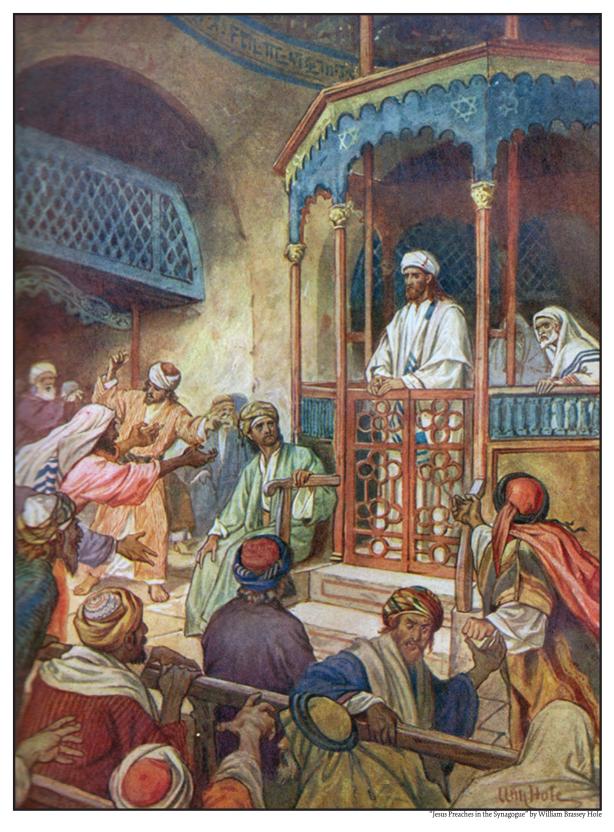
Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral



The Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 26, 2025 • 10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

Thank you for joining us for worship today at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. If you are new to the Cathedral, we invite you to fill out our welcome card. Welcome cards are available in the pews or fill out the online form using the QR code.



Welcome Card 0 Email Sign Up

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Children are welcome in all our services and activities for them are available on a shelf in the back aisle.

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- To get to Haden Hall: From the Tower entry, go up the stairs and straight ahead to the adjoining building. Follow signs or ask an usher for directions.
- 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; there is no Cathedral Kids on those days. Worship Boxes with resources for children are in the back cross aisle. Upcoming Family Worship dates: February 23, March 23, April 27, May 11.

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- Place in the offering plate. Envelopes are available in the pew racks.
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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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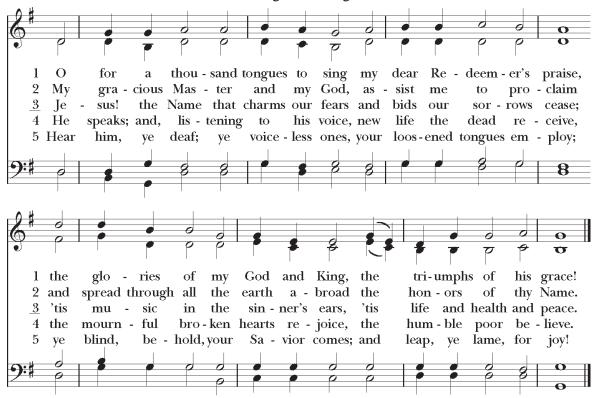
HOLY EUCHARIST

Voluntary: Adagio from Organ Symphony No. 3

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

The Word of God

* Entrance Hymn: 493 "O for a thousand tongues to sing"



 6 Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heayen.

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* OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse

the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and

worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Song of Praise: S278 Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis



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* Collect for the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Lector

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The heavens declare the glory of God, *

and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, *

and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, *

and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands, *

and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *

it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;

it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; * nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *

the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *

the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *

the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *

sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, *

and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? *

cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Lector

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

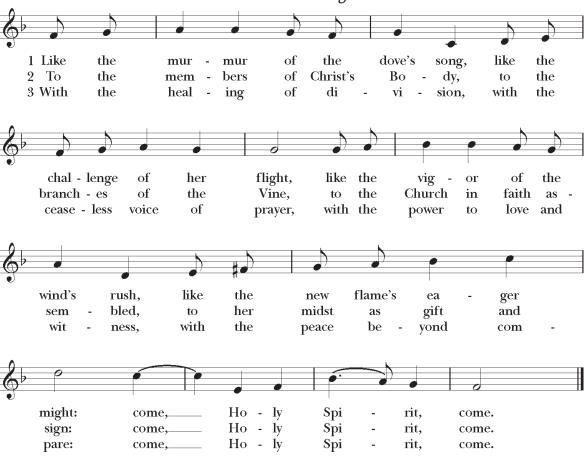
Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Hymn: 513 "Like the murmur of the dove's song"



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* The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller Jesus, f

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

* The Nicene Creed page 358

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

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

Intercessor

Marvelous God who has brought forth many wonderful works, hear our prayers and answer our needs and hopes as we pray, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Help your church to see its strength in openness and cooperation, help us to forge bonds of mission and ministry with others that your glory might extend across the whole earth.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Let the light of truth and justice shine forth across our nation; may this nation be a place of peace and

opportunity for all its people.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Send your Spirit upon this assembly that this might be place of refuge, a beacon of hope, and a true

embodiment of the Good News for our neighbors.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Watch over our next bishop, Amy, and her family as they prepare to join us in our life and ministry.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor May your holy words guide us in our endeavor to be good stewards of your good creation, ensuring its

abundance for ourselves and for those yet to be born.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Lift up the lowly and forgotten, gather the marginalized, and bring liberty to the oppressed that the

power of your love might inspire all people.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Bring your healing spirit to bear in the lives of all who suffer from any sickness or infirmity. Let them

know wholeness, wellness, and peace. We pray especially for those on the Cathedral's Prayer List, and

for those whom we now name silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Receive the dying into your loving arms eternally; may we and they some day know you face to face in

your coming age. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider Hear the prayers of your people and answer us as you have answered your people across time so that

we might feel your presence among us and strengthen us for the call of being agents of your love in the

world. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

All Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen

you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

* The Peace page 360

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.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence page 376

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: "Open thou mine eyes"

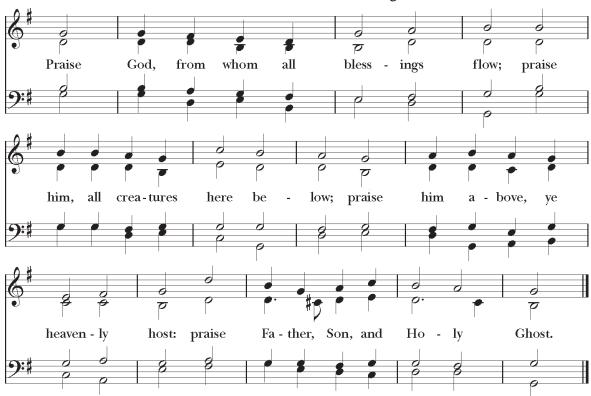
Eleanor Daley (b. 1955) text: Lancelot Andrewes

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see: incline my heart and I shall desire: order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments.

O Lord God, be thou to me a God, and beside thee let there be none else. No other, nought else with thee.

Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee, according to thy commandments, in truth of spirit, in reverence of body, in blessing of lips, in private and in public.

* Presentation Hymn: 380 "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" verse 3



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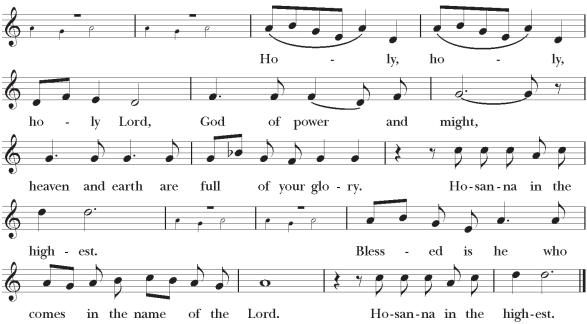
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

S128: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus



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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 S165: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei



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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 page 365

All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

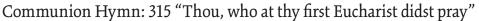
For gluten-free bread, cross your hands palms down. For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.

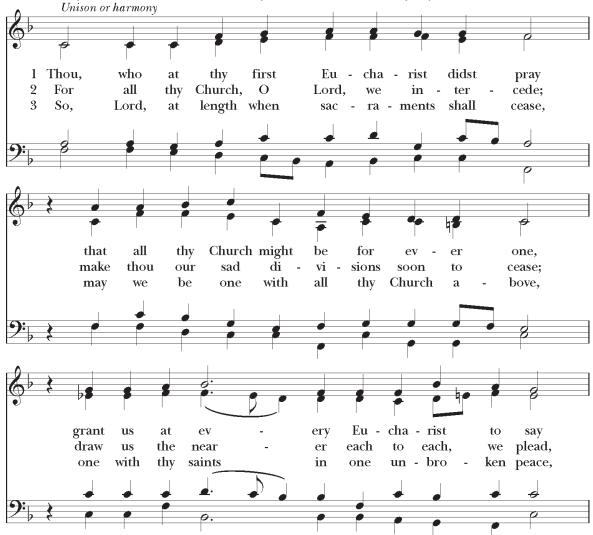
On the first Sunday of each month, prayer for healing is offered at the prayer desk until the close of worship.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

- From The Prayer Book for the Armed Services







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* Postcommunion Prayer

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Presider

Let us pray.

All

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

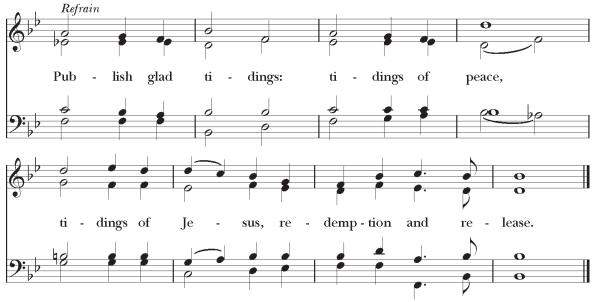
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

* The Blessing

* CLOSING HYMN: 539 "O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling"





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VOLUNTARY: Praeludium in F, BuxWV 144

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

There will be a 10 minute recess before the start of the Annual Meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING

* Dismissal

Following the dismissal,

People Thanks be to God.

Serving Today Presider The Rev. W. James Yazell Preacher The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse The Rev. Barbara Wegener Deacon Musicians The Trinity Choir, Dr. Lucas Fletcher Mike Bennett Lector Bob Johnson Intercessor **Eucharistic Ministers** Peter Fortner, Bob Johnson Jeff Johnson, Charles Shipley, Theo Elisabeth Acolytes Ushers Ric Sweeting, Bob Bennett, Mark Colburn, Steve Moore Greeter Bill Boyd, Connie Boyd Kristy Moore, Sharon Cheers Altar Guild Sound/Livestreaming Julian Mattson, Curtis Hamilton Cathedral Kids Bethany Zaiger, Clare Stern-Burbano Holy Hands Hospitality Barbara Wegener, Augusta Wilbon, David Kraemer, Deborah Buckner Oblation Bearers Donna Knoell, Troy Sorbo

Cathedral Prayer List

Pray for: David Barker; Phineas Gitta; Sally Livengood; Roger Kirby; Yvonne Meier; Ann Ryder; Juliana Johnson; Eric Anderson; Sandra Fuhrman; Glen and Terri Wesner; All those impacted by Fire in California; Those injured by gun violence in Queens, NY; Those injured in New Orleans; Diego Garcia; Gail; Leesa Fanning; Lisa Helgenkamp; Mary Sklar; Sherry Mueller; Melanie Boyd; Isaiah Fanning; All families affected by gun violence; Charlotte Colburn; Joyce Morrow; All those fighting cancer; Doyle White; Mike Barzee & Family; Larry McMullen; Gloria Stocks; Jim Royer; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; First Responders

Comfort and Peace: the family and friends of all those lost in the California fires; the family and friends of Dennis Sharkey; the family and friends of Charlotte, Jeffrey and Zachary Hatcher; the family and friends of those lost and injured in the Wisconsin school shooting; the family and friends of Randy Mueller; the family and friends of Sandra Hornbeck; the family and friends of Barbara O'Hearne; the family and friends of Lynn Schneider; the family and friends of James Shaffer; the family and friends of Bonita White; the family and friends of Donald Bradley; the family and friends of Robert Boehm; the family and friends of The Rev. Tim Murphy; all families affected by gun violence

Pray for the Departed: Charlotte, Jeffrey and Zachary Hatcher; Randy Mueller; those lost in the school shooting in Wisconsin; Sandra Hornbeck; Barbara O'Hearne; Lynn Schneider; Bonita White; James Shaffer; Donald Bradley; Gabriel Kney; Robert Boehm; The Rev. Tim Murphy; for all those lost in war; for all who have died from gun violence

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Christ Episcopal Church, St. Joseph — The Ven. Canon John McCann, Interim Rector Newly Ordained Deacons of the Diocese

To place a person on this prayer list, please contact Deacon Barbara Wegener, **bwegener@kccathedral.org**.

Requests are held in prayer for 90 days. See the prayer list anytime: kccathedral.org/prayers

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 26

Anita Osthoff Grace Schmidt

January 27

Athan Nichols **Bob Packett**

January 28

Jameela Lewis

January 30

Harrison Mattson Sonya Kittrell Aaron Dutton Nick Smith

January 31

Rick Jordahl

Jeff & Valerie Johnson

February 1

Stan Dibble Kelsey Leftwich

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

Today's altar flowers

Today's flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the ordination of Jennifer Lynn Blevins, Christopher James Duffie and Keith Nathaniel Johnson Jr.

Sponsor the Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are a great way to beautify the sanctuary and remind your fellow worshipers of the new life that Jesus brings. They are also a great way to commemorate an event near a specific date, or honor/remember someone close to your heart.

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A Letter From the Bishop

"I want to be very clear - this church of ours is open to all - there will be no outcasts the convictions and hopes of all will be honored." —the Most Rev. Edmund Browning, 24th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church (1986-1997)

Dear Siblings in Christ,

As your bishop provisional, I feel compelled to address some of the things that transpired Monday — a day when many people rejoiced and many people wept. I want you to know that however you reacted to the peaceful transfer of power yesterday, I care about you and about how you are feeling today. I also feel it necessary to share where I stand in all this and my expectations of our congregations.

I opened this letter with a quote from former Presiding Bishop Edmund Browning. Bishop Browning boldly proclaimed this statement at a time when the church was struggling with all types of inclusion and was divided in its thoughts on issues around inclusion especially. We have come a long way as a church, following the way of love proclaimed by Jesus: Love that welcomes all. Love that sees every human being — no matter how they express themselves or who they love — as beloved. Love that welcomes the immigrant and refugee, for Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were immigrants and refugees for a period in their lives (read Matthew 2:13 and following).

It is important for me to convey my expectations for the members of The Diocese of West Missouri. As followers of Jesus and his way of love, rooted, I ask that:

- Every human being be respected in our churches, regardless of race, creed, gender expression, nationality, or immigration status.
- Every human being be respected from our pulpits, in our pews, and throughout all our ministries.
- No individual or group be dehumanized in any way, shape, or form.
- We will love and be respectful to those with whom we disagree.

In following Christ, we are commanded to love God and to love one another. We are not called to love some — we are called to love all equally. Our love and loyalty are to God alone. "Jesus said, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." (Matthew 22:37-40).

As always, I am happy to talk to any of you about this letter or anything else that is on your heart.

Faithfully,



Formation for All Ages

Children: Sundays

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.

Once a month, we observe **Family Worship Sundays**. These Sundays provide an opportunity for families to worship together. Worship Boxes with resources for children are in the back cross aisle. Upcoming Family Worship Sundays: February 23, March 23, April 27, May 11.

Youth: Sundays

Youth Formation • 9:15 a.m.

Youth meet in the Haden Hall Youth Room for formation with a light breakfast.

10:30 a.m. • Worship

6 p.m. • Youth Group

Join us for dinner and fellowship in the Youth Room.



Adults: Sundays

The Path • 9:15 a.m. • Common Room

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.

New attendees welcome at any time!

Adults: Tuesdays

GHTC's Virtual Cafe • 7:30 a.m. • Zoom

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. • Zoom

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. • Zoom

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.

Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

"Square Before the Watergate"

Nehemiah 8:1-12

Today's focal illumination by Hazel Dolby employs abstraction as a means for visualizing a theological message. It speaks of the choice made by many Jews to return to Jerusalem from their Babylonian exile when given the opportunity to do so by their Persian overlords. The action in this story involves Nehemiah

(a Jewish layman and member of King Artaxerxes' staff) who is focused on rebuilding the city's protective walls and Ezra (a priest) who is motivated to rebuild Solomon's temple and renew Jerusalem's covenant community. To these ends, today's Old Testament text narrates the reading of the "book of the law" to the lews living in the environs of Jerusalem, who gather in the square in front of the city's Watergate to listen, apply what they learn, and renew covenant community. Thus, by joining their efforts, Ezra and Nehemiah offer

this disorganized and demotivated people a way to unite and to overcome some of the damage caused by their conquest, dissemination, and exile.

Dolby's illumination depicts a pattern of interlocking diamonds bonded together on a golden square that is far from complete. Many of the missing components are scattered in the margins of these two pages (note that the full scope of the illumination encompasses the entire open folio and surrounds the text). In response to encountering the word of God, joy and renewal

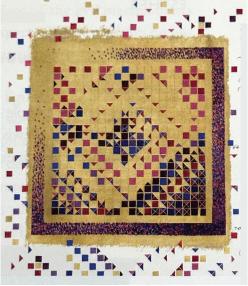
are spreading from the center, where gold and purple diamonds appear throughout the square and beyond. Consequently, widening circles of people gather into the growing community. God's power and people's joyful responses are depicted together alongside areas of quiet reverence.

At the bottom of the right hand page are words expressing God's power at work through these events: "For the Joy of the Lord is your strength." (8:10) As their encounter with God's word grows and the celebration of covenant commitment expands, the people increase in their ability to move forward and fill the empty spaces within God's covenant community.

The powerful message of Dolby's imagery inspired Donald Jackson to reference this illumination in his "Vision of the New Jerusalem"

illumination for Revelation 21, where he depicts people entering into God's kingdom.

Reflect on how gathering as part of a faith community to hear God's word read and interpreted has contributed to your spiritual growth and renewal. Can you resonate with the joy of the Jerusalem community as you recall your own experiences of encountering God's presence through these disciplines? Note in Dolby's illumination how these practices serve to build God's covenant community then and now.



PRAYER FOR THE TRANSITION OF OUR NEXT BISHOP

Gracious and Loving God, we give thanks for the election of our next Bishop, Amy. Watch over Amy, her husband Jared, and their children Elise, Jacob, and Woodrow as they prepare to leave friends, colleagues, and neighbors to join us here in the Diocese of West Missouri. Open our hearts to receive your inspiration and wisdom so that we may joyfully welcome them into our life and ministry in You. This we ask in grateful thanksgiving. AMEN.



Announcements & Upcoming Events



Join us June 1-7, 2025 for Episcopal Summer Mega Camp!

Mega Camp is a 1-week overnight summer camp experience for young people who have finished grades 3-12. There's boating, horseback riding, archery, climbing tower, hiking, arts & crafts, plus Episcopal worship and formation. The camp community is like nothing else: campers will feel accepted and loved for who they are and be able to build their faith with others their age.

Camp is not restricted to Episcopalians or regular churchgoers. All are welcome, so feel free to invite friends and family.

Contact Clare (<u>cstern@kccathedral.org</u>) for details about registration, cost and scholarship availability.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Emergency Food Assistance Program

In partnership with St. Paul's on Main, we have been invited to help organize and distribute food directly to clients food delivered to St. Paul's by Harvesters, a regional food bank, as part of TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program). We meet from about 9:30 a.m. to noon.

<u>Upcoming TEFAP dates:</u> February 15 March 15

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

Pete's Garden

In the lower level of Founders' Hall, Pete's Garden is a food rescue committed to less food waste and more family meals. They collect unserved prepared food from caterers, restaurants and food service operations each day.

Volunteers work together to portion and package donated food so it can be redirected to social service agencies who get meals to families.

Sign up for a shift at **petesgarden.org/volunteer**.



Take home a 2025 calendar today.

Keep up to date with Cathedral events and service.

The calendar features the liturgical calendar on one side and major Cathedral events on the other side.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Bridge Building Toward a Flourishing Life for All: Deepening Solidarity in the Quest for Social & Racial Justice Wednesdays, Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12 • 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Led by Rev. Dr. Vernon Percy Howard, Jr., Pastor, St. Mark's Church

Does our faith in Jesus Christ have a role in the quest for social and racial justice? Can the church build bridges and deepen solidarity around crises such as poverty, violence, and equal rights for all? And if so, how do we do it? These questions are explored while examining the theological lenses and Biblical interpretive conclusions which shape our Christian witness and guide us in attempting to partner with God in creating a flourishing life for all.

Vernon Howard, Jr., is a Civil Rights leader, activist, lecturer and pastor ordained within the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc., (1992) and has served within the pastoral ministry for thirty 30 years in various church settings throughout Christendom.

A Kansas City native, Howard is a product of the Kansas City, Missouri, public schools, a graduate of William Jewell College, Central Baptist Theological Seminary, and earned the Doctor of Ministry degree from Virginia Union University within the Samuel D. Proctor School of Theology. He has taught as an adjunct lecturer at the University of Arizona and Central Baptist Theological Seminary, currently serving as adjunct instructor and Fellow within the Center for Faith and Culture at William Jewell College.



He is president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Greater Kansas City (SCLC-GKC), a legacy Civil Rights organization started by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., during the mid-20th century civil rights era. He also serves as the senior pastor of the Historic St. Mark Church in Kansas City.

Registration is required. *Link at kccathedral.org/upcoming-events*Use the coupon code **GRACE** to register for free.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9 a.m. Coffee Hour/Hospitality Time 9:15 a.m. Formation for Adults & Youth

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist* 10:30 a.m. Cathedral Kids

11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour/Hospitality Time

5 p.m. Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist

[Choral Evensong, 3rd Sundays]

6 p.m. Youth Group

*Streamed on YouTube @kccathedral

+On Zoom

Tuesday

7:30 a.m. GHTC's Virtual Cafe+ 12:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study+ 6:45 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study+

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer*

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting in Multipurpose Room

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Thursday

7 p.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir

Learn more about our weekly services and opportunities for study and fellowship: kccathedral.org

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SCAN ME

Diaper Drive for HappyBottoms: JanuaryNot having a clean diaper can really stink

- Diapers are not covered by government safety net programs like food stamps, Medicaid, and WIC.
- 1 in 2 families in KC can't afford diapers
- 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.

Bring diapers to the barrel in the cross hall or to the basket in the Tower or purchase diapers through HappyBottoms (use group name: Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral).

February Game Night: Trivia EditionFriday, February 7 • 6-9 p.m. • Common Room

Join in the fun as we launch an inaugural trivia night. Have dinner at home and then come to the Common Room to team up with your fellow GHTCers and win the prize.

Bring snacks and drinks, whatever you think you'll need to keep your wits about you.

Adult Confirmation/Inquirers Class Sundays beginning February 9 • 9:15 a.m. Multipurpose Room

Would you like to formally join the Cathedral and the Episcopal Church? Interested in exploring confirmation, reaffirmation or reception? If so, please prayerfully consider joining us Sunday, February 9 in the Multipurpose Room in Lower Founders' Hall between morning services for an introductory meeting to explore what this might mean for you. Bishop Diane will be with us to Confirm/Reaffirm/Receive at the Easter Vigil on April 19. If you are interested but not able to join us for the first meeting, please let Dean Andy (akeyse@kccathedral.org) know and then plan to join us as soon as you are able.

Absalom Jones Fundraiser LuncheonSaturday, February 15 • 11 a.m. • Founders' Hall

The Diocese of West Missouri invites you to join us for luncheon fundraiser and panel discussion in Founders' Hall. This luncheon fundraiser will assist the Diversity and Reconciliation's Juneteenth Trip to southern Missouri in June of this year. After the luncheon, a panel discussion will be held for the book *Black and Episcopalian, The Struggle for Inclusion* by the Rev. Dr. Gayle Fisher-Stewart, who will be attending the luncheon. Tickets are available for the luncheon fundraiser at \$40. Buy your tickets: diowestmo.org

Absalom Jones Service Sunday, February 16 • 4 p.m. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

The Diocese of West Missouri invites you to join us for the Absalom Jones Service at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 2732 Benton Blvd, Kansas City, MO.

Evensong, Organ Recital & Reception February 16 • 5 p.m.

Choral Evensong is a service offered by members of the Trinity Choir. This contemplative service lasts about 45 minutes and includes hymns, scripture readings, prayers, chanted Psalms, canticles and a choir anthem. With its origins in Archbishop Thomas Cranmer's Book of Common Prayer (1549), Evensong is one of the most uniquely Anglican liturgies and is sung in cathedrals and parishes throughout the world. Following the service, all are welcome to take communion in the Chapel.

Immediately following Evensong, stay for a 30-minute organ recital by Dr. Elisa Williams Bickers. Elisa is the Principal Organist and co-director of music at the Mission campus of Village Presbyterian Church.

Following the recital, all are invited to a reception in the Common Room.