

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 22, 2024 • 5 p.m.

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

- If you are a visitor or new attendee, we invite you to fill out a welcome card, found in your pew, and place it in the offering plate or complete the form online. Use this QR code to access the form.
- If you need a hearing assistance device, please ask an usher. Instructions to connect via Bluetooth are on the back table.
- Gendered restrooms are available in Founders' Hall. A non-gendered, accessible restroom is available at west end (rear) of the Cathedral.



Service Notes

- Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (*).
- Donations may be placed in the offering, made through the Cathedral website: kccathedral.org, by scanning the QR code to the right or by texting "GIVEtoGHTC" to 73256. *Thank you for your generosity.*



HOLY EUCHARIST



VOLUNTARY: Prelude in F major, op. 101 no. 4

Charles Villiers Stanford

The Order for Evening

* OPENING ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR LIGHT

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Cantor  *People* 


Light and peace, in Je - sus Christ our Lord. Thanks be to God.

The presider adds a prayer for light.


* O GRACIOUS LIGHT *Phos hilaron*: 25



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O



you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through



blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

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The Word of God

* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Lector It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.
But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.
And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”
But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 54



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Cantor Save me, O God, by | your Name; *
in your | might, defend my cause.

All Hear my prayer, | O God; *
give ear to the | words of my mouth.
For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought | my life, *
those who have | no regard for God.
Behold, God is my | helper; *
it is the Lord | who sustains my life.
Render evil to those who | spy on me; *
in your faith | fulness, destroy them.
I will offer you a freewill | sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O Lord, | for it is good.
For you have rescued me from every | trouble, *
and my eye has seen the | ruin of my foes.

Second Lesson: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Lector Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

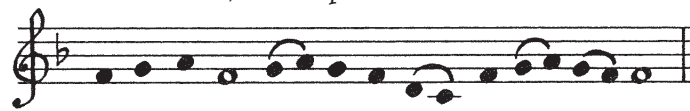
Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.


* ALLELUIA VERSE *Cantor; then People*



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Cantor



God has called us through the  Gospel* to possess the glory of our Lord / Jesus Christ.

All repeat the three alleluias.

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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.

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

from Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People for the Revised Common Lectionary

Intercessor Merciful Lord, hear us as we consider the needs of the world and your people as we pray, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

 We pray for your church in all places around the world and give you thanks that we share one faith and one hope that begins and ends with you.

 Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for the needs of our nation, for those who live in states we have never seen, for those who face natural disasters we have not experienced and who we hope to serve in their time of need.

 Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for this congregation. May we share one another's joys and burdens.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for those desperate for cures, those waiting for a miracle, those who need diagnosis and comfort and prayer. Deliver the sick from fear and pain, give sleep to the restless and comfort to those in need. We especially pray those on our Cathedral prayer list, and for any others you wish to name either silently or aloud,

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for the dying and those who sit at bedsides weeping. Bring comfort and deliverance, Lord, for our eternal rest is always in you.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider We ask these prayers in the name of our savior Jesus Christ who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God everlasting. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Presider 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 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

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Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION PRAYER

All O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 HYMN: 482 "Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy"

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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



Celebrant The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

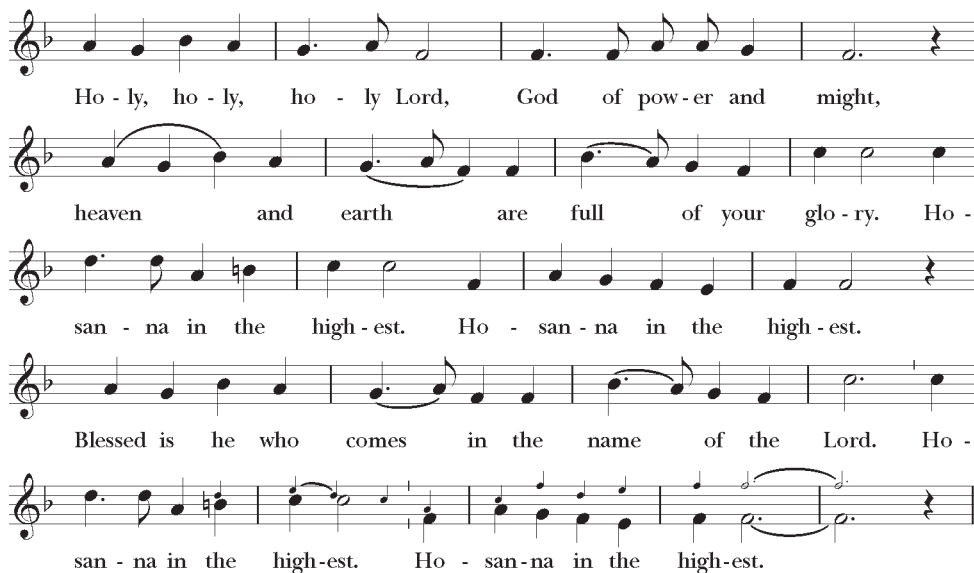
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

S125: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Presider

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

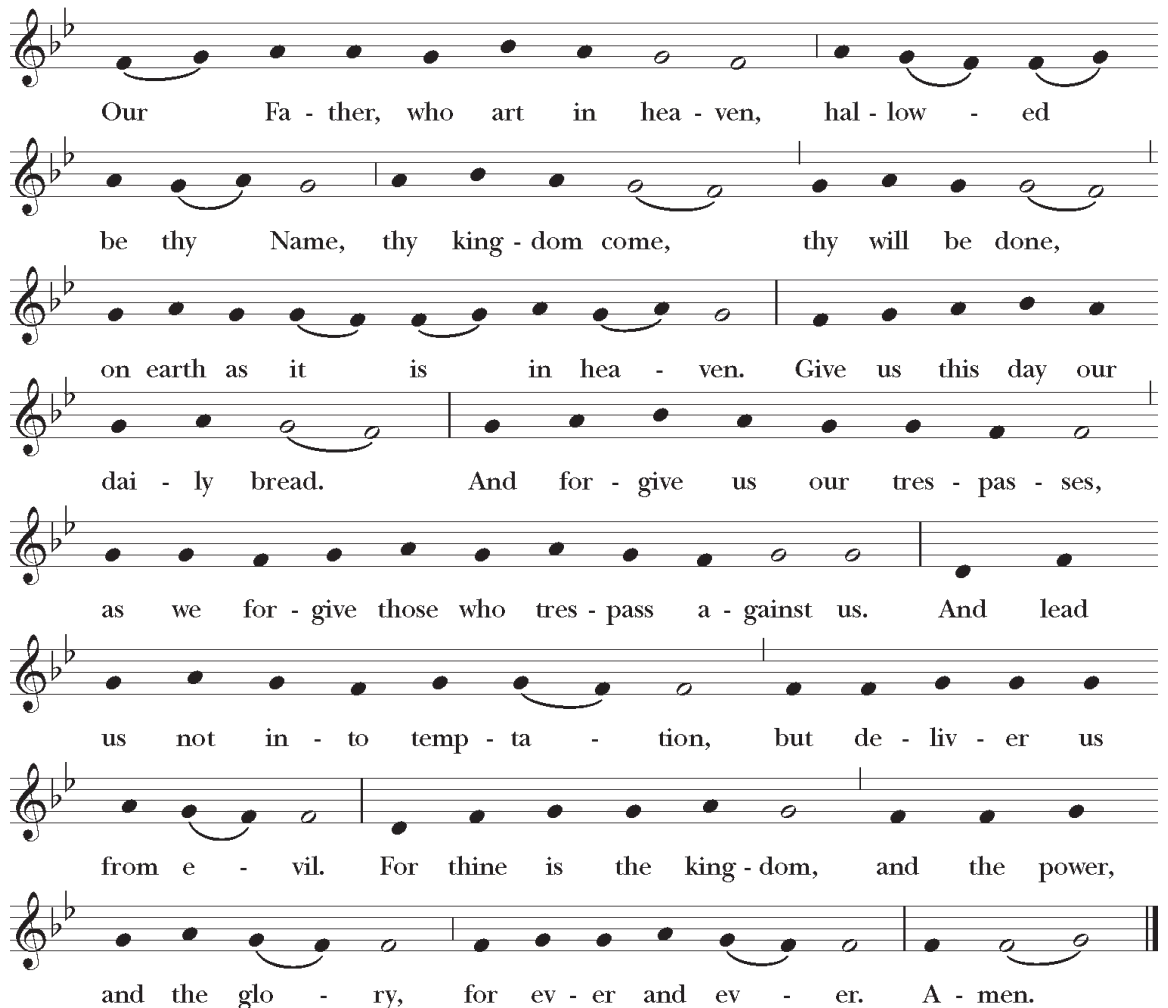
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All
AMEN.

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

S119: The Lord's Prayer

All

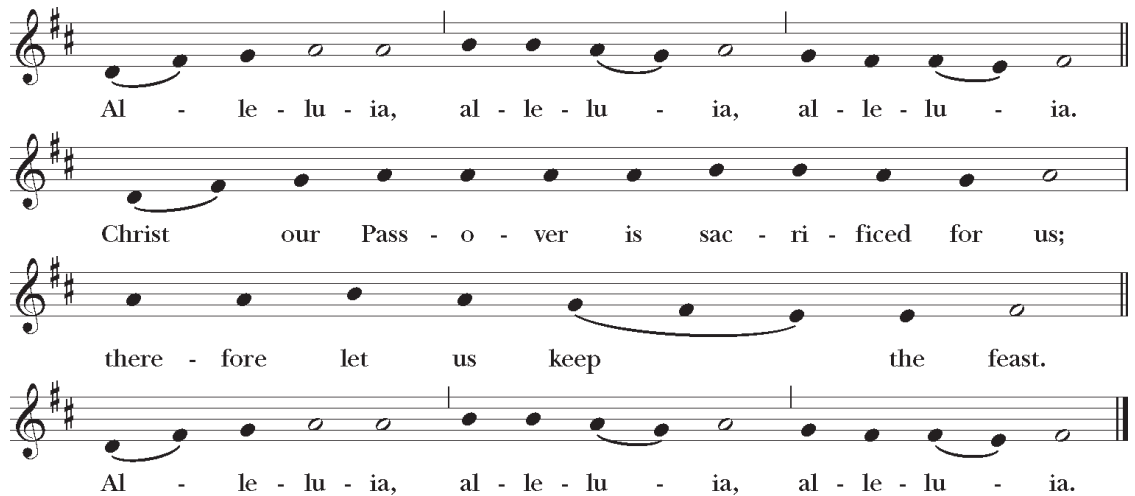


Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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Breaking of the Bread

S154: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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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.

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

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Presider Let us pray.
All **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: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* "O God, my faithful God"

1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun - tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;
 4 When dan - gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;

with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
 what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—
 guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;
 help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;

give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
 to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
 but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
 help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,

a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
 what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
 then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.
 and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

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VOLUNTARY: Prelude and Fugue in G major, BWV 541

Johann Sebastian Bach

Serving Today

Presider & Preacher	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Lector & Eucharistic Minister	Trish Lambert
Cantor	Katie Crawford
Organist	Dr. Paul Meier

Diaper Drive

for **happybottoms**TM

diapers for families in need

not having a clean diaper can really stink

- Diapers are not covered by government safety net programs like food stamps, Medicaid, and WIC.
- An estimated 21,000 children in our metropolitan area need diaper assistance (US Census 2020)
- Families with young children experiencing diaper need report missing an average of 5.1 workdays per month because they did not have the required number of diapers for their child to attend daycare.

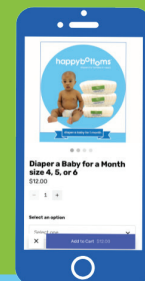
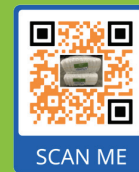


1 in 2 families in KC can't afford diapers!

Bring diapers to the barrel in the cross hall or to the basket in the Tower

OR

Donate diapers directly through the happybottoms.org site



Donate packages of diapers

Sizes 4, 5, 6 needed most



Use group name:
GRACE & HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

help babies in Kansas City!

Cathedral Prayer List

Pray for: Jodi Robinson; Cliff Mosley; Sally Livengood; Flynn; Lenette Johnson; Diego Garcia; Claudia Brown; Nigel Jones; Robert Dean Melton; Carolyn and Harold; Jan and John Bacchus; Joyce and Jim Buford; Joyce Gillespie; Joyce Morrow; Theresa Gasper; Wayne Alexander; Eliza; Kenny Cabean; Nancy Riley; Necia; Bennett and Beckett Twenter; Sonya Kittrell; Donna Knoell; Ann Ryder; Sunita Williams and Barry Wilmore; Brend & Liliana; Heather; Sandra Fuhrman; Anne Huston Hayes; 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; Phyllis & James Shaffer; Thaddeus Samuel Withers

Comfort and Peace: the family and friends of Judy Lafferty; the family and friends of Carl Schneider; the family and friends of Larry Kehoe; the family and friends of Lee McCaffree; 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; all families affected by gun violence

Pray for the Departed: Judy Lafferty; Carl Schneider; Larry Kehoe; Lee McCaffree; Mary Frances Kinderman; Kris Kemper; Pat Leive; Nick Vaughn; for all those lost in war; for all who have died from gun violence

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Trinity Episcopal Church, Lebanon—The Rev. Jerry Miller, Priest in Charge; Diocesan Council

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

September 22

Amanda Colburn
Caroline Colburn
Elizabeth Colburn
Carl McCaffree
Orion Robinson

Olivia Jones
Gretchen Ryder

September 26

Christina Golding
William Reed
Fred & Pat Decker

September 23

Wayne Alexander
Tara Bennett
Emmalynn Waters

September 27

Sharon Cheers
Wayne Alexander &
John Braum

September 24

Joan Bergstrom

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.



Cathedral Staff: The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, *Dean*; The Rev. W. James Yazell, *Associate Priest*; The Rev. Barbara Wegener, *Deacon*; Dr. Paul Meier, *Director of Music*; Dr. Lucas Fletcher, *Associate Organist*; Clare Stern-Burbano, *College, Youth & Children's Minister*; Julie Toma, *Cathedral Administrator*; Melissa Kilpatrick, *Communications Coordinator*; Holly Campbell, *Events Coordinator*; Steve Berman, *Finance Coordinator*; Dr. Joan Bergstrom, *Sacristan & Volunteer Coordinator*; Angie Graham, *Facility Manager*; Bianca Jackson, *Assistant Facility Manager*; The Very Rev. Peter J. DeVeau, *Dean Emeritus*; Canon John Schaefer, *Canon Musician Emeritus*

The Vestry: Steve Moore, *Senior Warden*, smoore@rdm.law; Valerie Johnson, *Junior Warden*, johnson_jb@hotmail.com; Chip Buckner, *Treasurer*; Blain Lagergren, *Clerk*; Julie Brogno; Sharon Cheers; Sara Copeland; Pat Decker; Nigel Jones; Paula Livingston-Lewis; Mathias Nichols; Charles Shipley; Michael Thomas

Youth

Weekly Youth Opportunities Sundays

Youth Formation at 9:15 a.m.

with light breakfast

Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Youth Group at 6 p.m.

Dinner is provided!

Questions? Contact Clare, cstern@kccathedral.org

No
Formation/
Youth Group
Sept. 29!

Happening #80 • September 27-29

Happening is happening once again! The Christian experience presented by teenagers, for teenagers, is coming to The Diocese of West Missouri from September 27–29 at Grace Episcopal Church in Carthage. Teens will be invited to stay at Grace from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon, with many fun activities planned for Christian community building among participants. *Youth must be 9th-12th grade to join.*

Confirmation Retreat • October 5 • St. Mary's

This retreat will complement and enhance the preparation done at the parish level by providing time and space away from the pressures of everyday life for intentional prayer, reflection, and conversation about what we believe and what it means to live out those beliefs in the world with others undergoing the same preparation around the diocese.

Register for both events at kccathedral.org/youthformation.

Children

Formation Class • 9:15 a.m.

Join us for formation hour and wonder about God with your friends and teachers and hear sacred stories as told with the help of Godly Play resources! **There will be no formation September 29.**

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

The Path

Sundays • 9:15 a.m. • Multipurpose Room

New attendees welcome at any time!

In our Adult Formation this year we will take a journey using Forward Movement's *The Path*, an excerpted version of the Bible that covers most of the major stories chronologically. Through *The Path*, we will become familiar with the grand overarching narrative of the entire Bible. We will learn the story of God's extraordinary and unrelenting love for us in its many dimensions. Copies of *The Path* are available in the Cathedral Bookstore if you would like to own a personal copy. Each chapter will be printed out weekly and made available so that everyone can follow along.

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.



Food & Friends Groups are a great way to better get to know the people in the pews around you in a casual way. Groups meet about once a month at a time and place that is convenient for the members. The group meeting period is November–March. You

will be matched with other parishioners in a group of 6–8 people. Everyone is welcome to sign up to be in a group! Signup sheets are in the back of the Nave or signup online: forms.office.com/r/FEU3FzQJKc

Announcements

Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination: "Hymn to a Virtuous Woman" (Proverbs 31:1-31)

The concluding hymn of the Book of Proverbs is possibly a description of Wisdom herself. Closing out this book's imaginary parents' instructions, the mother advises her son on the kind of person he should marry.

Today's illumination depicts a sewing sampler reminiscent of those which have often been used to decorate homes over the decades. Among other things, it is used here to emphasize the importance of women in ethical instruction. The sampler's images convey domestic themes – water jugs, gardens, food producing plants, quilt patterns, and similar items. The illuminator's intent is to emphasize God's domestic qualities, reminding the viewer that God is nurturing and cares deeply about the needs of family and home. We find God's presence in the domestic virtues of order, creation, caring, and related qualities.

Illuminator Hazel Dolby extends the illumination into the margins of these pages through independent images of a flower, a vase, and a bee busily filling a honeycomb. Note also the tassels on the bottom of the sampler. They are reminiscent of the tassels on a Jewish prayer shawl designed to remind the user of the importance of being faithful in prayer and in reflecting on God's blessings. Wisdom nurtures development of a relationship with God in addition to her many domestic and professional qualities as highlighted here.

Ponder the attributes you value in persons with whom you form close relationships. Viewing the "virtuous woman" as Wisdom personified, how do her qualities align with those of your admired associates? Try imagining that you are the mother in this text writing in praise of the virtues of a person you greatly admire. What qualities would you highlight? What images would you select to help communicate those qualities?



The Emergency Food Assistance PROGRAM

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 October 19, November 16, and December 21. 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.

Calling all ringers!

The Trinity Handbell Ensemble will be meeting for three to four rehearsals before ringing at a service in the fall. If you have ever wanted to ring handbells, this is a great time to try it out! For more information, please contact Paul Meier at pmeier@kccathedral.org or 816.214.9928.



Announcements

Christian Discussions about When Personhood Begins

Wednesdays, Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9
6:30-7:45 p.m.

Dr. Gary Armstrong, Professor of Political Science at William Jewell College

The question of when we should say human personhood begins has long been important. We have seen startling technical changes in assisted human reproduction. We are all hearing important discussions about crucial legal changes since the end of Roe v. Wade. Missouri may vote on a constitutional amendment in November. This course will survey some important contemporary Christian thinking about personhood. It will use some of the same discussions from Gary Armstrong's Core Curriculum Capstone "Birth By Any Means? The Ethics of Assisted Reproductive Technology" at Jewell. We will explore a seminal analysis from a Roman Catholic theologian who thinks we cannot say personhood begins at conception for scientific and theological reasons and examine an important response. We will follow a Protestant theologian wrestling with classic Scripture passages that bear on abortion while trying to develop a standard about whether Christians can ever cooperate in good conscience with abortion; we will consider applying the same standard to genetic screening of early embryos.

Get more details about the partnership:
kccathedral.org/william-jewell-partnership.

Registration is required.

Use the coupon code **GRACE** to register for free.



Blessing of the Animals Saturday, October 5 • 11 a.m.



Bring your dog, cat, rabbit, turtle or any other pet to our annual Blessing of the Animals!

Please make sure your pet is appropriately leashed/restrained.

A series of musical notes in various colors (yellow, orange, red) floating above the text "HYMN SING".

HYMN SING

Sunday, October 6 • 3:30 p.m.
Join us to sing your favorite hymns!

Choose your favorite hymn(s) to submit (use QR code or visit our website). We will compile the list and sing our way through it. (Only hymns from *The Hymnal 1982* and *Wonder, Love, and Praise*, please.)



Six Chandeliers Available

As construction is set to begin in the Common Room, we will have six chandeliers available. Any parishioners who would like them are welcome to give them a new home. They are free to take, although a donation would also be welcome. If interested, please call the office at 816.474.8260 or email Holly at events@kccathedral.org.

