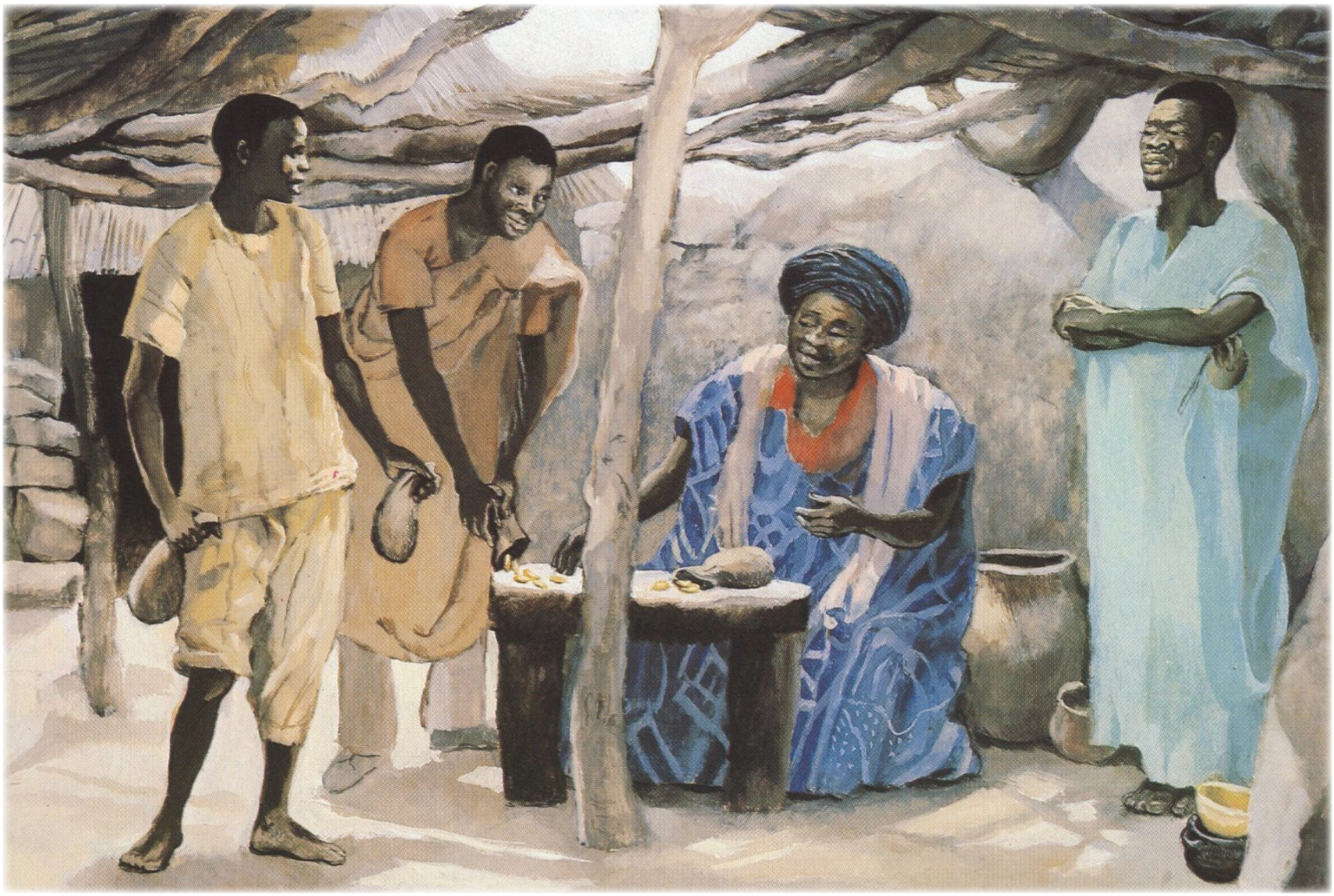
# Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral



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## The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026 • 10:30 a.m.

## Kirkin' o' the Tartan

# What is Kirkin' of the Tartan?

Welcome to Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral's *Kirkin' of the Tartan* service, a Cathedral annual tradition for more than 40 years. *Kirking,* from the Scottish Gaelic word *kirk,* means church. In this usage, it means "blessing."

While the Kirkin' o' the Tartan service celebrates Scotland and Scottish heritage, it is a truly a Scottish-American custom. If one searches the Internet for information, stories abound of the Kirkin's roots being in days of the Act of Proscription, when the wearing of the kilt was banned in the Highlands. According to the legend, Highlanders hid pieces of tartan and brought them to church to be secretly blessed at a particular point in the service. Ask any Scot or Scottish expatriate about the Kirkin', and chances are you will be met with a questioning look and an admission of ignorance of this supposedly centuries-old Scottish tradition.

In his famous collection of Highland folklore, prayers, charms and omens, the Carmina Gadelica, Alexander Carmichael does list a prayer for the "Consecration of the Cloth", but no mention is made of it originating from the days following the '45 or being associated with outlawed tartan. Whilst making for a rather romantic legend, there seems to be no credible source for such a tale. The real history of the Kirkin' service is "All American", with a Scottish "twist."

The Rev. Peter Marshall is believed to be the originator of the Kirkin o' the Tartan service. Rev. Marshall, originally from Coatbridge, Scotland, was the pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington DC, and served as Chaplain of the United States Senate. During the Second World War, Rev. Marshall held prayer services at New York Avenue to raise funds for British war relief. At one of the services on April 27, 1941 (although a May 1943 date is sometimes mentioned) Rev. Marshall gave a sermon entitled "the Kirkin' o' the Tartans." In 1954, the Kirkin' was moved to National Cathedral (Episcopal) in Washington. Nowadays, the celebration is found across denominational lines and is meant to reflect patriotism, faithfulness and independence. Kirkin' is typically celebrated on Tartan Day (April 6) or on St. Andrew's Day (November 30), the patron saint of Scotland. *(Adapted from Todd Wilkinson as found on www.scottishtartansmuseum.org)*

On this day, we also honor the debt the Episcopal Church owes to the Scottish Episcopal Church. Before and after the American Revolution, there were no Anglican bishops living in the colonies. Those seeking ordination to the priesthood could not be ordained without making an arduous round-trip journey to England. In 1784, Samuel Seabury was elected as first bishop in the American Episcopal Church. Since there were no Anglican bishops in America to consecrate him, and because he refused to pledge allegiance to the King of England, he traveled to Scotland to be consecrated by bishops there. Bishops in the Scottish Episcopal church did not swear allegiance to the crown. When Bishop Seabury returned to the States, he brought with him the Scottish Communion Rite, parts of which are still used in American Episcopal churches today. The American Episcopal church commemorates Samuel Seabury's life and ministry on November 14.



## Welcome!

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.

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**Children** Children are welcome in all our services and activities for them are available on a shelf in the back aisle.

- **Family Room:** The Common Room is available during this service as a nursing & family room; the service is streamed in the room.
- **Nursery:** Childcare for those 4 years old and younger is available in the nursery in Haden Hall from 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
- To get to Haden Hall: From the Tower entry, go up the stairs and straight ahead to the adjoining building. Follow signs or ask an usher for directions.
- For elementary age children, **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.
- We observe **Family Worship** one Sunday of each month so there is no Cathedral Kids. Family Worship Sundays provide an opportunity for families to worship together. Worship Boxes with resources for children are in the back cross aisle. *Upcoming Family Worship Dates: November 29, December 27, January 3, January 31*

## Restrooms

Gendered and accessible restrooms with a changing table are available in Founders' Hall. A non-gendered and accessible restroom with a changing table is available at west end (rear) of the Cathedral.

## Hearing Assist Devices

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- **Tap** to give using the display in the Tower entrance. Instructions for use are next to the machine.
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- Place in the **offering plate**. Envelopes are available in the pew racks.

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## Service Notes

Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (*). Page numbers listed are from red The Book of Common Prayer and hymn numbers are from *The Hymnal 1982*.

## Following the Service

Please join us for a cup of coffee or tea and lively conversation in Founders' Hall.

## Our Mission

As the Episcopal Cathedral Church in the heart of Kansas City we seek and serve Christ in all people, loving our neighbors as ourselves while striving for justice, peace and respect for every human being. Our worship, prayer and formation support the restorative strength of our community, reconciling all people to God and one another through Christ.

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# Holy Eucharist

*Today, we welcome the Rt. Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux, Bishop of West Missouri, as our preacher and presider.*

Voluntary: Trumpet Voluntary — Henry Heron (1738-1795)

* Entrance Processional

*led by the Kansas City St. Andrew Pipes and Drums*

## The Word of God

* Opening Acclamation — page 299

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

**People** — **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider — There is one Body and one Spirit;

**People** — **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider — One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**People** — **One God and Father of all.**

* Collect of the Day

Presider — The Lord be with you.

**People** — **And also with you.**

Presider — Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Lesson: Judges 4:1-7

Lector — The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

The Word of the Lord.

**People** — **Thanks be to God.**

To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.
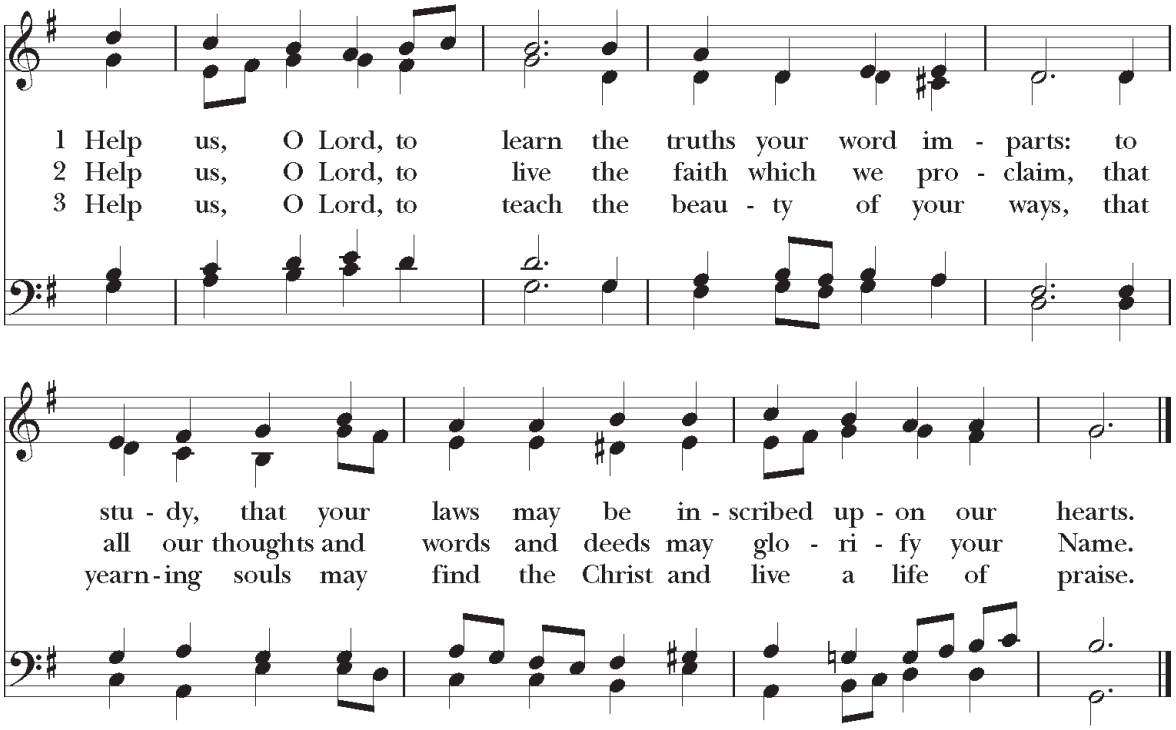
## Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Lector Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## * Gospel Hymn: 628 "Help us, O Lord, to learn"




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## * The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

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

**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**
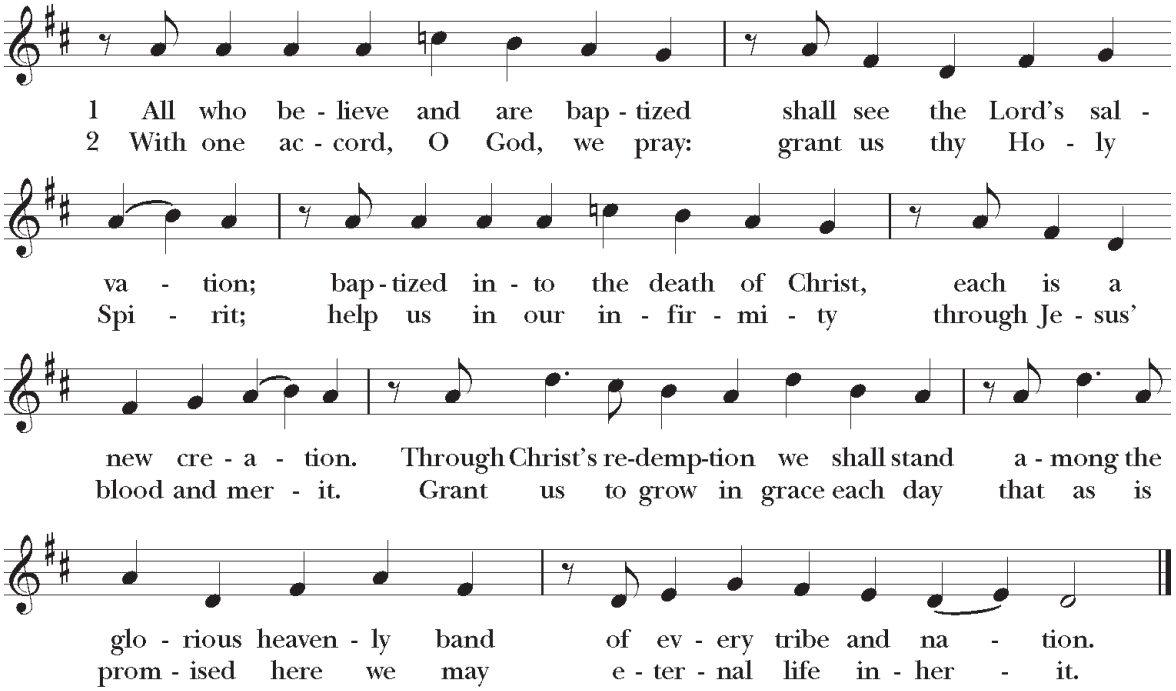
Gospeller Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

## Hymn: 298 "All who believe and are baptized"




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## Presentation and Examination of the Candidate: *Francesca Joy Stegner-Liantonio* page 301

Presider — The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents/ Godparents* — *I present Francesca to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

Presider — Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents/ Godparents* — ***I will, with God's help.***

Presider — Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents/ Godparents* — ***I will, with God's help.***

*Then the Presider asks the following questions of the parents and godparents*

Question — Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* — *I renounce them.*

Question — Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* — *I renounce them.*

Question — Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* — *I renounce them.*

Question — Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* — *I do.*

Question — Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* — *I do.*

Question — Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* — *I do.*

Presider — Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

**People** — **We will.**

Presider — Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## The Baptismal Covenant page 304

Presider — Do you believe in God the Father?

**People** — **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider — Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People** — **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider — Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People** — **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People** **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People** **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People** **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People** **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People** **I will, with God's help.**

## Prayers for the Candidate

Presider Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deacon Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

Presider The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may be affirmed and strengthened in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

**People** **Amen.**

The Baptism and Chrismation

Presider Francesca, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Francesca, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

*The Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism oil.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All** **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## * Prayers of the People

adapted from *Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People for the Revised Common Lectionary*
Gaelic translation by Ric Sweeting

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| Intercessor | Lord, you give us the gift of life and call us to use this gift for the betterment of the world and the glory of your name. Grant us courage to use your gift fearlessly and in joy and hear us say, Hear us, O God, and answer our prayer. |
| Intercessor | We pray for the church to be in deeper relationship with each community, for the wisdom to reach those who hunger for you, and to bring them to the work of loving and serving the world in your name. We pray especially for those on this week's Diocesan Cycle of Prayer.<br>Hear us, O God, |
| **People** | **and answer our prayer.** |
| Intercessor | We pray for this nation and all nations. We pray for the life and needs of all people and an end to all polices of oppression. We pray of those who govern, that they might have hearts for their people and priorities for those most in need.<br>Hear us, O God, |
| **People** | **and answer our prayer.** |
| Intercessor | We pray for our local community and this congregation, that we might cling to hope and labor ceaselessly to build the kingdom in our midst.<br>Hear us, O God, |
| **People** | **and answer our prayer.** |

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| Eadar-ghuidhe | A Thighearna, tha thu a' toirt dhuinn tiodhlac na beatha agus gar gairm gus an tiodhlac seo a chleachdadh airson math an t-saoghail agus glòir d' ainme. Thoir dhuinn misneachd an tiodhlac agad a chleachdadh gun eagal agus le gàirdeachas, agus èist rinn nuair a chanas sinn: Cluinn sinn, a Dhè, agus freagair ar n-ùrnaigh. |
| Eadar-ghuidhe | Tha sinn ag ùrnaigh gum biodh an eaglais ann an dàimh nas doimhne ri gach coimhearsnachd, airson gliocas gus ruighinn air an fheadhainn a tha a' gortachadh air do shon, agus airson an toirt gu obair a bhith a' gabhail gaol air an t-saoghal agus a' frithealadh an t-saoghail nad ainm-sa. Tha sinn ag ùrnaigh gu sònraichte airson an fheadhainn a tha air liosta ùrnaigh na sgìre-easbaig airson na seachdain seo.<br>Cluinn sinn, a Dhè, |
| **Daoine** | **agus freagair ar n-ùrnaigh.** |
| Eadar-ghuidhe | Tha sinn ag ùrnaigh airson an nàisein seo agus airson gach nàisean. Tha sinn ag ùrnaigh airson beatha agus feumalachdan nan daoine uile, agus airson crìoch a chur air gach poileasaidh a tha a' cur fòirneart air daoine. Tha sinn ag ùrnaigh airson an fheadhainn a tha a' riaghladh, gum biodh cridhe aca airson an sluagh, agus gun toireadh iad prìomhachas dhaibhsan as motha a tha feumach.<br>Cluinn sinn, a Dhè, |
| **Daoine** | **agus freagair ar n-ùrnaigh.** |
| Eadar-ghuidhe | Tha sinn ag ùrnaigh airson ar coimhearsnachd ionadail agus airson a' choitheannail seo, gum cumadh sinn gu teann ri dòchas agus gum biodh sinn ag obair gun stad gus Rìoghachd Dhè a thogail nam measg.<br>Cluinn sinn, a Dhè, |
| **Daoine** | **agus freagair ar n-ùrnaigh.** |

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| Intercessor | We pray for the health of the world, for sustainable policies that ensure the abundance of creation and the thriving of people and all creatures.<br>Hear us, O God, |
| **People** | **and answer our prayer.** |
| Intercessor | We pray for an end to illness and suffering. We pray for those who work to bring hope, healing, and assistance to those who are lost, marginalized, imprisoned, ill, suffering, persecuted, or broken. We pray especially for those on the Cathedral's Prayer List, and for those whom we now name silently or aloud.<br>Hear us, O God, |
| **People** | **and answer our prayer.** |
| Intercessor | We pray for the promise of a new life and for all those who are leaving this life with the hope of being in your presence. May we and all those who came before and who will come after us, enter your kingdom to hear your praise: "Well done good and faithful servant." We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud.<br>Hear us, O God, |
| **People** | **and answer our prayer.** |

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| Eadar-ghuidhe | Tha sinn ag ùrnaigh airson slàinte an t-saoghail, airson poileasaidhean seasmhach a nì cinnteach gum bi pailteas ann sa chruthachadh, agus gum bi daoine agus gach creutair a' soirbheachadh.<br>Cluinn sinn, a Dhè, |
| **Daoine** | **agus freagair ar n-ùrnaigh.** |
| Eadar-ghuidhe | Tha sinn ag ùrnaigh airson crìoch a chur air tinneas agus fulangas. Tha sinn ag ùrnaigh airson an fheadhainn a tha ag obair gus dòchas, slànachadh, agus cuideachadh a thoirt dhaibhsan a tha air chall, air an cur gu aon taobh, sa phrìosan, tinn, a' fulang, air an geur-leanmhainn, no briste. Tha sinn ag ùrnaigh gu sònraichte airson an fheadhainn a tha air Liosta Ùrnaighean na Cathair-eaglaise, agus airson an fheadhainn a tha sinn a-nis ag ainmeachadh gu sàmhach no àrd.<br>Cluinn sinn, a Dhè, |
| **Daoine** | **agus freagair ar n-ùrnaigh.** |
| Eadar-ghuidhe | Tha sinn ag ùrnaigh airson gealladh beatha ùire, agus airson a h-uile duine a tha a' fàgail na beatha seo le dòchas a bhith an làthair agad. Gun tèid sinne, còmhla ris an fheadhainn a thàinig romhainn agus an fheadhainn a thig às ar dèidh, a-steach don rìoghachd agad, gus d' fhollaiseach a chluinntinn: "Maith thu, a sheirbhisich mhath agus dhìleas." Tha sinn ag ùrnaigh gu sònraichte airson an fheadhainn air a bheil sinn a' toirt iomradh an-dràsta, co-dhiù nan sàmhchair no a-mach àrd.<br>Cluinn sinn, a Dhè, |
| Daoine | agus freagair ar n-ùrnaigh. |

Presider Lord, hear these prayers and answer them as may be best for us, O Father, O Son and Holy Spirit. 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

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**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

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## 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 Anthem: "Lord, how long wilt thou be angry"

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)
text: Psalm 79:5, 8, 9, 13

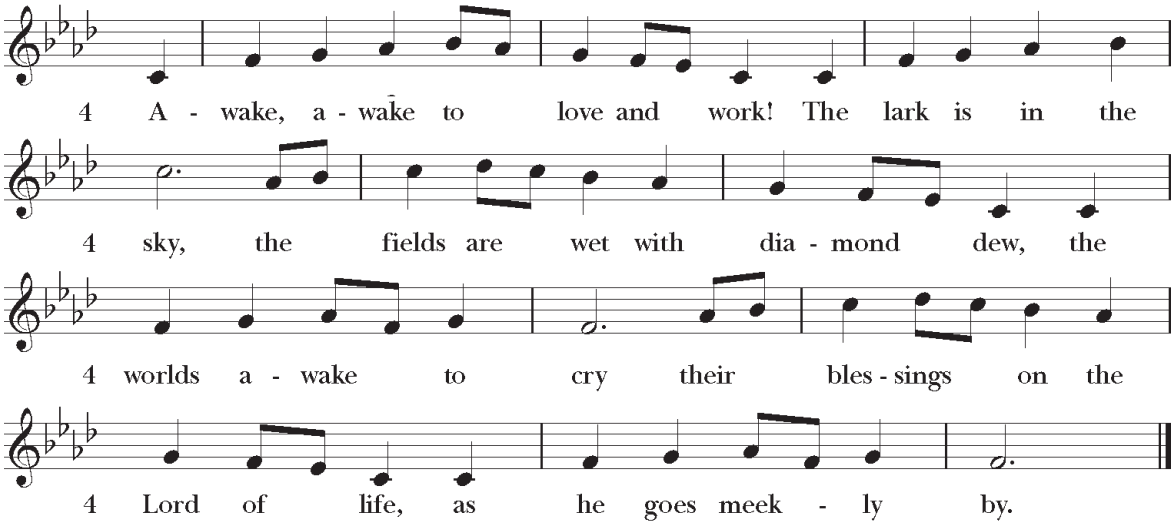
Lord, how long wilt thou be angry? Shall thy jealousy burn like fire for ever?

O remember not our old sins, but have mercy upon us, and that soon:
for we are come to great misery.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy Name:
O deliver us, and be merciful unto our sins, for thy Name's sake.

So we, that are thy people and the sheep of thy pasture, shall give thee thanks for ever:
and will alway be shewing forth thy praise from one generation to another.

## Offertory Hymn: 9 (v. 4) "Not here for high and holy things"




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## Presentation *led by the piper*
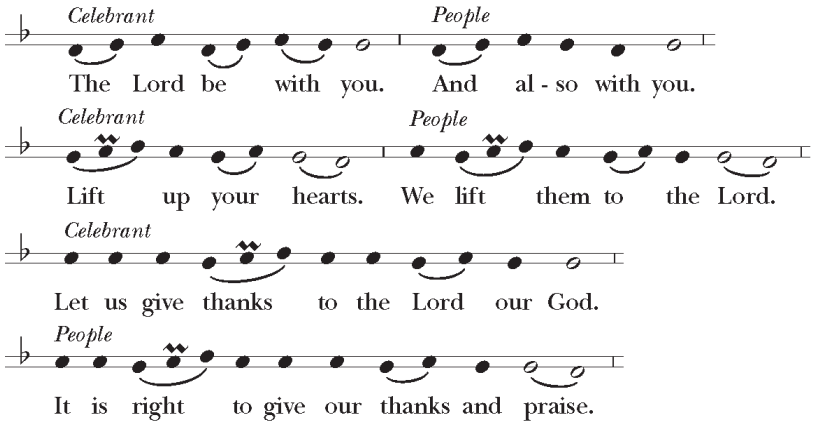
## Kirkin' o' the Tartans

Presider — Almighty God, Source of Life, you place the solitary in families and households: we give you thanks for the ties of blood and adoption that bind us together in love and mutual support, and especially for the redeeming love of Christ that unites us as siblings through the waters of baptism. May those who wear these tartans, with their distinctive patterns and colors, do so with praise and thanksgiving for the blessing of family and clan, that at the last, all may gather with the great multitude that no one can number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing in worship before your throne and before the Lamb, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## * The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

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S120: The Holy Eucharist II, Lift up your hearts: *Sursum corda*
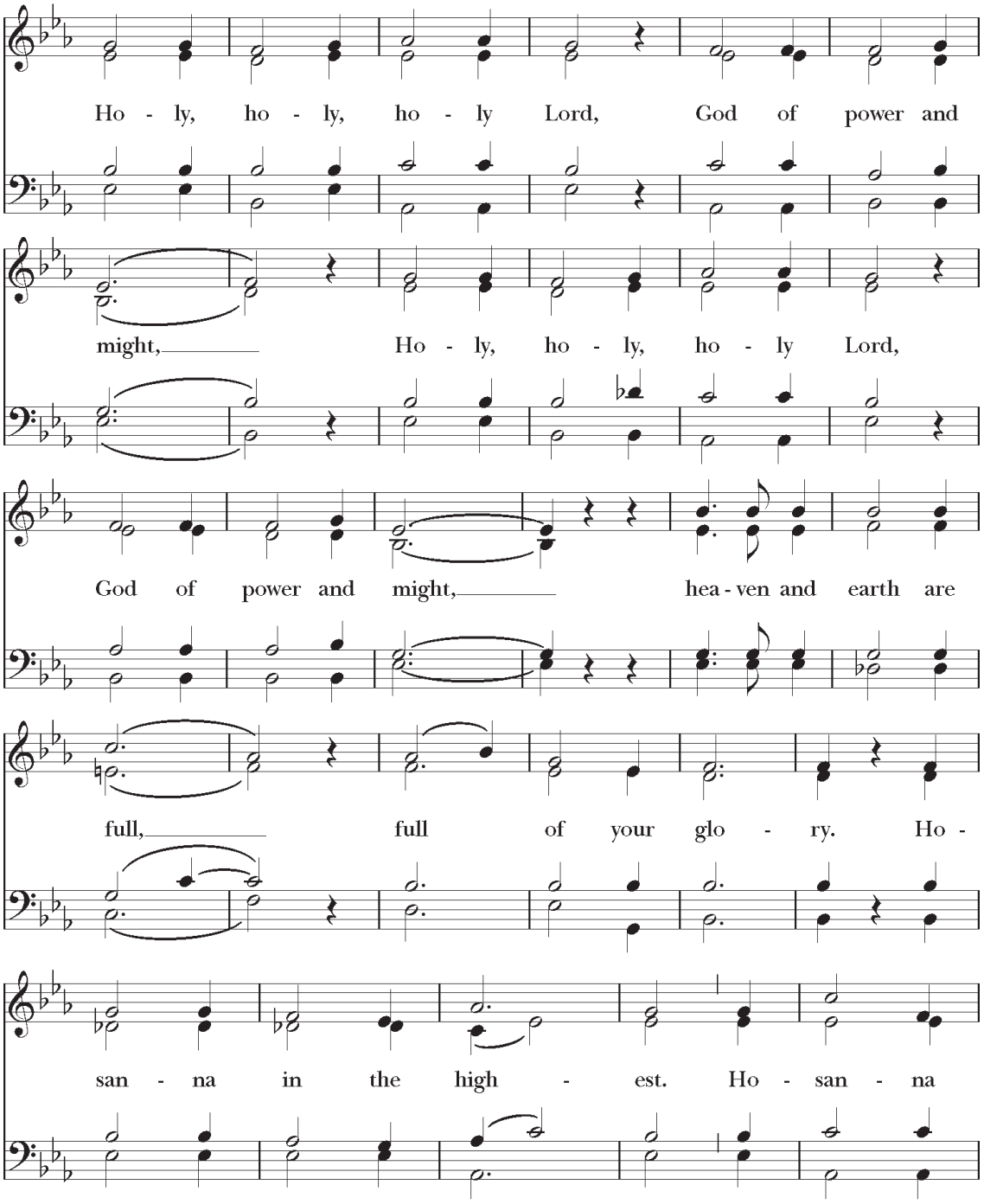


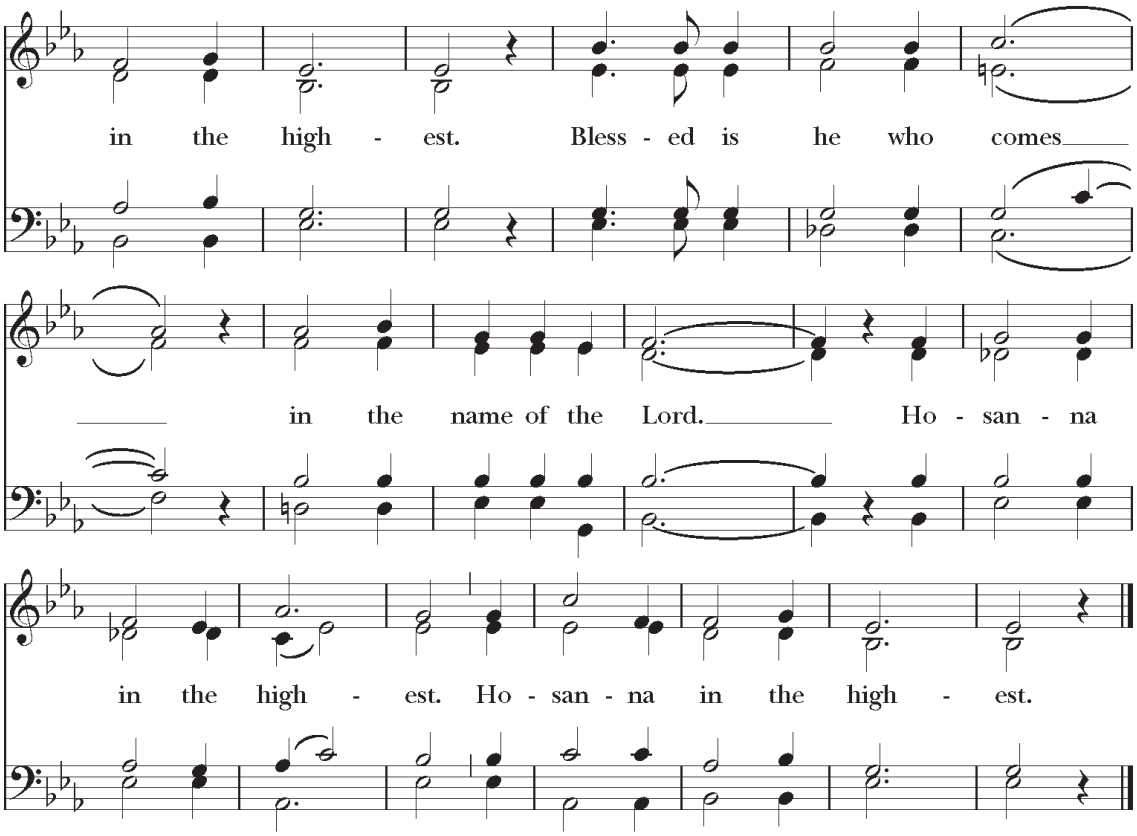

Presider — It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*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** S130: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*






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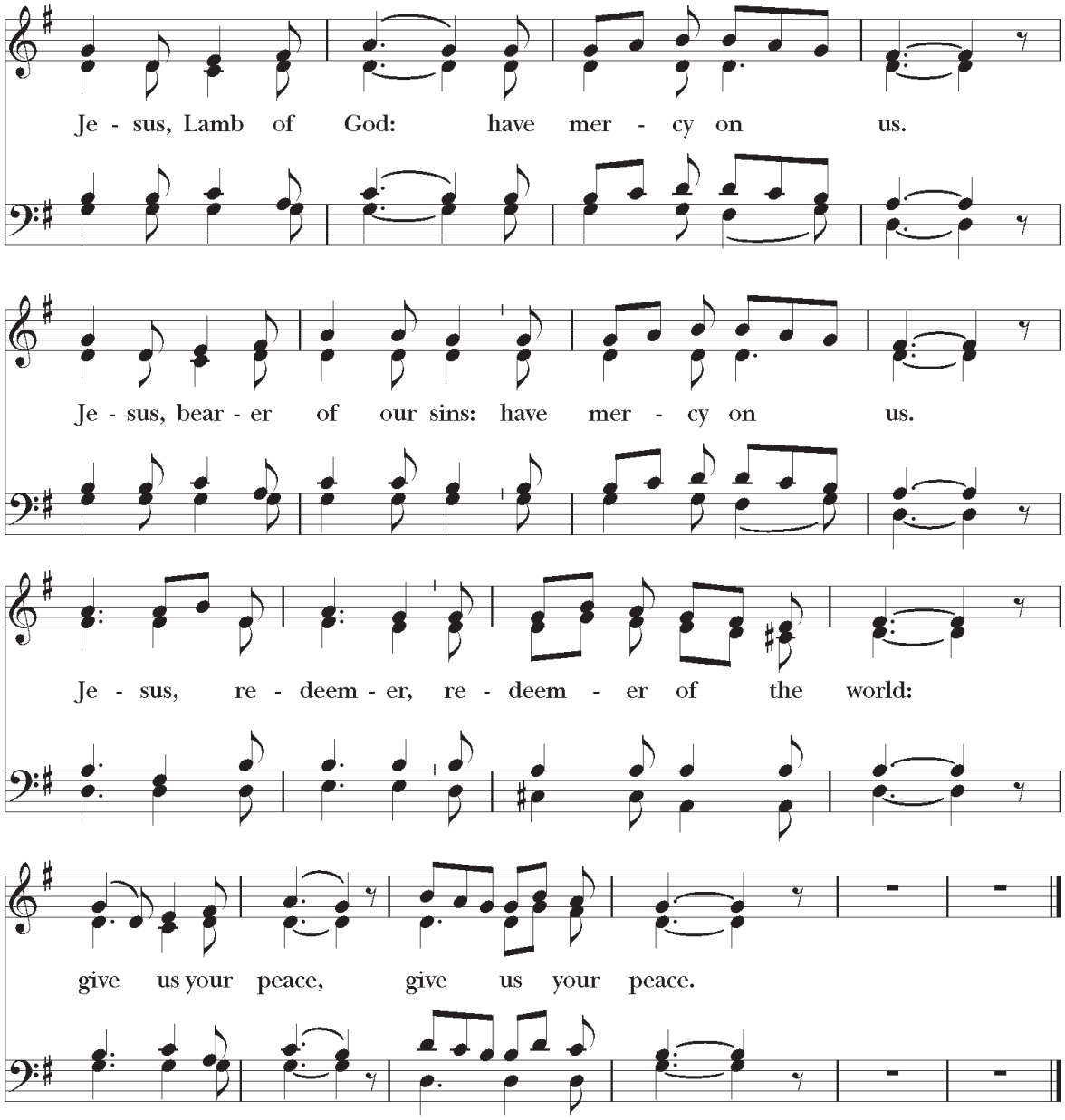
Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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

S164: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei*




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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

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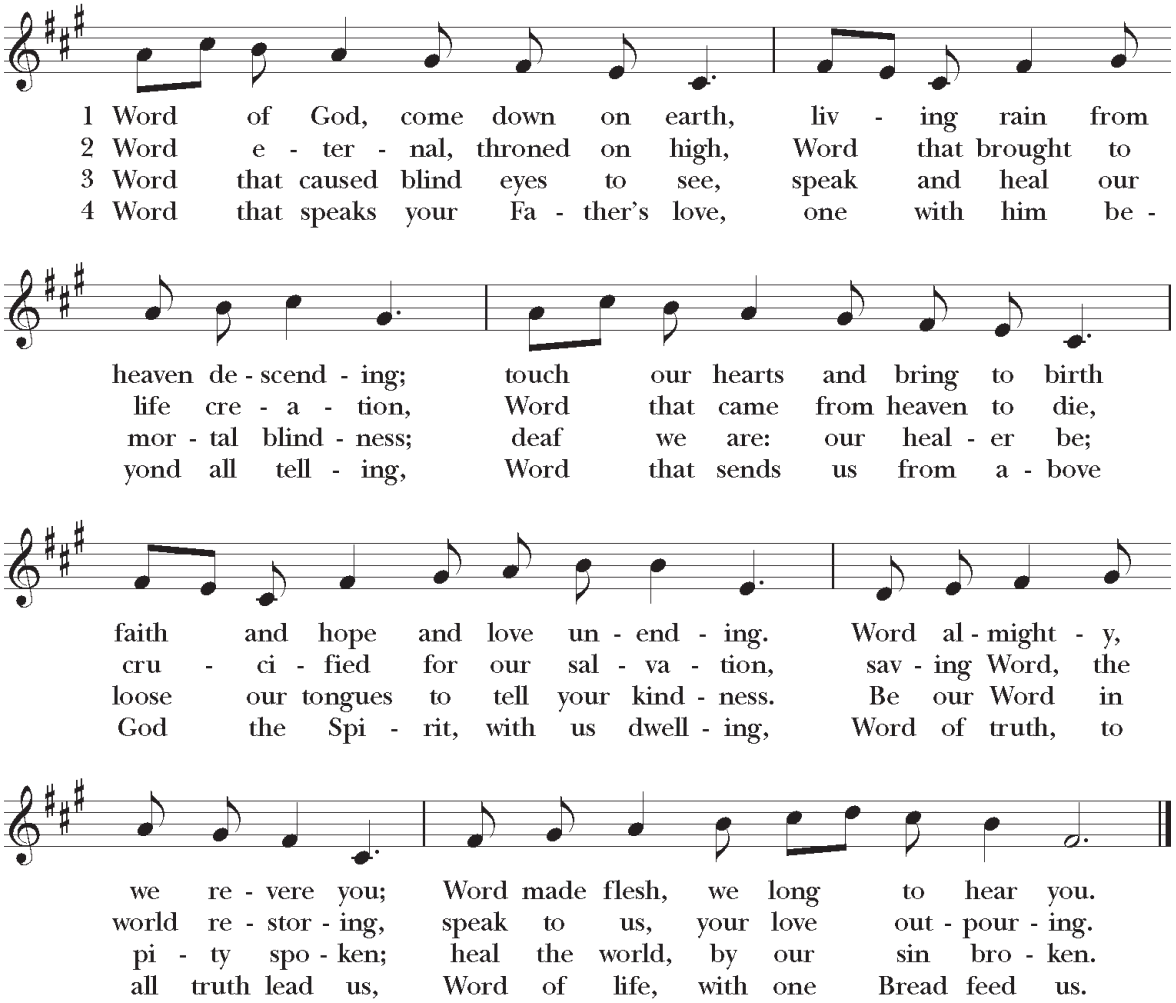
*All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.*
*For gluten-free bread, cross your hands palms down.*
*For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.*

### Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

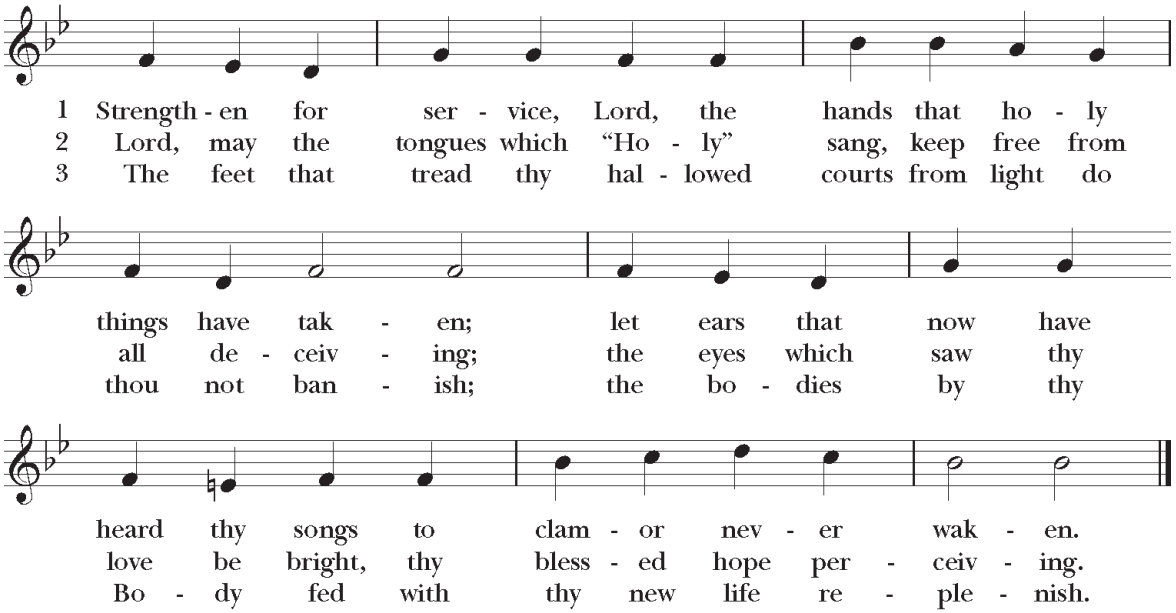
— From *The Prayer Book for the Armed Services*

## Communion Hymn: 633 "Word of God, come down on earth"




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## Communion Hymn: 312 "Strengthen for service"




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## * 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.**

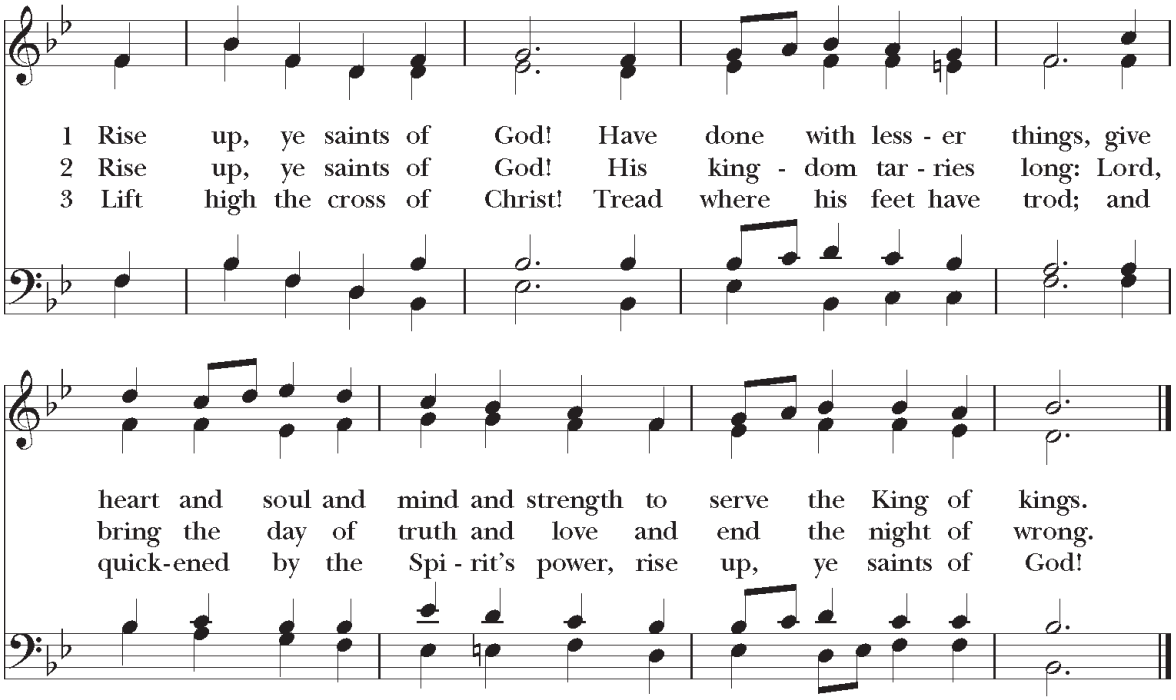
## * The Blessing

## * Dismissal

*Following the dismissal,*

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

* Closing Hymn: 551 "Rise up, ye saints of God!"




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The Retiring Procession, *led by the pipers and drummers*

*Please join us for coffee/tea, treats and fellowship in Founders' Hall.*

## Serving Today

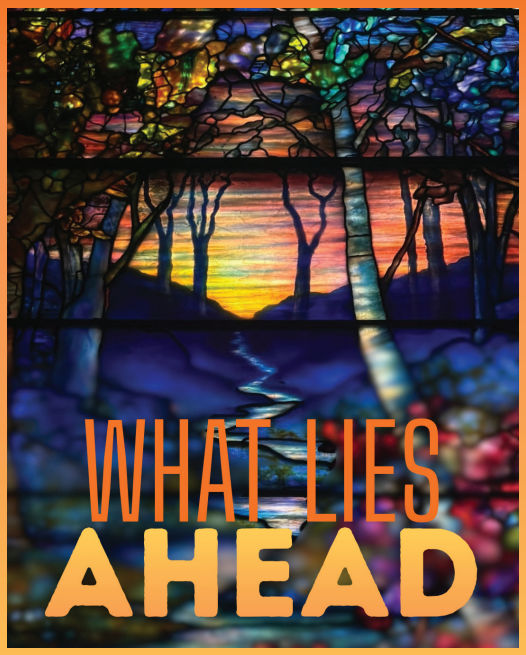
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| Presider & Preacher | The Rt. Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux, Bishop of West Missouri |
| Assisting | The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, The Rev. Canon W. James Yazell |
| Deacon of the Word | The Rev. Barbara Wegener |
| Deacon of the Table | The Rev. Robin Rusconi |
| Musicians | The Trinity Choir, Dr. Courtney Fletcher, conductor; Dr. Lucas Fletcher; Kansas City St. Andrew Pipes and Drums |
| Lector | Catherine Green |
| Intercessor | Ken Stewart |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Margo Galus, Bob Johnson |
| Acolytes | Susan Ahn, Victoria Porter-Foy, Chris Bridgforth |
| Ushers | Mark Galus, Bob Packett, Sheri Packett, Ric Sweeting |
| Greeters | Donna Knoell |
| Altar Guild | Peg Brown, Debbie Marrs, Leticia Porter, Sharon Cheers, Kristy Moore |
| Sound/Livestreaming | Julian Mattson, Chris Morrison |
| Cathedral Kids | Kelsey Leftwich-Yazell, Brenda Colburn |
| Oblation Bearer | Donna Knoell |
| Holy Hands Hospitality | Julie Brogno, Sara Copeland, LeeAnne Hays, Colin Chambers |

## STEWARDSHIP 2027

# YOUR PLEDGE MAKES MINISTRY POSSIBLE

Every gift, whatever its size, helps continue the ministry God has placed before us. Your 2027 pledge helps make possible worship, Christian formation, pastoral care, fellowship, outreach and service, and the care of our Cathedral home.

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




We have one final opportunity to gather as a community for fellowship, conversation, and reflection on our shared life and ministry.

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

## Transgender Day of Remembrance Mass

**November 20, 2026 | 7-8:30 p.m.**
**St. Mary's Episcopal Church | 1307 Holmes St., Kansas City, MO 64106**

The LGBTQIA+ Committee of the Diocese of West Missouri invite you to a Mass for Transgender Day of Remembrance, hosted by St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Kansas City on November 20 at 7 p.m.

Please join us for this reverent, ancient worship as we remember our transgender siblings whose lives have been tragically lost over the past year.

The service will also be livestreamed, and can be watched on St. Mary's YouTube page. Fellowship to follow the service.




**Cathedral Staff:** The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, *Dean;* The Rev. Canon W. James Yazell, *Canon for Adult Formation;* The Rev. Barbara Wegener, *Deacon;* The Rev. Robin Rusconi, *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;* Courtney Fletcher, *Choral Conductor,* Angie Graham, *Facility Manager;* Bianca Jackson, *Assistant Facility Manager;* The Very Rev. Peter J. DeVeau, *Dean Emeritus;* Canon John Schaefer, *Canon Musician Emeritus*

**The Vestry**: Steve Moore, *Senior Warden,* smoore@skeltonmoore.com; Nigel Jones, *Junior Warden,* redbox712@gmail.com, (405) 747-6550; Chip Buckner, *Treasurer;* Colin Chambers, *Clerk;* Bill Boyd; Julie Brogno; Pat Decker; Steve King; Blain Lagergren; Christine Morrison; Mathias Nichols; Charles Shipley; Janet Stewart Sweeting

# 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:** Caleb and family; Gail and her family; Leslie Johnson and Family; Matalin Jones; Nelda; Deacon Suzie Lynch; Jessica Knox; Ralph Wallace; Kevin Cavil; 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; 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

**Pray for the Departed:** The Rev. Mark McGuire; Rhegan Spiegel; Jim Leuthold; Haywood Walker, Jr.; Robert Dean Melton; Randal Loy; Joshua Lewis; The Rev. Murray Trelease; The Rev. Sidney Breese; those lost in war; those who have died from gun violence; Military members killed in action

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City—The Very Rev. Dr. Andy Keyse, Dean; The Rev. Robin Rusconi, Deacon; The Rev. Barbara Wegener, Deacon; The Rev. Canon James Yazell, Associate Priest; The Very Rev. Canon Peter DeVeau, Dean Emeritus

Daughters of the King

**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



# This Week at GHTC

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

### Sunday, November 15 | Kirkin' o' the Tartan

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| 8 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| 9 a.m. | Coffee Hour |
| 9:15 a.m. | Label Containers for Pete's Garden |
| 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. | Coffee Hour |
| 12:15 p.m. | Label Containers for Pete's Garden |
| 5 p.m. | Choral Evensong |
| 7 p.m. | Friends of Dorothy AA Meeting |

### Monday, November 16

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| 6 p.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting |

### Tuesday, November 17

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

### Wednesday, November 18

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| 10 a.m. | Staff Gathering |
| 12 p.m. | Noonday Prayer* |
| 12 p.m. | Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting |
| 12:05 p.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| 6 p.m. | Stewardship Gathering @ GHTC |

### Thursday, November 19

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| 5:30 p.m. | Meeting: Vestry+ |
| 6 p.m. | Rehearsal: Bell Choir |
| 7 p.m. | Rehearsal: Trinity Choir |
| 7 p.m. | Friends of Dorothy AA Meeting |

### Friday, November 20

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| 6 p.m. | Family Feud Game Night |

### Sunday, November 22

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| 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 |
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| 5 p.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| 7 p.m. | Friends of Dorothy AA Meeting |

*+On Zoom* **In person service streamed on YouTube @kccathedral*

# Today's altar flowers



Today's flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in thanksgiving and in memory of Joe Finnie by Jackye Finnie

in thanksgiving for Bishop Amy Dafler Meaux and the Diocese of West Missouri .

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.

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

**November 15**
Joshua Hemingway
Jessa Sparks
Blain & Sarah Lagergren

**November 16**
Scott Anthony
Jeff Johnson
Jennifer Obiesie
Yvonne Meier

**November 17**
Nancy Lee Kemper
Julie Mullies

**November 18**
Sara Copeland & Mark Galus
Abby Moore Belozer & Jordy Belozer

**November 19**
Helen Cavanaugh

**November 20**
Jackye Finnie

# Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

## The Day of the Lord

### "For the Lord Himself" Text Treatment (1 Thessalonians 4 & 5)

Today's lectionary readings address the themes of spiritual accountability, preparedness for the Day of the Lord, and faithful stewardship. The Gospel Reading encourages us to consider how we use the grace, gifts, and resources with which God has entrusted us. Faithful stewardship requires risk and engagement, not hiding away in fear. The Epistle Reading contrasts "those who sleep" with the "children of the day." We are challenged to focus on mutual encouragement and readiness rather than to live in panic over the future. The Zephaniah text declares judgment against complacency, calling for sobriety at the prospect of the coming Day of the Lord. Each of these texts offers insight concerning Last Things and encourages believers to live lives that are anchored in hope.

Whenever we recite the Nicene Creed we confess several convictions regarding Last Things: that Christ is coming again; that he is coming in glory to judge the living and the dead; that his kingdom will have no end; that we look for the resurrection of the dead; and that we await eternal life in the world to come. These affirmations remind us that time is moving toward a determined goal which the Scriptures call the Day of the Lord.

In the Thessalonian Letters Paul outlines a vision of the Second Coming of Christ. His motivation for this seems to derive from the fact that the Thessalonian Christians had become so focused on the Second Coming they were neglecting their work and the demands of ordinary life. They had become totally absorbed in just waiting. Over subsequent centuries a variety of movements emerged equally convinced that Jesus' return was imminent. Some of those believers divested themselves of all their possessions thinking they soon would no longer need them. When the anticipated return did not occur as expected, bitter disillusionment and crises of faith resulted.

Saint John's Bible includes special "text treatments" among its artwork to call attention to certain texts treating key biblical themes such as Christ's Second Coming. These treatments are written in larger fonts and decorated with gold and/or color. Today's focal text by Donald Jackson highlights Paul's description of the Second Coming which stands as a source of encouragement and hope for those who wait on the Day of the Lord. Paul asserts that a time will come when "we will be with the Lord forever" (1 Thessalonians 4:17). He also reminds us that the "day or hour no one knows" (Mark 13:32). It will come "like a thief in the night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2). Therefore, he urges his readers to remain vigilant and to live responsibly in the light of salvation. The message of Christ's return is not to be used as an excuse for idleness or lawlessness.

The Eucharist stands at the heart of our weekly worship functioning as a celebration which anticipates Christ's Second Coming (1 Corinthians 11:26). In the Eucharist we look back, remembering the saving events of Christ's passion. We also look forward, anticipating Christ's return. Through this celebration, both the past and the present are connected with the future.

Today's readings and special text treatment remind us how we are to live in light of the coming Day of the Lord. We are to live in hope, holiness, and prayerful labor until God's Kingdom is revealed in its fullness.




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# Upcoming Events | Announcements

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

## Stewardship Gathering This Week

You are invited to a stewardship gathering for fellowship, conversation, and reflection on our shared life as a parish. These casual gatherings are an opportunity to come together, ask questions, and think about what lies ahead for Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Please sign up at kccathedral.org/stewardship.

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

## 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.

## Family Feud Game Night

**Friday, November 20 | 6 p.m.**

Get ready for the grand debut of Cathedral Family Feud! Bring a snack for sharing and dive into the fun to find out what the survey has to say! Let us know you're coming at kccathedral.org/events.

## Thanksgiving Day Service

**Thursday, November 26 | 10 a.m.**

Join your church family to celebrate and express gratitude on Thanksgiving Day at our 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist service. *The Cathedral office will be closed November 25-27.*

## Deck the Halls for Advent!

**Saturday, November 28 | 9 a.m.**

The joyous season of Advent is almost upon us, and we invite you to help make our Cathedral ready for Advent, spreading cheer and anticipation as we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth. All ages are welcome! The Altar Guild will also meet for their pre-Christmas workday.

# Outreach

Learn more: kccathedral.org/outreach

## 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.
Bring items to the basket in the Tower entrance.

## Help Pete's Garden by Labeling Lids

**Today, 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.