Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral



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The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 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: Prelude on *Thaxted* — David M. Cherwien (b. 1957)

* Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity — page 355

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 — page 356

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Lector Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 *read by alternating **half** verse* page 728

Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Lector — You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Word of the Lord.

People — **Thanks be to God.**

* The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

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

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

Gospeller — When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

> 'The Lord said to my Lord,
> "Sit at my right hand,
> until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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 — God of deliverance, hear our prayers and deliver us into your kingdom as we say, Hear us, O God, and answer our prayer.

Deliver your church from arrogance and fear; lead us into the places you wish us to go and into the work you wish us to do. We pray especially for those on this week's Diocesan Cycle of Prayer.

Hear us, O God,

People — **and answer our prayer.**

Intercessor — Deliver this nation from division and anger; bend our hearts that; united, we might work towards justice and dignity for all people.

Hear us, O God,

People — **and answer our prayer.**

Intercessor — Deliver our world from indifference to the welfare of others as we negotiate new ways of being to overcome our global challenges.

Hear us, O God,

People — **and answer our prayer.**

Intercessor — Deliver all of us who hear these words from indecision and doubt, that we might boldly take up Christ's work of healing and reconciliation as our own.

Hear us, O God,

-People — **and answer our prayer.**

Intercessor — Deliver all who suffer from their distress and grant them peace and a sense of well-being. 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 — Deliver the dead into your eternal kingdom, comfort those who grieve with the hope of reuniting again one day in the resurrection. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud.

Hear us, O God,

People — **and answer our prayer.**

Presider — Loving God who time and again has heard your people's cry and lifted them from their despair, hear our prayers and lift us up that we might, more fully, be the people you created us to be and empower us for your mission of love. We ask this in Jesus' name. **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.**

* 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: 432 “O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height”



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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Presider Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

* Breaking of the Bread

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Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Presider 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.**

* Closing Hymn: 531 "O Spirit of the living God"



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Voluntary: Introduction and March — William Walton (1902-1983)

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

Serving Today

Presider	The Rev. Canon W. James Yazell
Preacher	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Deacon of the Word	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Deacon of the Table	The Rev. Robin Rusconi
Organist	Dr. Lucas Fletcher
Lector	Lenette Johnson
Eucharistic Minister	Kelsey Leftwich-Yazell
Usher	Dave Patt
Altar Guild	Candy McDowell, Caroline John

STEWARDSHIP 2027
LOOKING AHEAD IN FAITH

The future of the Church is not built by fear, but by faith. As we continue this stewardship season, we invite you to reflect on where you have seen God at work in this parish and how God may be calling you to help sustain and strengthen its ministry in the year ahead.

Learn more, make your pledge or signup for a Cathedral Gathering at *kccathedral.org/stewardship*.



In the coming weeks, we are offering opportunities to gather as a community for fellowship, conversation, and reflection on our shared life and ministry.

Wednesday, November 11 | 6-7:30 p.m.
Andy & Beth Keyse's house, KCMO Northland

Thursday, November 12 | 6-7:30 p.m.
Steve & Kristy Moore's house, Leawood

Wednesday, November 18 | 6-7:30 p.m.
Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Common Room

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: Ellen Spake; Peg Brown; Pope Leo; Sarahi; Rose Wrede; Mary Margaret Saxon; Mary Breese; Brend; The family and friends of Mary Martha Stevens; Barbara Liming, Kerry Rush, Vick Ross & families; Sherry Candillo; John Manley; Mike Bennett; Joyce; Katie Lienemann; Debbie Kerr; Mary Kerr; Charlene Thomas; Ysidro Quintero; Sakue Ide; Willard Welch; Greg Smith; Daniel Mufich; Those impacted worldwide by recent earthquakes; Jodi Robinson; Luke McCullough; Those impacted by flooding; Barbara Martin; Larry Bilotta; George Parry; 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. Thomas a' Becket Episcopal Church, Cassville—Mr. Jim Craig, Bishop's Warden; The Rev. Dr. Anita Philbrick, Deacon

Commission on Ministry

Pray for the Departed: Rhegan Spiegel; Jim Leuthold; Haywood Walker, Jr.; Robert Dean Melton; Randal Loy; Joshua Lewis; The Rev. Murray Trelease; The Rev. Sidney Breese; Brennan P. Younger; Drew Ross; Marv Schroeder; 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



Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

October 24
Marlena Paulus
Tina Lewandowski
Conrad Ahn
Thomas Higgins
Tim Brown

October 25
Brent Barr

October 26
Bruce Weekes
Joyce Morrow
Nigel Jones

October 27
Abbey & Andy Mosley
Cesar Sanchez

October 28
Glen Wesner
Ron Fortune
Victoria & Zach Janky

October 29
Donna McGuire

October 31
Tom Brill

Today's altar flowers

Today's flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for my granddaughters, Maya McLeroy and Grace Leonard by Carolyn McLeroy.



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.

This Week at GHTC

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

Sunday, October 25

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
9:30 a.m.	Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist*
10:30 a.m.	Cathedral Kids
11:45 a.m.	Fall Festival & Coffee Hour
5 p.m.	Holy Eucharist

Monday, October 26

6 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Tuesday, October 27

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

Wednesday, October 28

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

Thursday, October 29

6 p.m.	Rehearsal: Bell Choir
7 p.m.	Rehearsal: Trinity Choir

Friday, October 30

6:30 p.m.	A Night of Jazz

Sunday, November 1 • All Saints' Day

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
9:30 a.m.	Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
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+On Zoom

**In person service streamed on YouTube @kccathedral*

The Kansas City Jazz Orchestra returns to Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral for another evening of great music. This event will once again serve as a fundraiser for our beloved Messiah Singalong in December. Food and drink will be provided.
Admission may be purchased online for $20 by October 29, or for $30 at the door.

AN EVENING OF JAZZ

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6:30 PM

An Evening with The Kansas City Jazz Orchestra

Buy your tickets today at kccathedral.org/musicevents

Proceeds will enable a return to our annual Messiah Singalong tradition.



Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral

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Adults: Sundays
9:15 a.m. | Common Room

Celebrating the Saints

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.



Youth: Sundays
9:15 a.m. | Youth Room

Youth in grades 6-12 meet Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Haden Hall Youth Room with Dean Andy & Deacon Barbara.

Diocesan Youth Gathering at Convention
November 6-7 • GHTC

Youth in 5th-12th grades across the diocese are invited to gather for this year's Youth Gathering during Annual Convention. This event will include an overnight stay and opportunities to serve at Convention in various ways.

A weekend designed to help youth dig deeper into faith, community, and creativity, the Diocesan Youth Gathering (D.Y.G.) offers a vibrant, welcoming space for youth to grow, reflect, and have fun together. Breakout sessions include prayer through art, living faith outside the church, music, meditation, games, and community service.

The fee to attend is $25. *Register at diowestmo.org/events*.

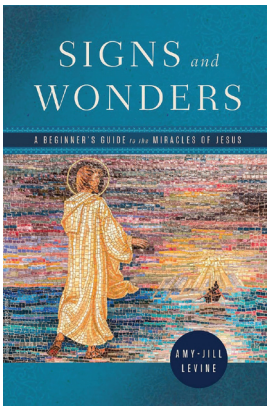
Please contact Meredith Seaton, Discipleship Youth Missioner, at youth@diowestmo.org for questions or concerns about D.Y.G.

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*

We are studying *Signs and Wonders: A Beginners 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.



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.

Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

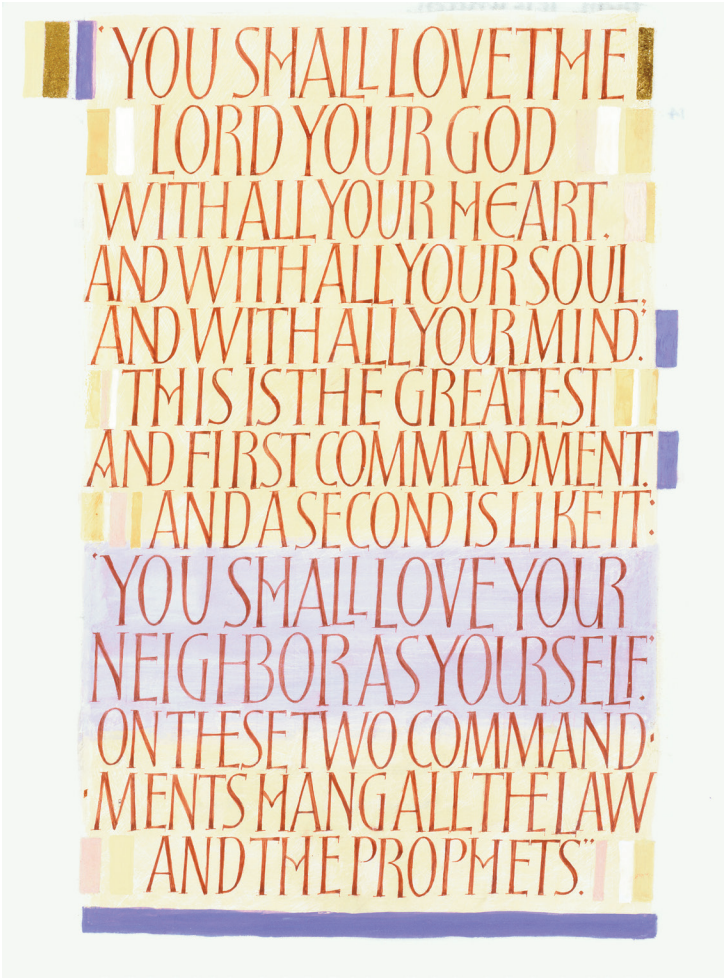
The Great Commandment

"You Shall Love the Lord" Text Treatment (Matthew 22)

The lectionary readings for the Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost center on themes connected to the Great Commandment in Matthew 22. This constellation of themes includes loving God and neighbor; life's brevity, legacy, and lifework transition; holiness that is grounded in mercy and justice; and vulnerable Christian leadership. The Gospel reading distills the entire legal and prophetic tradition into one integrated focus – love God with all your heart, soul, and mind and your neighbor as yourself. Here religious practice is shifted from legalistic ruses that often fake piety to relational integrity. The Old Testament complementary reading from Leviticus 19 explicitly ties holiness to unprejudiced justice that demonstrates love for the neighbor, not slanderous calumny. The Deuteronomy 34 reading looks back upon Moses' life and ministry as his mantle of leadership is passed on to Joshua. The accompanying Psalm reflects on the brevity of human life while offering assurance of God's eternal refuge. In the Epistle reading, Paul models Christian leadership not on domineering power or flattery but upon giving of ourselves and of the gospel of Christ. All this is synthesized in today's collect challenging us to pray that God would "make us love what he commands."

The central message throughout these readings is love. While efforts to believe the right things, be faithful in worship, engage in regular devotional reading and prayer, and practice of stewardship matter, when distilled to its essence the heart of Christian faith is love. All of these things are to be practiced in a spirit of divine love. But what does it mean to do this? How are we to love as God commands? We have a tendency to think of love as a feeling that arises out of our own sense of affinity. However, the Bible does not describe love in this way. When Jesus declares that love is the greatest commandment, he indicates that love is not a matter of personal affinity, feeling, or preference. It is a matter of obedience to God. It involves discipline, practice, and effort. Biblical love makes us vulnerable, requires trust, pushes beyond comfortable boundaries, and takes time, effort, and discipline.

Saint John's Bible highlights the importance of this commandment in a rather unique way; It is given five special text treatments in the five different biblical locations where it is found: Matthew 22, Mark 12, Luke 10, Leviticus 19, and



Deuteronomy 6. In each case the text is given a simple and clear treatment as a way of emphasizing its importance as the FIRST AND GREATEST COMMANDMENT. Each treatment has the appearance of a banner capable of being displayed in worship spaces, and indeed they often are found there.

Proverbs 3:3 and 7:3 and Jeremiah 31:33 speak of writing God's teachings on "the tablet of your heart." This refers to permanently internalizing God's love, wisdom, and truth in one's being. Rather than following external rules written on clay or stone tablets, we are to make these virtues a deep and natural part of who we are. Why do you think the Bible gives so much emphasis to divine love? How might this love differ from the way love is commonly understood in our world?

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Outreach

Learn more: kccathedral.org/outreach

Donations for our Partners

Bring items to the basket in the Tower entrance.



We are collecting food for Shelter KC in October

ShelterKC serves three meals a day to their guests. Help keep their pantry stocked by donating unopened, non-expired canned goods and non-perishable items. Non-perishable holiday foods are especially appreciated including canned fruits & vegetables, canned sweet potatoes, mac & cheese, stuffing, gravy packets, canned cranberry sauce.

Sock and Glove drive for Shelter KC in November & December

During the months of November and December, we are collecting warm socks and gloves for both men and women. These will be donated to Shelter KC at both the men's and women's centers.



Community Kitchen: Help Keep it Open

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.

Every gift matters and every amount helps. Together, they can protect the consistency, care, and connection our neighbors count on.

DONATE NOW

theprospectkc.app.neoncrm.com/forms/donate?campaignId=1

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

November 15, December 20
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, November 21, December 19 | 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.

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL OBSERVANCE!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15



Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Tartans
Bagpipes
Drums

WEAR YOUR COLORS, PUT ON YOUR KILT AND CELEBRATE WITH US!



Bring your favorite shortbread recipe to share with the parish and our special guests at coffee hour.

All Saints' Day.

1 November

On All Saints' Day, we honor all those who have died in the past year. You may submit names of personal friends and family who have passed away in the last twelve months to be included in the bulletin.

Submit names by Tuesday, October 27: kccathedral.org/events or scan the QR code.

Upcoming Events | Announcements

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

Fall Festival

Today | 11:45 a.m.

Embrace the autumn vibes! Join us for our annual Fall Festival on October 25, right after the 10:30 a.m. service. Come for the tricks, stay for the treats, and revel in the fun!

Come to Founders' Hall for:

- Chili to warm your soul
- A costume contest full of flair
- Games galore
- A pie showdown of deliciousness

An Evening of Jazz

Friday, October 30 | 6:30 p.m.

BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

The Kansas City Jazz Orchestra returns to Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral for another evening of great music. This event will once again serve as a fundraiser for our beloved Messiah Singalong in December. Food and drink will be provided. Admission may be purchased online for $20 by October 29, or for $30 at the door. Buy your tickets today at kccathedral.org/musicevents or scan the QR code.

All Saints' Day

Sunday, November 1

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Bishop's Visitation

Sunday, November 15

The Rt. Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux, Bishop of West Missouri, will preside and preach at the morning services at the Cathedral Sunday, November 15. Bishop Amy will lead the 9:15 a.m. formation class.

Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Sunday, November 15 | 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Dust off your kilts and join the tartan-tastic fun at our annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan! We display the tartan banners and enjoy listening to a piper at the 8 a.m. service and the Kansas City St. Andrew Pipes and Drums at the 10:30 a.m. service. The celebration honors the Scottish Church's contribution to the Episcopal Church. So put on your kilt and come celebrate with us!

Coffee Hour after Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Bring your favorite shortbread recipe to share with the parish and our special guests at coffee hour.

Choral Evensong

Sunday, November 15 | 5 p.m.

Sung by our own Trinity Choir, Choral Evensong is a centuries-old Anglican musical service of sung Evening Prayer that combines music, prayer, and scripture into a contemplative experience providing a peaceful and reflective pause as the day closes. Following the service, all are welcome to take communion in the Chapel.

Stewardship Gatherings Next Month

In the coming weeks, we are offering opportunities to gather as a community for fellowship, conversation, and reflection on our shared life and ministry. Please sign up at kccathedral.org/stewardship.

Wednesday, November 11 | 6-7:30 p.m.
Andy & Beth Keyse's house, KCMO Northland

Thursday, November 12 | 6-7:30 p.m.
Steve & Kristy Moore's house, Leawood

Wednesday, November 18 | 6-7:30 p.m.
Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Common Room

Save the Date

November 1 | All Saints' Day
November 11 | Office Closed: Veterans Day
November 11 | Stewardship Gathering, 6 p.m.
November 12 | Stewardship Gathering, 6 p.m.
November 15 | Kirkin' o' the Tartan
November 15 | Bishop's Visitation
November 15| Outreach: Pete's Garden Lid Labeling
November 15 | Choral Evensong, 5 p.m.
November 18 | Stewardship Gathering, 6 p.m.
November 20 | Family Feud: GHTC Edition, 6 p.m.
November 26 | Thanksgiving Day, 10 a.m.