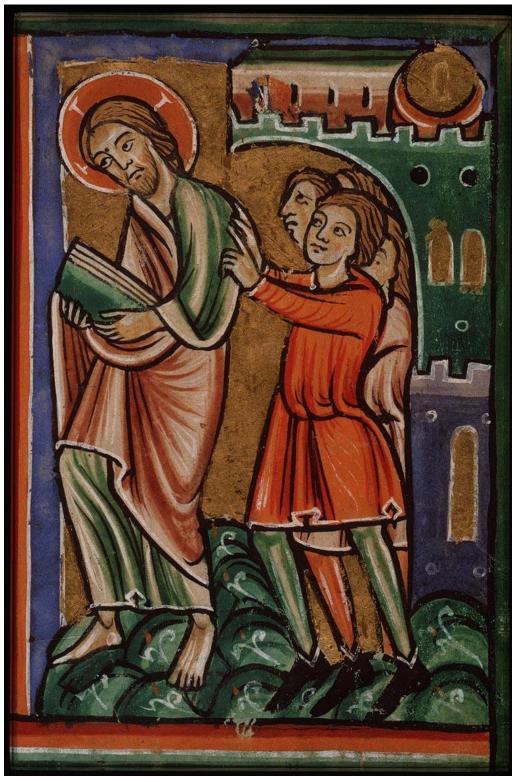
# GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



"The Jews Chase Christ Out of the City" from the Illustrated Bible of The Hague

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 7, 2024 • 10:30 a.m.

#### 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 fill out the online form using the QR code.

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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 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

Louis Vierne

#### The Word of God

\* Opening Hymn: 637 "How firm a foundation"



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#### \* Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

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.** 

\* SONG OF PRAISE: S280 "Glory to God" Gloria in excelsis



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#### $^{\ast}$ Collect for the Day

Presider	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Presider	Let us pray.
	O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. <b>Amen.</b>

#### The Lessons

#### First Lesson: Ezekiel 2:1-5

Lector The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The Word of the Lord.

#### People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123 sung by the choir, chant by C. Hylton Stewart

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. page 780

#### Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Lector I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

\* GOSPEL HYMN: Voices Found 98 "Lord, speak to me, that I may speak"



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#### \* The Holy Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

Gospeller	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People	Glory to you, Lord Christ.
Gospeller	Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.
	Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.
	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### Sermon

\* The Nicene Creed

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.

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	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, Form IV page 388
Intercessor	Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
	Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
Silence	
Intercessor <b>People</b>	Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.
Silence	
Intercessor <b>People</b>	Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.
Silence	
Intercessor <b>People</b>	Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.
Silence	
Intercessor <b>People</b>	Lord, in your mercy <b>Hear our prayer.</b>
Intercessor	Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.
Silence	
Intercessor <b>People</b>	Lord, in your mercy <b>Hear our prayer.</b>

Intercessor We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Intercessor	Lord, in your mercy
People	Hear our prayer.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

#### **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. <b>Amen.</b>
* Тне Реасе	page 360
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.

#### **BISHOP SEARCH PRAYER**

All O Creator God, giver of every good gift, look graciously on us in the Diocese of West Missouri and guide us as we discern our call of a new bishop. O Jesus, be present in our discernment, and lead us to a shepherd who will invite us to live out the Gospel every day. O Holy Spirit, inspire us with your wisdom, and kindle our hearts with the fire of your love, that we may be renewed as we prepare to welcome the ministry of our next bishop. This we ask trusting in You. Amen.

### The Holy Communion

#### Offertory Sentence

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians* 5:2

#### Offertory Anthem: "He that shall endure to the end"

Felix Mendelssohn text: Matthew 10:22

He that shall endure to the end, shall be saved.

\* Presentation Hymn: 635 "If thou but trust in God to guide thee"



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#### \* The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

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



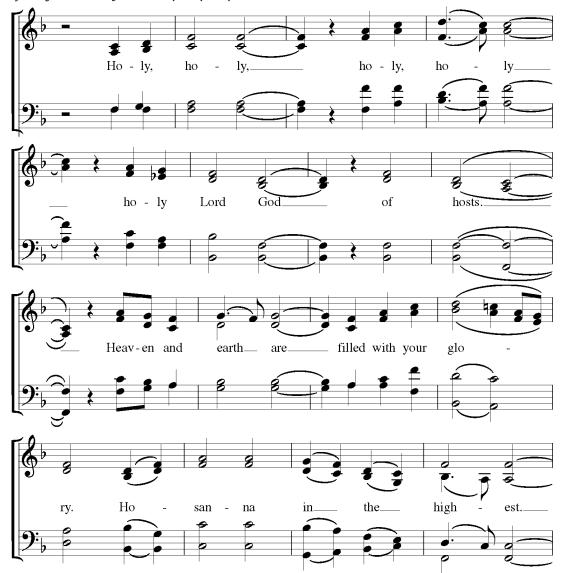
Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

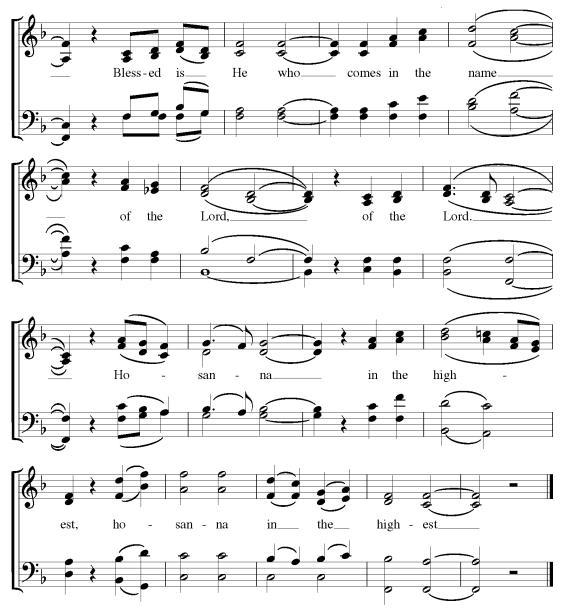
Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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

Lift Every Voice and Sing II 255: Holy, holy, holy Lord





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Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

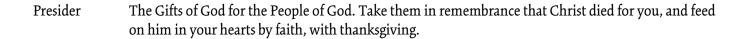
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All	We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;
Presider	And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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
Presider	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People	Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



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#### 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.

On the first Sunday of each month, prayer for healing is offered at the prayer desk until the close of worship.

#### 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



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Соммиліол Нумл: 332 "O God, unseen yet ever near"



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#### \* Postcommunion Prayer

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.

- \* The Blessing
- \* DISMISSAL

Following the dismissal,

People Thanks be to God.

\* CLOSING HYMN: Wonder, Love, and Praise 778 "We all are one in mission"



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#### VOLUNTARY: Marche épiscopale

#### Serving Today

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Deacon
Musicians
Lector
Intercessor
Eucharistic Ministers
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The Rev. W. James Yazell The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse The Rev. Barbara Wegener The Trinity Choir, Dr. Lucas Fletcher Deborah Buckner Janet Sweeting Christine Morrison, Peter Fortner Jonah Fahnestock, Brenda Colburn, Harrison Mattson

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Greeter Altar Guild

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## All Parish Breakfasts



Please join us in Founders' Hall at **9 a.m.** for breakfast and fellowship on the second Sunday of each month this summer.

### 2024 Summer Music at the Cathedrals

**Sunday, August 4:** Suzanne Anderson, soprano; Paul Meier, piano (GHTC)

> Sunday, August 11: Ho Ahn, cello; Jiwon Choi, piano (GHTC)

Sunday August 18: Beauford Winds Woodwind Quintet (GHTC)

Sunday, August 25: French Organi Music Festival XII (CIC)

All of these concerts begin at 2 p.m. and are free.

## **Cathedral Prayer List**

Pray for: Lenette Johnson; Flynn; Cliff Mosley; Sally Livengood; Jodi Robinson; Martha Mitchell; Peggy's Nephew; Lyle Oliver; Lynne Avery; Michah Avery; Sadie Wolters; Fr. Richard Rohr; Gloria Quarles; Tae & family; Penny Citro; Joyce Morrow; Pat and Larry Martin; Midge Purty; Brend; Liliana; all families affected by gun violence; All those fighting cancer; Bonita White; Charlotte Colburn; Doyle White; First Responders; Gloria Stocks; Jim Royer; Jinny McCoy; Larry McMullen; Mike Barzee & Family; Pat Lieve; Phyllis & James Shaffer; Thaddeus Samuel Withers

Comfort and Peace: the family and friends of Martha Jane Oakes; the family and friends of Miriam Marrs; the family and friends of Selvaraj Devasagayam; the family and friends of Julia Horowitz; the family and friends of Mary Jane Thomas; the family and friends of those lost from the World Central Kitchen; the family and friends of Anna Marie; all families affected by gun violence

**Pray for the Departed:** Martha Jane Oakes; Miriam Marrs; Juan Manuel Gonzalez; Selvaraj Devasagayam (Caroline John's Father); Julia Horowitz; Mary Jane Thomas (Mike Thomas's Mother); Those lives lost from World Central Kitchen; Anna Marie; for all those lost in war; for all who have died from gun violence

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** Trinity Episcopal Church, Independence—The Rev. Kary Mann, Rector, The Rev. Vicky Anderson, Deacon; College and Young Adult Commission

#### For the complete prayer list: kccathedral.org/prayers

To place a person on this prayer list, please contact Deacon Barbara Wegener, **bwegener@kccathedral.org.** Requests are held in prayer for 90 days.



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Jan Duncan Isabelle McCaffree

July 2 Theo Elisabeth Pat Woolley

July 3 **Bob Bucker** Carol & Fred Whitehead

July 4 Mary Lou Brous Marsy Gordon

Freya Lagergren July 5 **Michael Simms** 

July 6 Catherine Green & **Thomas Taylor** 

July 9 Brent Harbaugh

lulv 10 David Herschede Jill & Richard Fanolio

July 11 Pat Decker LeeAnne Hays Porter Munsell

Doug Jones

Andy Mosley

Erik Radcliff

Daniel John

July 12 Steve Johnson

MIchael Guarente

July 13

Please contact the Cathedral office if we have omitted your birthday or anniversary: jtoma@kccathedral.org or 816.474.8260.

## **Today's Flowers**

are given to the Glory of God and ...

in thanksgiving for my daughter & son in law, Betsy & Beattie Leonard—Carolyn McLeroy

Donations of any amount toward the weekly flowers can be given by anyone who wants to acknowledge special events or people in their lives.

See kccathedral.org/flowers for more information or contact Julie Toma, jtoma@ kccathedral.org.



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## Youth & College



#### Linked By Love: VBS at St. Paul's

#### Monday through Friday, July 15–19 • 9 a.m.–12 noon

Bible stories, songs, games, service projects & more, exploring God's love and how it connects us all!

Grades: 1st–5th

To sign up (with detailed instructions) visit **kccathedral. org/childrensformation**.

#### Living One Life

Spiritual Retreat for Young Adults

Saturday, July 13, 2024 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

This is a spiritual retreat for people who seek God amid a fragmented and at times frenzied experience of the demanding realty of being alive. Come and spend a day reflecting on the pathway to a more integrated life that fosters wholeness in body, mind and spirit. Explore Christian contemplative practices that assist finding the One who longs for you and calls you beloved whose desire is to bring you abundant life of wonder and curiosity.

Where: Grace Episcopal Cathedral 701 SW 8th Ave Topeka KS Cost: \$25.00 Register: There is space for 15 Led by Clare Stern-Burbano

Registration link at kccathedral.org/young-adults.

## Children

#### Cathedral Kids • 10:30 a.m.

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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.

Questions? Contact Clare, **childrensformation@kccathedral.org** for more information.

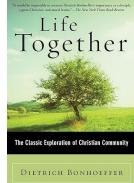
## **Adult Formation**

### Sunday

#### A Book Study on Life Together July 7, 21, 28, Aug. 4 • 9:15 a.m. • Common Room

Dean Andy and Fr. James are co-teaching a book study on *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Based on the common life Bonhoeffer experienced with his seminarians at the Finkenwald seminary before it was closed by the Nazis, we will read and discuss his reflections on the nature of Christian community.



<u>Schedule</u>

July 7: Community

July 14: Attend the All Parish Breakfast in Founders' Hall July 21: The Day Together July 28: The Day Alone and Service August 4: Confession and the Lord's Supper

We have a few copies available for purchase (\$10) or you can purchase your own copy.

### Tuesday

#### GHTC's Virtual Cafe • 7:30 a.m.

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

#### Women's Bible Study • 12:30 p.m.

Conversation is lively, thought-provoking, and often irreverent. All are welcome. Visit the WBS page, **kccathedral.org/ adultformation/wbs** for more information.

#### Lectionary Bible Study • 6:45 p.m.

We study the lessons for the upcoming Sunday. Join the Lectionary Bible Study group in Realm or visit the LBS page, **kccathedral.org/adultformation/lbs** for more details.

Sunday Formation at 9:15 a.m. for children and youth is on hiatus through September 1. Classes will resume **September 8**.

## Announcements

#### Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination: "Vision at the Chebar" (Ezekiel 1:1-3:27)

Early Hebrew exiles in Babylonia wrestled with a thorny theological problem—the possibility of God's presence with them outside of their homeland and the conditions under which this might be experienced. Thus, divine effulgence (glory) is of special concern to Ezekiel. Mystical visions are the primary media through which he secures the insights he shares regarding God's abiding care for Israel despite its dislocation, but his descriptions of these intensely personal religious experiences are not easy to visualize. In fact, Ezekiel himself lacked the words to adequately convey what he saw and repeatedly employed



such terms as "something like," "appearance like" and "likeness of" to relay the experiences for which he had insufficient vocabulary.

Lacking an adequate basis for visualizing what Ezekiel saw, illuminator Donald Jackson turned to sounds identified by Ezekiel in this text as the foundation for his illumination. In 1:24, Ezekiel writes: "I heard the sound of their wings like the sound of mighty waters, like the thunder of the Almighty, a sound of turnult like the sound of an army." In this illumination Jackson seeks to convey a sense of the overwhelmingly alien and unsettling world that surrounds the exiles' camp as expressed through these sounds.

Three primary elements shape the context for this illumination: the messengers, God's throne and the wheels. Using images gleaned from period Babylonian artifacts preserved in the British museum, Jackson fashioned four creatures (messengers) based on a relief portrait from the ceramic lid of an early sixth-century BCE casket. Since Christian tradition long has employed these figures as symbols of the four evangelists, today's illumination includes images with each figure—Matthew (human), Mark (lion), Luke (ox), and John (eagle). In the illumination's top left is the image of "something like a human form" on a throne with fragments of sapphires and rainbows (see 2:26-28). This conveys Ezekiel's strong concern regarding God's effulgence. The rainbow appears again at the feet of the creature on the far right and once again on the next page where Ezekiel is found eating the scroll (3:3) with the Hebrew words "lamentation," "mourning" and "woe" written on it. Framing the illumination are the chariot wheels rimmed with eyes (likely metal studs) that would have made a frightening noise as they passed through Babylon's streets.

Why do you think times of crisis in ancient Israel elicited the powerful and highly symbolic visions reported by Ezekiel? How might they have provided comfort to Israelites suffering from feelings of dislocation, fear, and helplessness? Do these messages ever help you find grounding in moments of crisis in your life?



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A panel discussion will follow, with Bishop Diane J. Bruce, our own Deacon Beck Schubert, and other women leading the church in our area.

#### The Philadelphia Eleven

In a defiant act, after two General Conventions failed to authorize the ordination of women as priests, three retired bishops (including West Missouri's Edward R. Welles II) ordained eleven women (including Welles's daughter, Katrina) as priests in The Episcopal Church. The event took place July 29, 1974, at Philadelphia's Episcopal Church of the Advocate, and these brave women — demeaned, threatened, and initially rejected — became known as the Philadelphia Eleven.

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