

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



"The Pharisees Question Jesus" by James Tissot

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 2024 • 10:30 a.m.

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- For elementary age children, Cathedral Kids meets during the first half of the 10:30 a.m. worship service and during this time we weave together our sacred stories and our Episcopal identity with the *Weaving God's Promises* curriculum! Children attending Cathedral Kids will meet their parents or guardians inside the tower doors during the passing of the peace.
- We observe *Family Worship* one Sunday of each month so there is no Cathedral Kids. Worship Boxes with resources for children are in the back cross aisle. Upcoming Family Worship Sundays: September 29, October 20.
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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

VOLUNTARY: Adagio, op. 42. no. 1

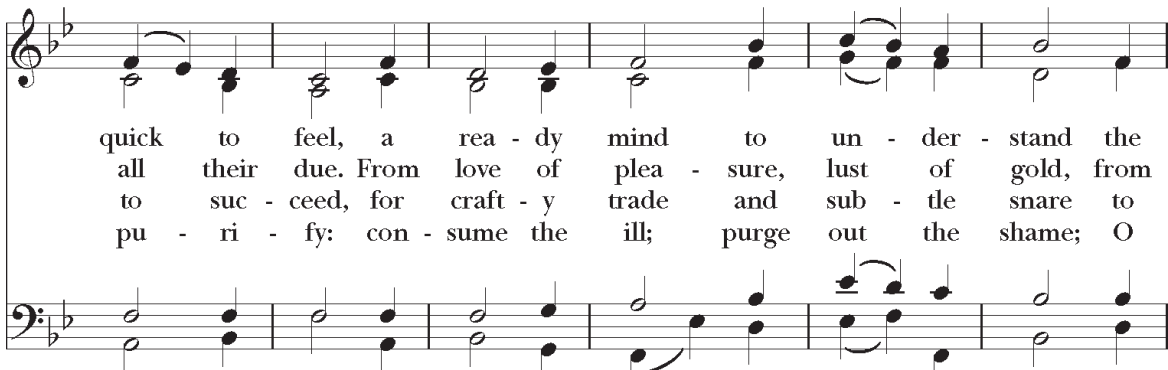
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The Word of God

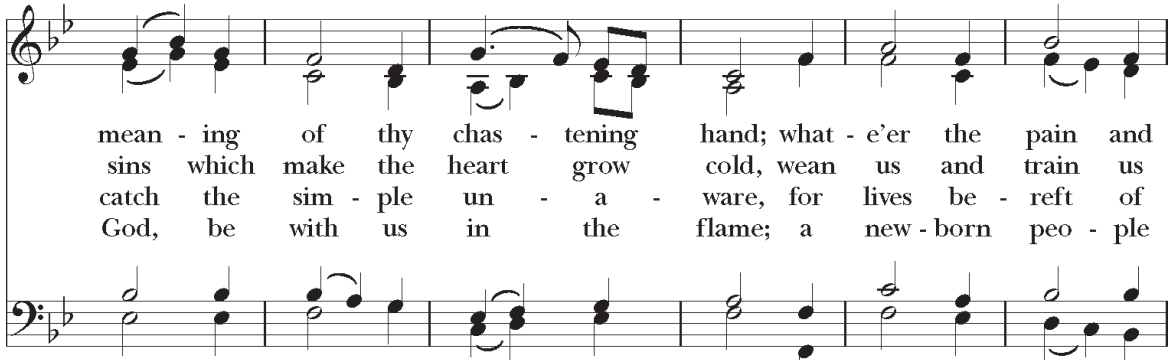
* OPENING HYMN: 574 "Before thy throne, O God, we kneel"



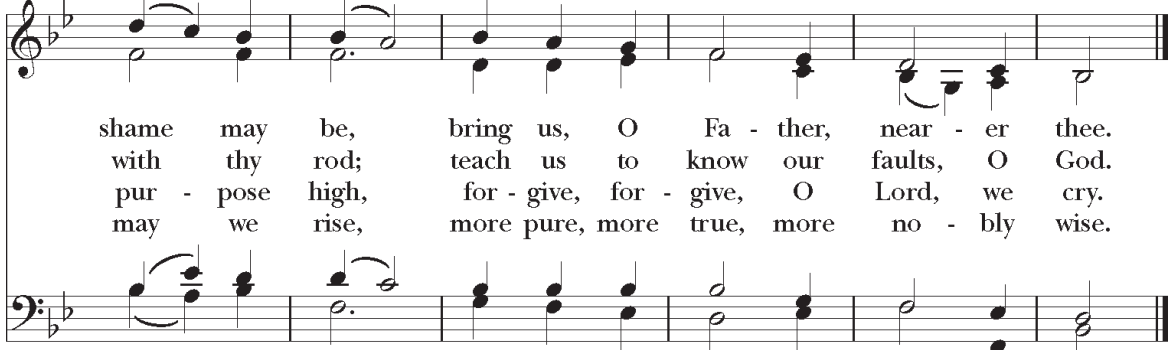
1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science
2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to
3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious
4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits



quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the
all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from
to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to
pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O



mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us
catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of
God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple



shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.
pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.
may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

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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.**

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

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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* COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Lector Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15 *sung by the choir, chant by Herbert Howells*

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Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.
He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

Second Lesson: James 1:17-27

Lector

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL HYMN: *Lift Every Voice and Sing* II 124 "Give me a clean heart"

Give me a clean heart so I may serve
Thee. Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by
thee. For I'm not worthy of all these bless-
ings. Give me a clean heart and I'll fol-low thee.
1. I'm not ask-ing for the rich-es of the land.
(2. Some-times) I am up and some-times I am down.
1. I'm not ask-ing for the proud to know my
2. Some-times I am al-most lev-el to the

1. name. Please give me, Lord, a clean heart, that
2. ground. Please give me, Lord, a clean heart, that

1. I may fol - low thee. Give me a clean heart, a
2. I may fol - low thee. Give me a clean heart, a

1. clean heart, and I will fol - low thee. 2. Some-times
2. clean heart, and I will fol - low thee.

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* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

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

Gospeller When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.

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 Lord, in your mercy
People **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 Lord, in your mercy
People **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 Lord, in your mercy
People **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 Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

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 Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

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.

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

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.

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

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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: "Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes"

David Hurd

text: Psalm 119:33-38, 40

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes; and I shall keep it to the end.
Give me understanding and I shall keep your law; I shall keep it with all my heart.
Make me go in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.
Incline my heart to your decree, and not to unjust gain.

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; give me life in your ways.
Fulfill your promise to your servant which you make to all who fear you.
Behold, I long for your commandments; in your righteousness preserve my life.

* PRESENTATION HYMN: 707 "Take my life, and let it be"

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

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

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People
 It is right to give our 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 *Lift Every Voice and Sing II 255: Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly
 ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
 Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -
 ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord, of the Lord.
Ho-san-na in the high-
est, ho-san-na in the high-est

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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.

All *Lift Every Voice and Sing II 270: Lamb of God*

Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: grant us peace.

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Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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*

Communion Hymn: 660 “O Master, let me walk with thee”

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,
 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

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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.

* THE BLESSING

* DISMISSAL

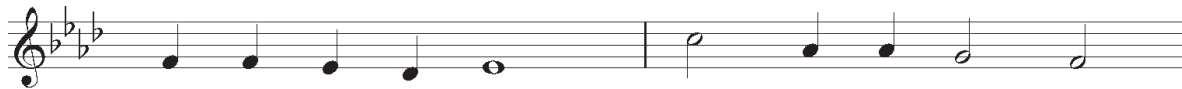
Following the dismissal,

People Thanks be to God.

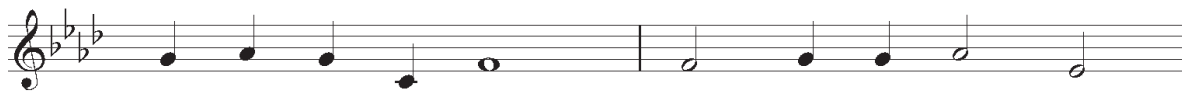
* CLOSING HYMN: 541 "Come, labor on"



1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle
 2 Come, la - bor on. The en - e - my is
 3 Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y
 4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing
 5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till



1 on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us
 2 watch - ing night and day, to sow the tares, to
 3 doubts and faith - less fear! No arm so weak but
 4 an - gels can - not share— to young and old the
 5 glows the west - ern sky, till the long sha - dows



1 waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant
 2 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our
 3 may do ser - vice here: by feeb - lest a - gents
 4 Gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its
 5 o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes



1 does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
 2 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered not.
 3 may our God ful - fill his right - eous will.
 4 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
 5 with the set - ting sun, "Ser - vants, well done."

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Cathedral Prayer List

Pray for: Sonya Kittrell; Bennett and Beckett Twenter; Judy Lafferty; Eliza; Necia; Nancy Riley; Kenny Cabean; Joyce Morrow; Wayne Alexander; Theresa Gasper; Jan and John Bacchus; Joyce and Jim Buford; Carolyn and Harold; Joyce Gillespie; Nigel Jones; Claudia Brown; Robert Dean Melton; Lenette Johnson; Flynn; Cliff Mosley; Sally Livengood; Jodi Robinson; Martha Mitchell; Charlotte Colburn; 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: Janel Mosley and the Kinderman family; the family and friends of Kris Kemper; the family and friends of Pat Leive; the family and friends of Nick Vaughn; the family and friends of Martha Jane Oakes; the family and friends of Miriam Marrs; all families affected by gun violence

Pray for the Departed: Mary Frances Kinderman; Kris Kemper; Pat Leive; Nick Vaughn; Martha Jane Oakes; Miriam Marrs; for all those lost in war; for all who have died from gun violence

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Kansas City—The Rev. Steven King, Rector; The Rev. Brittany Sparrow Savage, Assistant Rector; The Rev. Morgan Ladd, Associate Rector; The Rev. Robin Rusconi, Deacon; The Rev. John Deng, Priest in Charge, Sudanese Congregation; The Rev. Ezekiel Thon, Deacon, Sudanese Congregation; The Very Rev. Chandler Jackson, Diocesan Archivist

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Requests are held in prayer for 90 days.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 1

Linda Hezel
Olivia Michka
Donna & Mark
McGuire

Angelica Ragsdale

Phineas &
LaGreta Gitta
Julie Brogno &
Eric Elisabeth

September 6

Kathryn Barker
Amy Cornwell
Zoey Gardner
Barbara Hand
Morgan Rezaei

September 3

Kari O'Rourke
Sarah Rowland
Jim Shaffer

September 5

Jill Fanolio
Tom Kretsinger
Emily Morrison
Jason & Lindsay
Munsell

September 7

Jonah Fahnestock
Beth Gentry-Epley

September 4

Lynn Douthat

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

Weekly Flower Donations

Donations toward the weekly flowers can be given by anyone who wants to acknowledge special events or people in their lives. Gifts are accepted in any amount. You can mail a check to the Cathedral office, put your donation in a flower envelope and place in the offering or make a payment through our online payment site.

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



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Announcements

Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination: "Garden of Desire" (Song of Solomon 4:12-5:8)

Song of Solomon is a collection of love songs which over the centuries has been interpreted on varied levels. In addition to recognizing its celebration of romantic love, this book also has been seen as an allegory of the love between God and Israel, and by extrapolation of the love between the church and God. Wisdom is personified as a lover whom the writer wishes to attract and who will ultimately lead the writer into increasing levels of communion with God.

Today's illumination features a walled garden with a labyrinth. It suggests that at the heart of our quest to know Wisdom is the search for closeness with God here on earth. As the groom in this poem is enticed to the garden by the scent of its fruit trees and spices, we are attracted by Wisdom along this labyrinthine pathway to its destination – communion with the divine.



The gold and dark-red twigs scattered over these pages visualize our disconnection from God. Motivated by the desire to reconstruct the relationship symbolized through these disjointed twigs, we search desperately to find union and wholeness with the divine. Note the many and colorful plants covering the pages that constitute this garden. As you contemplate today's illumination, can you imagine some of the fragrances in this garden? What emotions do those fragrances elicit in you?

In what ways do the gardening images in Song of Solomon help you conceptualize your pursuit of relationship with God? Can you imagine – in addition to appealing visual beauty and feelings of love – some of the attractive scents associated with this relationship? Have you ever attempted to imagine your spiritual journey in terms of fragrances as well as of sights and feelings? How might doing this enhance your vocabulary for articulating, pursuing, and sharing your faith experiences?



Ministry Fair

Learn about the ministries at the Cathedral and how you can get involved.

after both morning services

SEPTEMBER 8

Founders' Hall

Sunday, September 8 • 9 & 11:30 a.m.

Our Ministry Fair is our annual celebration of the Cathedral ministries, recognizing the importance of all volunteer efforts.

The Ministry Fair is a wonderful way for parishioners to meet and gather information about the various ministries, committees, organizations and educational opportunities that are available within the parish community.

If your ministry group would like to be involved in the ministry fair and you haven't already received information, contact Julie Toma, jtoma@kccathedral.org, to reserve a table.

For more about getting involved in Cathedral ministries, visit kccathedral.org/volunteer or contact Volunteer Coordinator Joan Bergstrom, volunteers@kccathedral.org.

Announcements

Sign up to be an Oblation Bearer



Oblation bearers are members of the congregation who bring forward the gifts of bread and wine that we offer to God at the Offertory. People of all ages, even young children can help with this important liturgical role.

At the Cathedral, oblation bearers serve at the 10:30 a.m. service and at special services.

Sign up at kccathedral.org/volunteer or use the QR code.



Friday, September 20
6-8 p.m.



music | delicious bites | wine

FOR PETE'S SAKE

A tasting event benefiting Pete's Garden.

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral
hunger relief via food rescue
13th & Broadway



tickets: forpetessake.eventbrite.com



Friday, September 20 • 6-8 p.m.

You are invited to this special event highlighting the good work of Pete's Garden. Sample the typical foods that Pete's Garden distributes and learn about how their food recovery program is helping to reduce food waste and enable family mealtime.

This event will include good food, good wine and good music—and we will be raising funds for Pete's Garden. Music performance by the Tim Reid Jr. Trio and their broad ranging musical style.

Tickets are \$50 for wine and food; \$30 for soda and food. Get your tickets at forpetessake.eventbrite.com.

Volunteer: We need help with taking tickets, assisting the sommeliers and more. Sign up at kccathedral.org/upcoming-events.

Pete's Garden gets wholesome meals to hungry families. They collect unserved prepared food from caterers, restaurants and food service operations; then they portion and redirect the donated food to partners who distribute the food to families.



**The Emergency
Food Assistance
PROGRAM**

New Volunteer Opportunity

In partnership with St. Paul's on Main, we have been invited to a new volunteer opportunity once a month on Saturday mornings at St. Paul's from approximately 9:30 a.m. to noon. This is to assist with distribution of TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program).

TEFAP dates the next few months are September 21, October 19 and November 16. For additional information on TEFAP, please visit kccathedral.org/outreach.

To volunteer or for more information, contact Deacon Barbara 816.739.8032 or bwegener@kccathedral.org.

Join us Saturday, September 14th
at Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral

[Volunteer and Player Sign Up »](http://kccathedral.org/upcoming-events)
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