunteer Ministry: Appreciation Brunch

Sunday, September 20

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Formation: Celebrating the Saints
- 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*
- 10:30 a.m. Cathedral Kids
- 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 12:15 p.m. Label Containers for Pete's Garden
- 5 p.m. Choral Evensong

+On Zoom

*In person service streamed on YouTube @kccathedral

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

September 13

John Callison

September 14

Davina Reed

September 15

Cliff & Janel Mosley
Guy Townsend
Karla Kelly

September 16

Holly & Jeff Johnson
Jeff Johnson
Julie Brogno
Marsha Beggs

September 17

Linda Hezel & Richard Moore

September 19

Audrey Ryder
Julia Moreno Akins

Sponsor the Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are a great way to beautify the sanctuary and remind your fellow worshipers 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.



Cathedral Staff: The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, *Dean*; The Rev. Canon W. James Yazell, *Canon for Adult Formation*; The Rev. Clare Stern-Burbano, *Associate for Children, Youth & College*; The Rev. Barbara Wegener, *Deacon*; Dr. Lucas Fletcher, *Director of Music*; Julie Toma, *Cathedral Administrator*; Holly Campbell, *Events Coordinator*; Steve Berman, *Finance Coordinator*; Dr. Joan Bergstrom, *Sacristan & Volunteer Coordinator*; Angie Graham, *Facility Manager*; Bianca Jackson, *Assistant Facility Manager*; The Very Rev. Peter J. DeVeau, *Dean Emeritus*; Canon John Schaefer, *Canon Musician Emeritus*

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Formation for All Ages

Learn more: kccathedral.org/learn

Adults: Sundays

9:15 a.m. | Common Room

Celebrating the Saints | Begins September 20

Join us as we explore the riches of God's glorious inheritance made real in the lives of the saints who have gone before us. We will trace the development of the Church over time through the lives of some of its most faithful followers and learn how the love of God has been made manifest in different times and places by vastly different people.

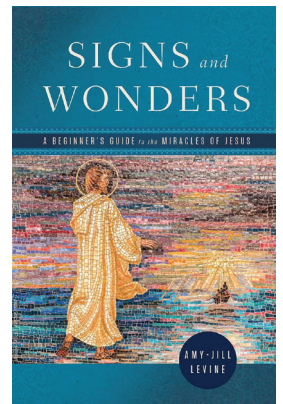


Adults: Tuesdays

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. Zoom link: kccathedral.org/adultformation

Starting September 15: We begin the study *Signs and Wonders: A Beginner's Guide to the Miracles of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine. We'll be exploring selected miracles of Jesus in their historical and theological context, with a focus on the "why" of the miracles instead of the "if." Dr. Levine looks at how the past witnesses would have understood the events while looking at how modern readers can draw meaning from Jesus's acts and words.



Youth

Starting September 20, Youth in grades 6-12 meet Sundays at 9:15 a.m. for Formation.

SAVE THE DATE! 2026-2027

YOUTH EVENTS

NOV 6-7

DYG
St. Paul's, Kansas City, MO

JAN 16-18

Miqra
Grace Cathedral, Topeka

FEB 5-7

Sr. High Retreat
St. Philip's, Joplin

APR 9-11

Jr. High Retreat
Trinity, Independence, MO

JUN 6-12

Mega Camp
Camp Wood YMCA, Elmdale, KS



The Diocese of
West Missouri

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.

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 Music Events

For more info: kccathedral.org/musicevents

The Grenadilla Double Reed Ensemble: Music for 2 Oboes and English Horn

September 18 | 7 p.m. | Cathedral Nave

Experience the warm, expressive sound of double reeds in an intimate chamber concert featuring music for two oboes and English horn. The Grenadilla Double Reed Ensemble brings a distinctive blend of color, lyricism, and ensemble artistry to the Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral Nave on Friday, September 18 at 7 p.m.

Musicians Teresa Posey Miller, Michael Prucha, and Meribeth Risebig offer music of Gabriel Allier, Gordon Jacob, Graham Powning, and Ludwig Van Beethoven.

The concert is free; donations are welcomed. Reception to follow.



The Music of Fanny Hensel with pianist Daniel Peycke

September 25 | 7 p.m. | Cathedral Nave

Join pianist Daniel Peycke for an evening devoted to the remarkable music of Fanny Hensel, one of the most compelling composer-pianists of the Romantic era. Though much of Hensel's work remained unpublished during her lifetime, her music reveals imagination, depth, and a distinctive voice that continues to gain recognition today. This recital invites listeners to discover the beauty and brilliance of her piano writing in the resonant setting of the Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral Nave. The concert is free; donations are welcomed.

Daniel Peycke received BM and MM degrees in piano performance from UMKC. He lives in Raytown with his wife and three children, working as a collaborative pianist, teacher, and church musician.

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel (1805–1847) composed more than 450 works, including piano music, songs, chamber music, and larger vocal works. In the final year of her life, she began publishing under her own name after some early works had appeared in collections associated with her brother, Felix Mendelssohn.



Outreach

Learn more: kccathedral.org/outreach

Donations for our Partners



Not having a clean diaper can really stink

- Diapers are not covered by government safety net programs like food stamps, Medicaid, and WIC.
- 1 in 2 families in KC can't afford diapers
- Families with young children experiencing diaper need report missing an average of 5.1 workdays per month because they did not have the required number of diapers for their child to attend daycare.

Bring diapers to the barrel in the cross hall or to the basket in the Tower or purchase diapers through HappyBottoms using QR code or at happybottoms-101520.square.site (use group name: Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral).



Volunteer Opportunities

Backsnack Drivers

We are looking for volunteers to drive once a month to two schools in the NKC school district; the schools are only blocks apart. The Harvesters BackSnack program provides a weekly backpack filled with nutritious, child-friendly food for schoolchildren at elementary and some middle schools to take home over the weekend.

What would you do? Load boxes into your vehicle at the Cathedral, then drop off the boxes at the assigned schools. Each box weighs about 20 pounds. Interested? Contact Ric Sweeting at ricsweeting@gmail.com or phone the Cathedral office.

Help Pete's Garden by Labeling Lids

September 20, October 18 | 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, September 19, October 17 | 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.

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Recent state funding cuts have required The Prospect KC to temporarily adjust Community Kitchen service to Tuesday through Thursday. Their commitment to no-cost meals, workforce opportunity, and a connected community has not changed. Right now, an anonymous donor will match every gift dollar for dollar, up to \$35,000. Your gift can go twice as far to help sustain meals, opportunity, and connection-and support the path back to five-day Community Kitchen service. Give today while your gift can be doubled.

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Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

Divine Deliverance, Radical Forgiveness, & the Nature of God's Mercy

"Dinner at the Pharisee's Home" Illumination (Luke 7:36-50 relating to themes of Forgiveness)

Today's lectionary readings focus on three themes: divine deliverance, radical forgiveness, and the boundary-crossing nature of God's mercy. The Exodus text highlights God's positioning his presence between the Hebrew and Egyptian camps to protect the vulnerable, thereby turning a place of death into one of liberation. The alternative Old Testament reading in Genesis 50 narrates Joseph's forgiving his brothers for their evil deed of selling him into Egyptian slavery. His redemptive response to his brothers emphasizes how God works through messy, broken human actions to give life rather than to exact retribution. In the Gospel reading Jesus tells the parable of an unforgiving servant to highlight the contrast between God's infinite mercy and our tendency to be unforgiving toward those who offend us. The Epistle reading challenges the Christian community to stop judging one another and reminds us that we must all stand before God's judgment seat.

These themes are integrated in today's *Visio Divina* by means of an application that visualizes how God's abundant love and forgiveness tend to disrupt the orderly and predictable patterns of life that we generally prefer. The "Dinner at the Pharisee's House" illumination depicts the extravagance of a woman who anoints Jesus' feet with a perfume worth a year's wages. Jesus often was criticized by the religious establishment of his day for fraternizing too freely

with sinners. Today's illumination highlights how this practice tended to introduce chaos into culturally familiar settings. Illuminator Donald Jackson depicts this by the messy, haphazard array placed within the meticulously neat household. A heavy black line dividing the scene suggests the chasm that exists between the world of this "sinful woman" and that of the Pharisees. Jesus' words in the middle of the illumination mediate between the chaos brought about by the woman and the task she has come to accomplish – express extravagant love in response to the extravagant forgiveness and acceptance she has experienced. Her actions remind us that extravagance is reciprocal.

Near the top of the black dividing line is a circle inscribed with a cross. Poised over this scene, this cross feature invites the questions: "What is holiness?" and "How does holiness relate to forgiveness?" The woman in this panel is unconventional, with green and pink hair and dressed eccentrically. The world she is disrupting is represented by the white scarf displaying

Hebrew words indicative of temple worship and sacrifice. Here another boundary is exposed – the barrier between mere habitual religious practice and living faith that is infused with abundant love and forgiveness. Through this event Jesus seizes the opportunity to convey the message that divine mercy is chaotic. Such mercy disrupts the world of empty orderliness.

Today's focal illumination reminds us that when God breaks into history the world in its usual state is disrupted. What do you think distinguishes the left side of this panel from the right? What unites them? Do you prefer the tidy household or the disruptive intensity of extravagant forgiveness and love? Can you recall moments when your life was disrupted by this type of forgiveness?



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MEET THE TRINITY CHOIR

You might catch them in a procession or hear them singing anthems, but who are these talented individuals? Let's take a closer look at the Trinity Choir.

PENNY CITRO

Alto

Penny Citro joined the Trinity Choir as a staff singer when it was first established in 1977. What began as a job soon became a place of belonging and an extended family.

When she is not at the Cathedral, Penny enjoys traveling, spending time with family and friends, watching football, and taking in the many theatrical opportunities Kansas City has to offer.



JAN DUNCAN

Alto

Jan Duncan first came to Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral in 1997 and sang with the Trinity Choir for 20 years. After taking a nine-year break to care for her parents, she recently rejoined the choir. Now retired, Jan is enjoying this new season of life by returning to music, playing pickleball, practicing yoga, traveling, and spending time with her husband (Terry), six grandchildren, and three-month-old great-granddaughter.



CLAUDIA RISEBIG

Alto

Claudia Risebig joined the choir around 1988 and sings in the alto section. She especially enjoys singing challenging repertoire and making music alongside the choir community. Outside of choir, Claudia enjoys retirement, teaching piano, playing bassoon, gardening, and swimming.



JOSEPH AERISOLPHAL

Bass

Joseph Aerisolphal holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Music from Wayne State College and has taught vocal and instrumental music in both public and private schools. His musical background includes concert and marching band, vocal performance, church choir and junior choir direction, and service as a tenor section leader in the Cathedral choir. He has also sung second tenor with the San Francisco Symphony Chorus and now sings bass with the GHTC Choir.



CHIP BUCKNER

Bass

Chip Buckner has been part of the GHTC choir community since joining the boys choir in 1969, singing soprano, alto, and bass over the years. Recently retired from the practice of law, he continues to wonder why retirement has not brought more free time. At home, he and Deb enjoy life in Brookside, where they find themselves outnumbered by squirrels and dandelions.



JOHN PINKSTON

Bass

John Pinkston joined the Cathedral in 2012 after many years in the Methodist tradition, drawn especially by the opportunity to sing in the choir. In addition to choir, he served as cook for "The Way," preparing meals that became a source of great pride. John also sings with the Kansas City Symphony Chorus.



MEET THE TRINITY CHOIR

IGOR VIEIRA

Bass

Igor Vieira, baritone, was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where he began his vocal studies. He moved to the United States in 1997 to pursue his bachelor's degree and became an American citizen in 2014.

He is currently pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts in Voice Performance at the University of Missouri–Kansas City.



J. RICHARD WALKER

Bass

J. Richard Walker holds degrees in English and choral conducting and is a singer, instrumentalist, arranger–composer, and professional voiceover artist. He has created music for theatrical and film scores, directed singing ensembles, and served as music director for numerous theatrical productions. Richard performs regularly with local groups, including the Kansas City Chorale, and recently retired after 20 years at the University of Kansas.



TARA CAMPBELL

Soprano

Originally from Illinois, Tara Campbell holds music degrees from Millikin University and the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. She has served as a staff singer at Christ Church Cathedral, Ladue Presbyterian Chapel in St. Louis, and Grace Episcopal Cathedral in Topeka. She now lives in Lawrence with her husband—fellow staff singer Zack Devin—their two children, and their dog.



REBECCA BALLINGER CLARK

Soprano

Rebecca Ballinger Clark has been a soprano staff singer with the Trinity Choir since 2018. She loves the community formed through making music together and treasures the friendships she has made in the choir. In her free time, Rebecca enjoys participating in Kansas City's musical theater community, playing board games with her husband Rob, caring for her many plants, and spending time with her Bernedoodle, Graham.



ABBEY MATTSON

Soprano

Abbey Mattson, soprano, first became involved with GHTC's music program in 1992 after being recruited into the Youth Bell Choir and Trinity Youth Choir. She later joined the Adult Trinity Choir in 1997 and has been a devoted volunteer singer ever since, with a few breaks for college and career. Abbey values the friendships she has made through choir, and outside of singing she manages a country club and is raising two teenage sons, Harrison and Julian, with her husband, Nathan.



EMILY STOTT

Soprano

Emily Stott has been a staff singer in the Trinity Choir soprano section for three years. She loves the choir's community and enjoys the variety of music the ensemble learns and performs. Outside of choir, Emily works at Lyric Opera of Kansas City and welcomes every chance to experience the city's vibrant theater and music scene.

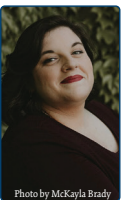


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MEET THE TRINITY CHOIR

KELLI VAN METER

Soprano

Kelli Van Meter has been a soprano staff singer with the Trinity Choir for the past two years. They especially enjoy the shared pride and joy that comes when the choir comes together musically to accomplish something beautiful or challenging. Outside of choir, Kelli enjoys being in the ensemble with their partner, Emily, as well as playing board games and spending time with their three cats.



SHARON CHEERS

Tenor

Sharon Cheers has sung tenor with the Trinity Choir for more than 25 years. She especially loves Evensong and has traveled with the choir on seven British and Continental European tours, including residencies at Westminster Abbey, Christ Church Oxford, the American Cathedral in Paris, Exeter, Norwich, and other churches.

Sharon is an attorney and also works with the Kansas City Election Board during voting season. Outside of choir, she enjoys music, travel, reading, touring gardens and Missouri wineries, and spending time with her family.



MERIBETH RISEBIG

Tenor

Meribeth Risebig joined the choir under the direction of Canon John Schaefer and was fortunate to travel with the group on four choir tours to Europe. After a short break during Covid, she happily returned to Grace & Holy Trinity and now sings in the tenor section. Meribeth is also a freelance oboe and English horn player.



ALEC ZIER

Tenor

Alec Zier joined the Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir in 2015 shortly after relocating to Kansas City from Kirksville, Missouri. Drawn by the opportunity to sing, he soon found in the Cathedral an important musical and spiritual home. Alec works as an executive assistant at the University of Missouri–Kansas City, and outside of church and work he enjoys mountain biking, online games with friends, and relaxing with a good book or TV series.



CURIOUS ABOUT SINGING WITH A CHOIR?

Join our choir!

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Love music? Curious about singing with a choir? The Trinity Choir at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral is looking for volunteer singers! Choir is a wonderful way to make new friends, build community, and experience the joy and benefits of singing together. Not sure about your skill level? Come explore—we'll help you learn more.

OPEN HOUSE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, AT 10 A.M.

Come see what Trinity Choir is all about! Join us Sunday, September 20, at 10 a.m. in Haden Hall to watch rehearsal up close. You're also welcome to sit with the choir in the gallery during the service—no singing required. Just come, listen, and learn more!

OPEN HOUSE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, FROM 7–8 P.M.

Bring a friend and join us Thursday, September 24, from 7–8 p.m. in Haden Hall for food, fellowship, and music during Trinity Choir rehearsal. It's a relaxed way to meet the choir and learn how you can be part of this welcoming ministry.

Upcoming Events | Announcements

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

Farewell Coffee Hour for Mother Clare

Sunday, September 20 | 9 & 11:30 a.m.

Please join us for a farewell party as we bid adieu to Mother Clare, Andres and Ollie J, who are embarking on a new and exciting chapter in their lives.

Learn Hymn Singing

Sundays, September 27 & October 4

Join us to explore hymn singing near the grand piano in the Nave after the organ postlude. We'll discuss our hymnal and practice simple hymns for about 20 minutes. These hymns will be featured at our annual Hymn Sing and dinner on Friday, October 9.

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 3 | 11 a.m.

Round up your furry, feathered, or scaly pals—be it dog, cat, rabbit, or turtle—for our Blessing of the Animals extravaganza! Join us on the north lawn for a brief service, where each critter gets their own blessing, plus treats for both pets and their humans. Please ensure your animal companion is securely leashed or restrained.

Blessing of the Stuffed Animals

Sunday, October 4 | 10:30 a.m.

Children are invited to bring their loved and adored stuffed animals and lovies for a blessing during the 10:30 a.m. service.

Hymn Sing & Dinner

Friday, October 9 | 6 p.m. dinner | 7 p.m. singing

Our annual Hymn Sing returns this year with the addition of a potluck dinner. Join us at 6 p.m. in Founders' Hall to enjoy good food and company. The Hymn Sing begins at 7 p.m. in the Nave. Participants will have the opportunity to select hymns to be sung, be they old favorites, lesser-known gems, or rarely-heard curiosities. Come explore the riches of our hymnal!

Submit your favorite hymn(s) at kccathedral.org/musicevents or with the QR code. We will compile the list and sing our way through it. (Only hymns from *The Hymnal 1982* and *Wonder, Love, and Praise*, please.)





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September 15 | Meeting: Finance Committee, 7:30 a.m.

September 18 | Concert: The Grenadilla Double Reed Ensemble, 7 p.m.

September 19 | Volunteer Appreciation Brunch, 11 a.m.

September 20 | Formation year starts, 9:15 a.m.

September 20 | Choir Open House, 10 a.m.

September 20 | Volunteering: Pete's Garden Lid Labeling

September 20 | Evensong, 5 p.m.

September 24 | Meeting: Vestry, 5:30 p.m.

September 24 | Choir Open House, 7 p.m.

September 25 | Concert: pianist Daniel Peycke, 7 p.m.

September 27 | Learning about Hymns, 11:45 a.m.

October 3 | Blessing of the Animals, 11 a.m.

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October 12 | Office Closed: Indigenous People's Day

October 16 | Outdoor Movie Night, 7 p.m.

October 18 | Healing Rites at 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

October 18 | Choral Evensong, 5 p.m.

October 25 | Fall Festival & Costume Blessing