

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

A SERVANT CHURCH IN THE HEART OF THE CITY



The Lesser Feast of Argula von Grumbach, Scholar and Church Reformer
July 14, 2021
12:05 p.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

SERVICE NOTES:

- We ask you to observe proper physical distancing throughout the service (staying at least six feet apart).
 - Please remember to wear your mask, covering your mouth and nose, at all times (except when actively consuming Communion).
 - Restrooms are available in Founders' Hall.
 - Page numbers listed are from The Book of Common Prayer.
 - Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (*).
 - The offering plate is located on a stand in the cross aisle. Offerings may also be made through the Cathedral website: kccathedral.org, by scanning the QR code to the right or by texting "GIVEtoGHTC" to 73256.
- Thank you for your generosity.*



The Word of God

* OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, who gave your servant Argula von Grumbach a spirit of wisdom and power to love your Word and to boldly draw others to its truth: Pour out that same spirit upon us, that we, knowing and loving your Holy Word, may be unashamed of Christ and may not sin against the Holy Spirit that is within us. **Amen.**

LESSON: Judges 4:4-9

Lector 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.'" Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go." And she said, "I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
 I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
 “This is the gate of the Lord; *
 he who is righteous may enter.”
 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
 and have become my salvation.
 The same stone which the builders rejected *
 has become the chief cornerstone.
 This is the Lord’s doing, *
 and it is marvelous in our eyes.
 On this day the Lord has acted; *
 we will rejoice and be glad in it.
 Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! *
 Lord, send us now success.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
 we bless you from the house of the Lord.
 God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; *
 form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
 “You are my God, and I will thank you; *
 you are my God, and I will exalt you.”
 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
 his mercy endures for ever.

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 7:24-29

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

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

Gospeller Jesus said, “Everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

ARGULA VON GRUMBACH, SCHOLAR AND CHURCH REFORMER

Argula von Grumbach would have been a remarkable woman in any age, but her brilliance shines especially brightly in her setting—Germany in the sixteenth century. She became the first published Protestant woman writer, and participated publicly in the theological and political debates of her time.

Argula was born in 1492 into a noble family in the Bavarian countryside. When she was ten, her father presented her with an illustrated copy of the German Bible—a lavish gift which seems to have made an impression on the young Argula. Her education continued when she was lady-in-waiting at the court, in a time when renaissance and reform were stirring the air in Munich and Germany.

Her parents died when she was 17; she married at 18 and moved to another country town, where she managed the household, finances, and land; bore, raised, and oversaw the education of four children; and pursued her interests in theology. Argula's life changed when, in September of 1523, she learned that the theologians at the nearby University of Ingolstadt had forced a young Lutheran tutor to recant his beliefs in public. He was saved from burning at the stake, but was to be exiled and imprisoned. Argula wrote a letter to these clerics, accusing them of “foolish violence against the word of God,” and notes that “nowhere in the Bible do I find that Christ, or his apostles, or his prophets put people in prison, burnt or murdered them, or sent them into exile.” She defends the writings of “Martin and Melancthon,” which she has read, and decries the University's failed attempts to hide the truth of these reformers and of Scripture.

Despite her being a lay person and a woman, she says she is compelled to speak by her divine duty as a Christian to confess God's name (she quotes Matthew 10) and to be unashamed of Christ (Luke 9). Her knowledge of Scripture and artful use of it was striking to her 367 readers of the time, and is striking now. Her letter is a variegated composition with textures from across the Bible, picking up Gospels, Psalms, and prophets to form the skeleton and teeth of her impassioned arguments.

She closes by saying, “What I have written to you is no woman's chitchat, but the word of God; and (I write) as a member of the Christian Church, against which the gates of Hell cannot prevail.” Her letter was immediately printed as a pamphlet, which was then reprinted in fourteen editions over two months. More pamphlets, letters, and poems followed, and consequences followed too. However, she did not seem ever to regret that she—like her beloved forebears Judith, Esther, and Jael—had been called by God into decisive action.

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
Silence

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work;
People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;
People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;
People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Intercessor For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Marty our Bishop; and all bishops and other ministers;
People For all who serve God in his Church.

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Silence
The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;
People For your mercy is great.

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence
The People may add their own thanksgivings

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;
People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence
The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People Who put their trust in you.

Presider O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
People Amen.

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

People 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 us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

* THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Remain in your seat while sharing the Peace with others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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

Please come up one person/family unit at a time to receive the elements.

* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Presider Let us pray.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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The Presider dismisses the people.

People Thanks be to God.

The Rev. Ryan Wiksell, *Presider*

Upcoming Events

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

July

Help support the kids at Crittenton by donating school supplies. You will find a list of needed supplies on the Outreach page, kccathedral.org/outreach page of our website. You can drop the school supplies in the box in the tower during the month of July.

YOUNG ADULTS MEET UP

Thursday, July 15 • 8 p.m. (online)

There is a Young Adults Meet Up on the third Thursday of each month. Gather via Zoom with other Cathedral Young Adults for connection, community and prayer. The next meeting is July 15 at 8 p.m. Contact Nick Smith, ns938689@gmail.com, for details.

Adult Formation

GHTC'S DIGITAL CAFE

Tuesdays • 7:30 a.m.

Please join us for our weekly conversation in GHTC's Digital Cafe! Tuesday mornings from 7:30–9 a.m. For details, visit kccathedral.org/other-activities.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays • 12:30 p.m.

The Women's Bible Study group is currently using *A Faith of Her Own: Women of the Old Testament* by J. Ellsworth Kalas as its study series. Visit the WBS page, kccathedral.org/adultformation/wbs for more information.

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, July 6 • 6:45 p.m. •

Readings: 7 Pentecost, Year B, Track 1

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 visit the LBS page, kccathedral.org/adultformation/lbs for more details.

Cathedral Prayer List

PRAY FOR:

Healing & Strength—John Blank; Jeff Mosley & the Mosley family; Randy Mueller; Jeri Hatteberg; Charlie Payne; Doug Peveto; Rev. David K. FLY; Beverly Bilotta; Peggy Morgan; Jack Lambert; Eddie Carter; John L. Cipolla; Larry & Pat Allison; Elizabeth Gordon; Nancy Hultman; Bret; Mike Day; Gaelle Marchand; Jim Royer; Linda McCandless; Dennis & Kathy Meehan; Susie Frogge; Nancy Cavanaugh; Rev. Steven Wilson; Pat McGee; Charles Smith; Sam Satterfield; Peggy Ray Tarpein; Terry Heitman; Dan Jackson; Families & Staff of Operation Breakthrough; Olga Marr; Barbara Mason; Thaddeus S. Withers; Dave Gaddy-Cox; Jan Frizzle; Jim Nash; Charlotte Colburn; All those with loved ones suffering from COVID-19

Calm, Direction & Help—Andrew Rowland

Peace, Comfort & Serenity—the Sancho Shirley family; the With family; the Gitta family; the Burns family; the Ingram-Eiser & Sifers family; the Biggs family; the Crone family; the Wright family; the Miers family; the Dick family; the Lytton family; the Walker family; the Johnson family; the Hand family; the Bontrager & Moore families; the Patton family

To place a person on this prayer list, please contact Janet Sweeting, jsweeting@kccathedral.org.

Requests are held in prayer for 90 days.