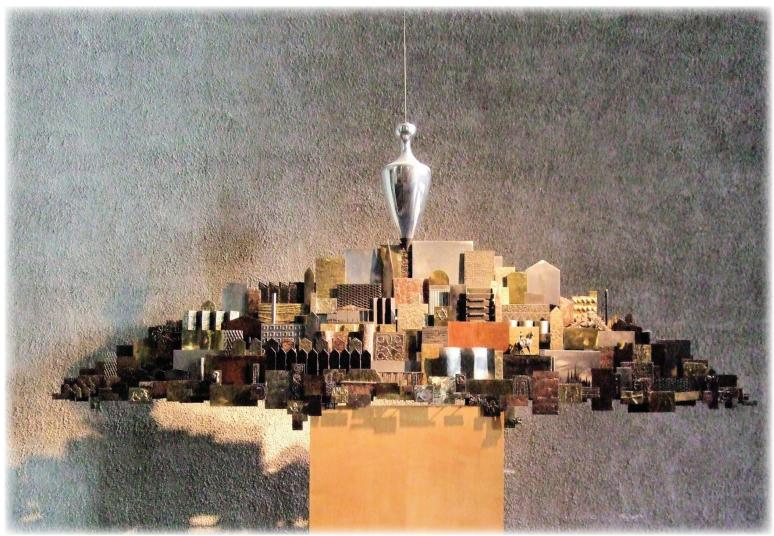
## GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



"The Plumb Line and the City" by Clark Fitzgerald

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 14, 2024 • 8 a.m.

### Welcome! We are glad you are here.

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## Holy Eucharist

#### Voluntary: Prélude

## The Word of God

#### \* 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. <b>Amen</b> .		

#### \* Gloria

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.



Nadia Boulanger



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#### \* Collect of the Day

Presider	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Presider	Let us pray.
	O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. <b>Amen</b> .

#### The Lessons

#### First Lesson: Amos 7:7-15

Lector This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,

and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' "

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:8–13 read by alternating whole verse

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*

for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \* that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; \*

righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

#### Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*

and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*

and our land will yield its increase.

#### Righteousness shall go before him, \*

#### and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

#### Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

Lector Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### \* The Holy Gospel: Mark 6:14–29

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

> For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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.
	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

vyers 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 <b>Hear our prayer.</b>		
Intercessor	Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may h one another and serve the common good.	onor	
Silence			
Intercessor <b>People</b>	Lord, in your mercy <b>Hear our prayer.</b>		
Intercessor	Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in th service of others and to your honor and glory.	le	
Silence			
Intercessor <b>People</b>	Lord, in your mercy <b>Hear our prayer.</b>		
Intercessor	Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and lo one another as he loves us.	ove	
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 pra that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.	у	
Silence			
Intercessor <b>People</b>	Lord, in your mercy <b>Hear our prayer.</b>		

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

#### Confession and Absolution

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>
* The Peace	page 360
Presider	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	And also with you.
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#### **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.

#### **BISHOP SEARCH PRAYER**

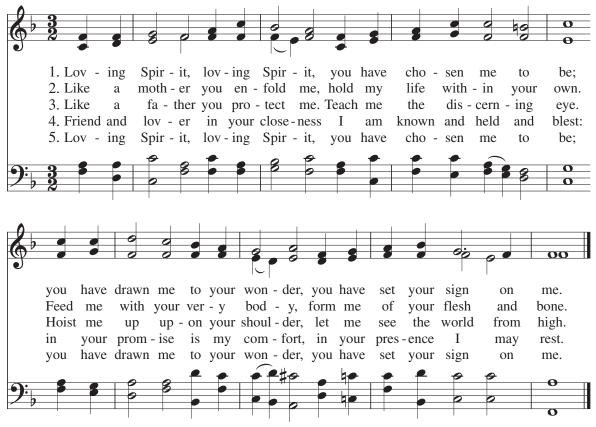
All O Creator God, giver of every good gift, look graciously on us in the Diocese of West Missouri and guide us as we discern our call of a new bishop. O Jesus, be present in our discernment, and lead us to a shepherd who will invite us to live out the Gospel every day. O Holy Spirit, inspire us with 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 Hymn: Wonder, Love, and Praise 742 "Loving Spirit"



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

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	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 1	THE BREAD page 364
Presider	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People	Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
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.

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

#### \* 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.
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\* The Blessing

\* Dismissal

Following the dismissal,

People Thanks be to God.

\* CLOSING НУММ: 540 "Awake, thou Spirit of the watchman"



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#### VOLUNTARY: Carillon de Longpont, op. 31 no. 21

Louis Vierne

Serving Today			
Presider	The Rev. W. James Yazell		
Preacher	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse		
Deacon	The Rev. Barbara Wegener		
Organists	Dr. Lucas Fletcher, Dr. Paul Meier		
Lector	Chuck Ritter		
Eucharistic Minister	Terri Curran		
Usher	Morgan Rezaei		
Altar Guild	Sharon Hudson		

## The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe elected 28th presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, bishop of the Episcopal Dioceses of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York, was elected and confirmed the 28th presiding bishop and primate of The Episcopal Church on June 26 for a nine-year term beginning Nov. 1.

Rowe was chosen from among five nominees on the first ballot, with 89 votes out of 158 votes cast; 82 votes were needed to elect. Following his election by the House of Bishops, the House of Deputies confirmed the election, with 778 votes for, 43 votes against.

Election voting results in the House of Bishops by ballot, with names listed alphabetically, were as follows:

The Rt. Rev. Scott Barker: 24 The Rt. Rev. DeDe Duncan-Probe: 9 The Rt. Rev. Daniel Gutiérrez: 17 The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe: 89 The Rt. Rev. Robert Wright: 19



Rowe, 49, was ordained bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania in 2007 and became bishop provisional of Western New York in 2019. From 2014 to 2018, he served as bishop provisional of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem.

Born in Sharon, Pennsylvania, Rowe earned a bachelor's degree in history from Grove City College, a master of divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary, and a doctorate in organizational learning and leadership from Gannon University.

Rowe was the youngest Episcopal priest in the U.S. when he was ordained in 2000 at age 24, and he was the youngest member of the House of Bishops when he was ordained and consecrated at age 32.

Known for his research and work on organizational learning and adaptive performance in the church, Rowe serves as parliamentarian for the House of Bishops and the Episcopal Church Executive Council; chair of the Episcopal Church Building Fund; and as a member of the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, and Constitution and Canons. He also serves on the Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable. In 2018, he became the first bishop to serve on the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church.

Rowe is married to Carly Rowe, a Christian educator; they have a daughter named Lauren.

In his first address as Presiding Bishop-elect, Bishop Rowe celebrated "experimentation for the sake of the Gospel." He called for restructuring church-wide resources around our local communities. He quoted from 20th century mystic Thomas Merton, who experienced a famous spiritual vision in Louisville:

In a time of drastic change one can be too preoccupied with what is ending or too obsessed with what seems to be beginning.

In either case one loses touch with the present and with its obscure but dynamic possibilities. What really matters is openness, readiness, attention, courage to face risk.

You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going.

What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith, and hope.

In such an event, courage is the authentic form taken by love.

## **Cathedral Prayer List**

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

**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; all families affected by gun violence

**Pray for the Departed:** Martha Jane Oakes; Miriam Marrs; Juan Manuel Gonzalez; Selvaraj Devasagayam; Julia Horowitz; Mary Jane Thomas; for all those lost in war; for all who have died from gun violence

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Joplin—The Rev. Ted Estes, Interim Rector; The Rev. Carol Peterson, Deacon; Commission on Ministry

#### 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.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 14 J Claire Blake Donna Knoell	<b>uly 17</b> David Angus Melissa Atwell	Greg Coffey Eliza Johnson
Jeanette Nichols July 15 Peter Fortner Ed Matheny	Steven Lewis Doyle White Andrew & Kristen Ellis Johnson	<b>July 19</b> Jordan Buckner Marcille McCandless Joselyn Verschelden Leonardo Zamora
Ann Tootle July 16	<b>uly 18</b> Henry Ahn Sandy Carter	<b>July 20</b> Jonathan & Meredith Sternberg
Kay Callison Miguel Cornwell Cassee Harbaugh	Please contact the Cathedral office if we have omitted your birthday or anniversary: <b>jtoma@kccathedral.org</b> or 816.474.8260.	

## Today's Flowers

are given to the Glory of God and ...

- in loving memory of my daughter, Lynn—Carolyn McLeroy
- in loving memory of Joe Finnie—Jackye Finnie

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.



## Children

#### Cathedral Kids • 10:30 a.m.

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.

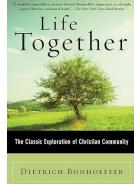
## **Adult Formation**

## 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**.

### Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination: "Demands of Social Justice" (Amos 4)

Saint John's Bible has no illumination specific to today's text, Amos 7:7-15. These verses prophesy Israel's imminent punishment and describe a confrontation between Amos the seer and Amaziah the priest. However, a few chapters earlier, in Amos 4, we do find an illumination treating "The Demands of Social Justice" bearing relevance as a visio divina for today's Old Testament reading. In this



illumination Suzanne Moore dramatizes God's lament that in spite of every effort to draw Israel back into relationship with himself, the people do not return. God sent famine, drought, blight, mildew, locusts, pestilence, war, and military defeat, "yet you did not return to me," God declares.

Moore portrays God's words in a manner that is fragmented and broken as a sign of the fragmentation of creation itself. The Amos illumination is segmented into seven pieces reminiscent of Genesis 1's "Creation" illumination, but here the pieces are uneven and chaotic suggesting a departure of creation from the way God intended it to be. The panels include black, blue, and green representing sky, sea, and earth, but they are not fruitful and do not function harmoniously. This insinuates that God first tried to draw the people to himself through beauty, order, and fruitfulness before resorting to plagues and punishments. The highlighted quote emphasizes the message that it is the people's choice not God's intent that has produced this fragmentation and disharmony.

Ultimately, the fractured words of Moore's illumination convey the way injustice and inequality fracture society. Yet, at the heart of Amos' prophecy is a reminder of God's covenant. God wants reconciliation and blessing, not violence and punishment. Still, the people have a choice. Persistently they have chosen to turn away from God and to adopt social practices that deny the wellbeing of much of God's creation. Ultimately, they will suffer the consequences of those choices.



### The Join us for a film screening of Philadelphia Eleven

## Thursday, July 25 • 6 p.m.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church 6401 Wornall Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64113 St. Andrew's invites you to the screening of the newly released documentary, *The Philadelphia Eleven*.

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.

Snacks & beverages will be provided. Admission is free with *RSVP by July 22* to Susan Paynter at sue-and-joe@hotmail.com.

## Announcements



# 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.

## 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.



### Help Serve Dinner at Sheffield Place Sunday, July 28

The Cathedral will provide a pizza and salad dinner for the families at Sheffield Place. We need:

- People to help serve the meal
- People to help entertain the kids
- Donations of Play-Doh, crayons, markers and coloring books for 20 children
- For 40+ people: Donations of plastic utensils, serving utensils, paper plates, napkins

Sheffield Place empowers homeless mothers and their children to heal from their trauma and become self-sufficient.

Contact Kari O'Rourke (email.orourke@gmail.com) or Terri Curran (tcurra2@yahoo.com) to volunteer. Donations may be left in the basket in the tower.