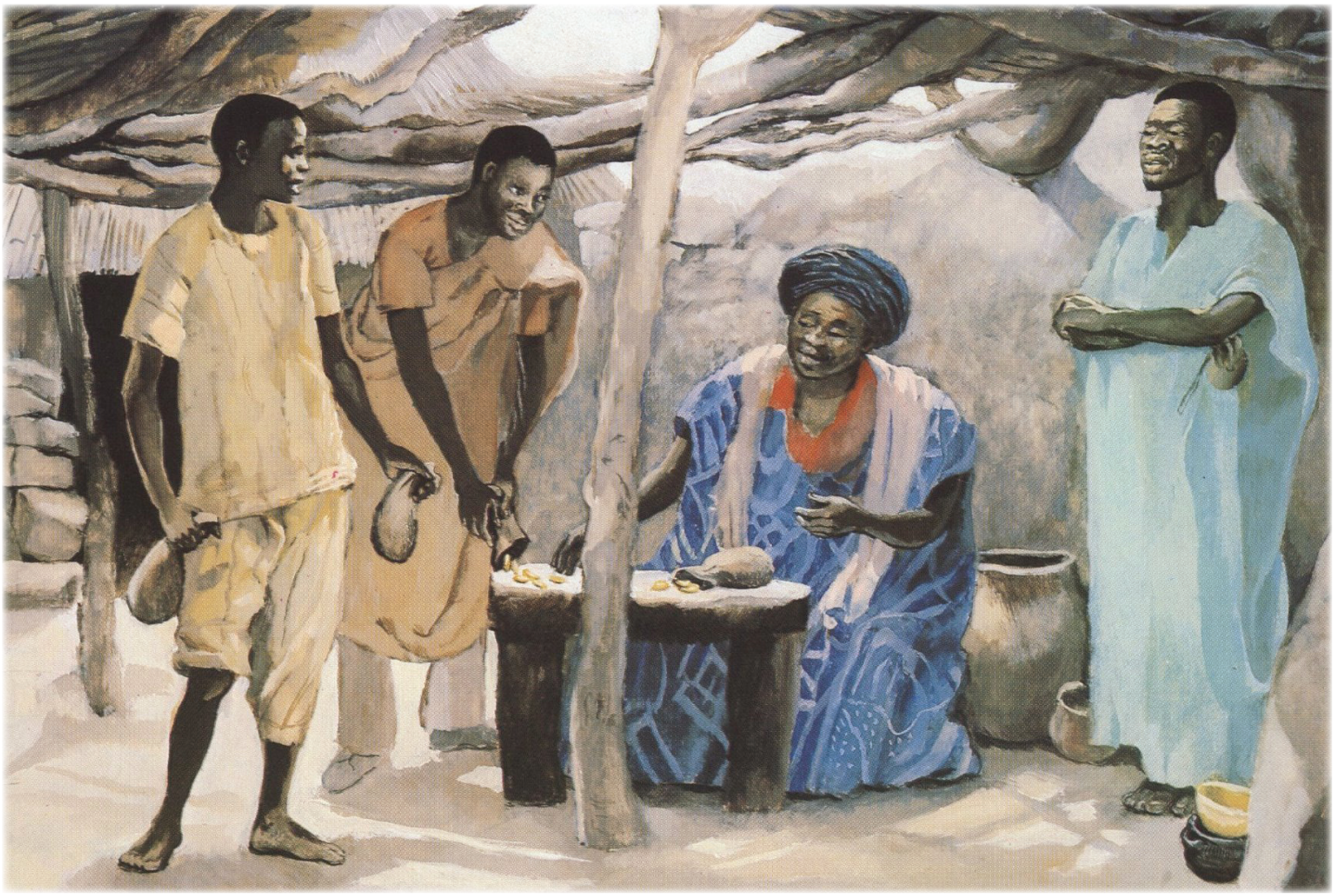
Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral



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The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026 • 8 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 since the 1970s. *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! 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

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

Voluntary: Largo (*Trumpet Voluntary*) Henry Heron (1738-1795)

* 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.

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.**

Psalm 123 *read in* ***unison*** page 780

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.**

* 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

* 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*
translated by Ric Sweeting

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. 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. Hear us, O God,
People	**and answer our prayer.**

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. 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. Cluinn sinn, a Dhè,
Daoine	**agus freagair ar n-ùrnaigh.**

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. Hear us, O God,
People	**and answer our prayer.**

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. Cluinn sinn, a Dhè,
Daoine	**agus freagair ar n-ùrnaigh.**

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. Hear us, O God,
People	**and answer our prayer.**

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. Cluinn sinn, a Dhè,
Daoine	**agus freagair ar n-ùrnaigh.**

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. Hear us, O God,
People	**and answer our prayer.**

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. Cluinn sinn, a Dhè,
Daoine	**agus freagair ar n-ùrnaigh.**

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. Hear us, O God,
People	**and answer our prayer.**

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. 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

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.**
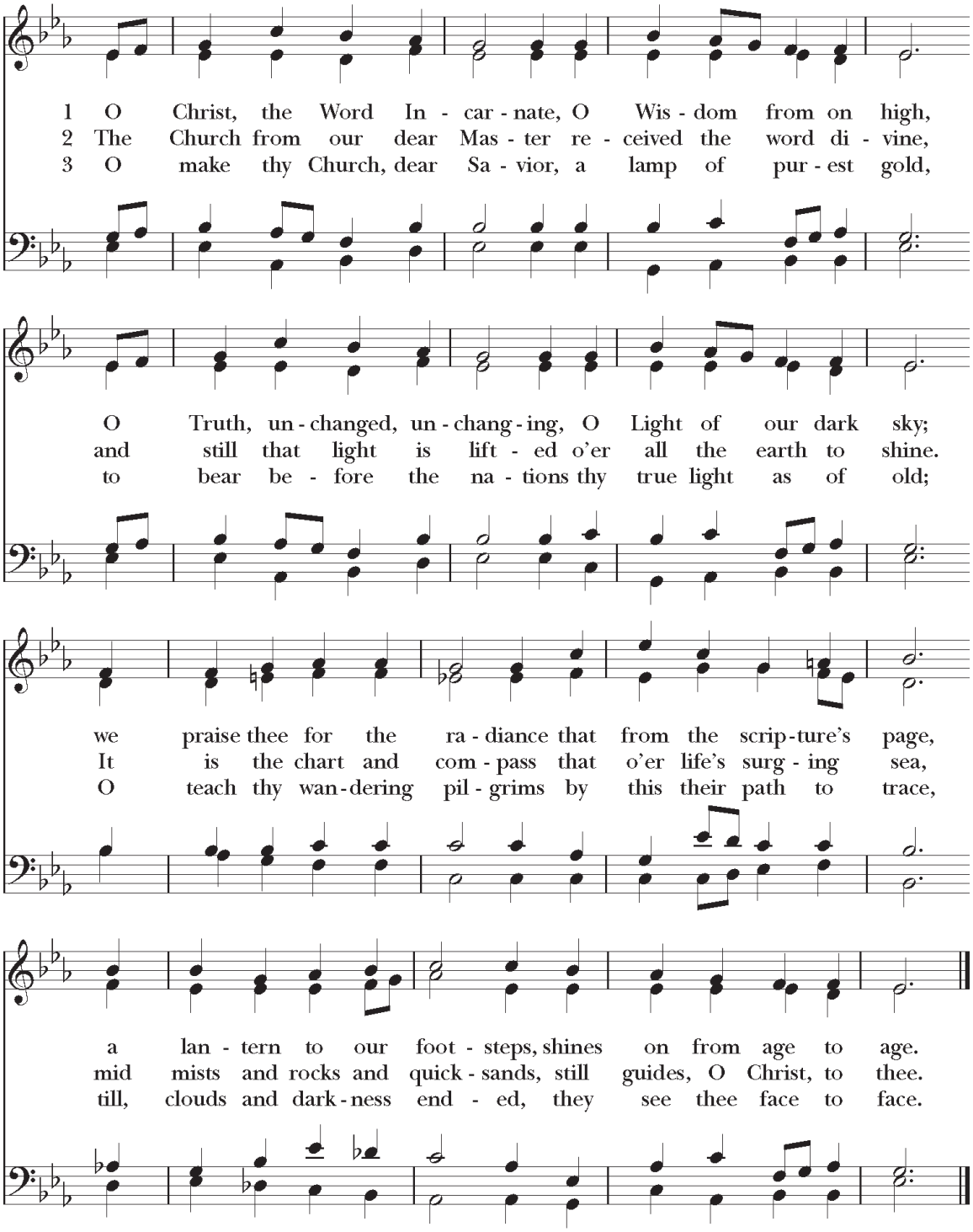
The Holy Communion

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*

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Offertory Hymn: 632 "O Christ, the Word Incarnate"



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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.**

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 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People **have mercy on us.**

Presider Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People **have mercy on us.**

Presider Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People **grant us 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.

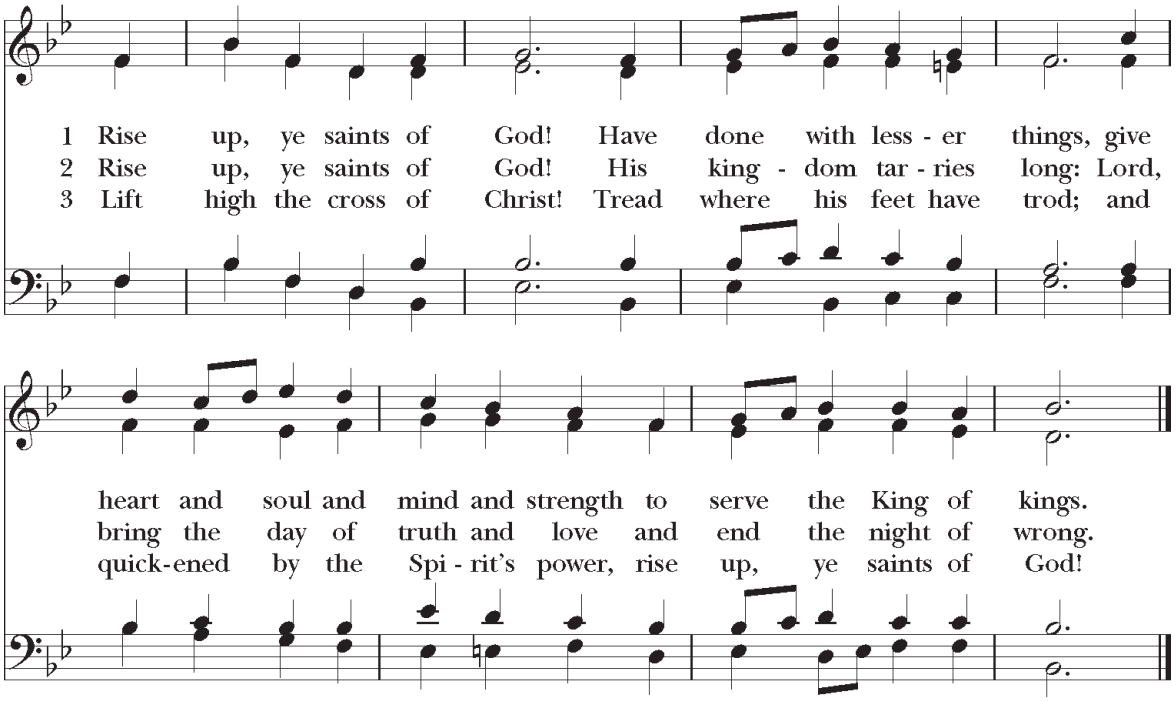
* The Blessing

* Dismissal

Following the dismissal,

People **Thanks be to God.**

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



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Voluntary: Allegro (*Trumpet Voluntary*) Henry Heron (1738-1795)

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

Serving Today

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
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Lector	Kelsey Leftwich-Yazell
Eucharistic Minister	Terri Curran
Usher	Deborah Carr, Greg Coffey
Altar Guild	Michelle Ritter, Jennifer Mason

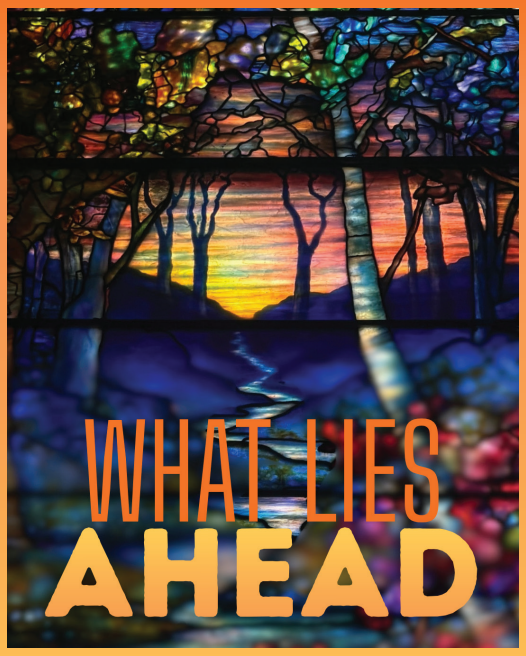
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We have one final opportunity to gather as a community for fellowship, conversation, and reflection on our shared life and ministry.

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

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

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

6 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Tuesday, November 17

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

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

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

6 p.m.	Family Feud Game Night

Sunday, November 22

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.	Coffee Hour
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.

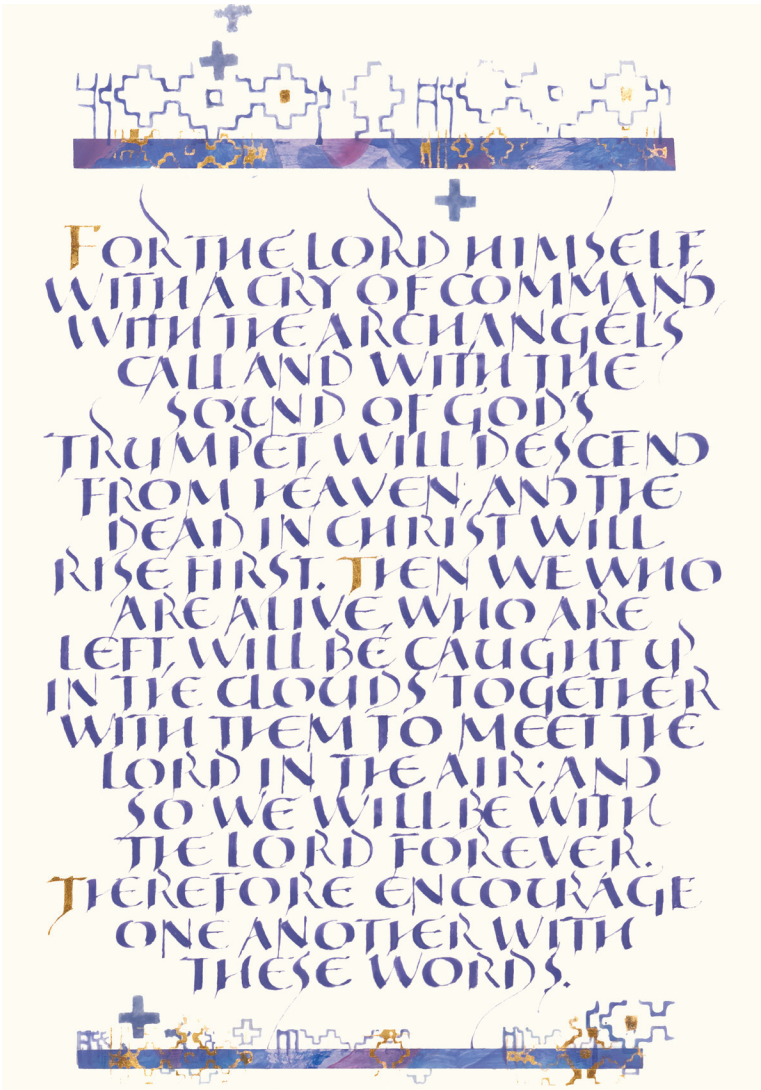


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Upcoming Events | Announcements

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.

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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.