GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday April 13, 2025 • 8 a.m.

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

- 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 text GUEST to 816-310-1888.
- 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. Tap to give using the display in the Tower entrance. Instructions for use are next to the machine. Thank you for your generosity.



HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY: Valet will ich dir geben ("I want to bid you farewell")

G.F. Kauffmann (1679-1735)

The Liturgy of the Palms

* Opening Acclamation page 270

Officiant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

* THE COLLECT

Officiant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* Palm Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

Reader

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it." So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

* Blessing of the Palms

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Officiant It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through

your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory

with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People Hosanna in the highest.

* Procession

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

The people process to the altar to receive palms.





The Word of God

* Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; 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 Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Lector The Lord God has given me

the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain

the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—

wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,

and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; *

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; *

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,

a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *

when they see me in the street they avoid me.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *

I am as useless as a broken pot.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; * they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *

I have said, "You are my God.

My times are in your hand; *

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, *

and in your loving-kindness save me."

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Lector Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people remain seated during the Passion until the mention of the place called the Skull.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE (Luke 22:14-23:56)

The congregation reads the parts in **bold**.

Gospeller

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

When the hour for the Passover meal came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

"You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

"Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." And he said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!" Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

He said to them, "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "No, not a thing." He said to them, "But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled." They said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." He replied, "It is enough."

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?" They kept heaping many other insults on him.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." He replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" He said to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

At the mention of the place called the Skull, all should stand, as able.

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

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

Like the followers of Jesus before us, we often fail to recognize His claim on our lives. Let us bow together and offer Him our fealty and our prayers saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Open our hearts to see you as you draw near to us in our daily lives. Give us eyes that see your truth and hands that open to you in welcome, and give us the will to live this week with you in your journey from triumphant king to crucified messiah. Help us to carve out time to worship fully this holy week.

Lord in your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor Send the imperative of love into the leadership of all nations that we might move forward in finding

lasting peace.

Lord in your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor Make us living banners of welcome to those who fear rejection and to those who experience

disconnection from you and your church. Draw those who need you most into the circle of a

supportive and welcoming congregation.

Lord in your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor Give us hands that reach out to the poor and suffering with food, clothing, shelter, and

companionship. Give us your heart that we might walk the way of love.

Lord in your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor Heal the body, mind, and spirit of those who suffer with illness and despair. Bring hope and wellness

to all your people. 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 Gather the dying to you and relieve those who grieve. Keep us mindful of the promise that we might

abide with you now and in the world to come. We pray especially for those we now name, either

silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Presider God of love and God of suffering, send your spirit to us now that we might companion with you in

this special week of worship that leads us to the cross. Unite us to one another in your Son, Christ our

Lord. Amen.

* The Peace page 360

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

CELEBRATION PRAYER page 830

Those celebrating anniversaries of birth, marriage, and other joyous occasions are invited to come forward for 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 Hymn: 474 "When I survey the wondrous cross"



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* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer A

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Presider

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 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 page 364

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.

* Postcommunion Prayer

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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.

* Prayer Over the People

Presider Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was

willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives

and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

* DISMISSAL page 366

Following the dismissal,

People Thanks be to God.

* SENDING HYMN: 158 "Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended"



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Please depart in silence. The clergy will greet people in the courtyard, weather permitting.

The Nave will be left open for those who wish to offer prayer. Please join us in Founders' Hall for coffee.

Serving Today

Presider The Rev. W. James Yazell
Preacher The Rev. CJ Duffie
Deacon of the Table The Rev. Barbara Wegener

Assisting The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse

Organist Dr. Lucas Fletcher
Lector Chuck Ritter
Eucharistic Minister Terri Curran
Usher Jim Crum
Altar Guild Sharon Hudson

Cathedral Prayer List

Pray for: Charlotte Colburn; Diane Barker; Christine Copeland; Rebecca Rezaei; Luke "Skippy" Harbur; David Barker; Phineas Gitta; Meribeth Risebig; Penny Sullivan; Ellen Goheen; Bob Sherwood; Sheri Packett; Rev. Miranda Cully; Sally Livengood; Mike Barzee & Family; John Luce; Joyce Bellinghausen; Larry McMullen; Joyce Morrow; Gloria Stocks; Jim Royer; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; Yvonne Kehoe Meier; Ann Ryder; Juliana Johnson; Jeffrey and family; First Responders; Jonathan; Legal immigrants who are being separated from family and friends; All those fighting cancer; Those impacted by the apartment fire in Independence; All families affected by gun violence; Those injured in the school shooting in Nashville

Comfort and Peace: the family and friends of Bob Richmond; the family and friends of Gabriella Ann Collins; the family and friends of Congressman Wes Watkins; the family and friends of Isaiah Russell III; the family and friends of Jack Whitacre; the family and friends of Doyle White; the family and friends of Ann Spicer; the family and friends of Katherine Reynolds Stamps; the family and friends of Martha Taylor Johnson; the family and friends of the McShann family; the family and friends of those lost and injured in the school shooting in Nashville; the family and friends of Roger Kirby; all families affected by gun violence

Pray for the Departed: Bob Richmond; Gabriella Ann Collins; Congressman Wes Watkins; Isaiah Russell III; Jack Whitacre; Doyle White; Ann Spicer; those lost in the plane crash in Philadelphia; those lost in the crash in Washington DC; Katherine Reynolds Stamps; Martha Taylor Johnson; Roger Kirby; those lost in war; those who have died from gun violence

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, Blue Springs — The Rev. Jonathan Galles Youth Ministry Commission

To place a person on this prayer list, please contact Deacon Barbara Wegener, bwegener@kccathedral.org, or text PRAYER at (816) 310-1888.

View the prayer list anytime: kccathedral.org/prayers

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Please contact the Cathedral office if we have omitted your birthday or anniversary.

April 13

Bob Moreno James Franklin Reed Aiden Ryder

April 14

John Pinkston

April 15

Steve Spoonhour

April 16

Denise Nelson Paula Livingston-Lewis Robert Paulus

April 17

Clare Stern-Burbano

April 18

Cecelia Carter Isabella Reifeiss

April 19

Wyatt Dutton

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.

Donations toward the weekly flowers can be given by anyone and are accepted in any amount. You can mail a check to the Cathedral office, put your donation in the offering or make a payment through our online payment site.

For more information: kccathedral.org/flowers or contact Julie Toma, jtoma@kccathedral.org.





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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: April 27, May 11.

Youth: Sundays

Youth Confirmation • 9:15 a.m.

Youth meet in the Haden Hall Youth Room for confirmation preparation 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

April 13: Chapter 22

April 20: No class (Easter)

In our Adult Formation this year we are taking 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.

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.



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.

Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

The Sunday of the Passion – Divine Suffering & Pain

Luke 19:28-40 text (Utilizing the Zechariah 9:9-17, "Rejoice!" Illumination on bulletin cover)

Today's illumination confronts the viewer with one of Christianity's greatest paradoxes — a messianic king who comes not to rule through earthly power, but to be crucified. However, this execution is not sought out to fulfill a death wish, but rather it is accepted as the necessary act to accomplish a grand divine purpose in history — enable our participation in the victory of God's eternal kingdom over the forces of tyranny and death.

In the illumination titled, "Rejoice!" Hazel Dolby highlights the text of Zechariah 9:9, "Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he." But the reference is not intended to convey the image of a conquering military leader. Instead, it portrays this king as a suffering servant. Here the illumination utilizes a link historically made between the Zechariah text and gospel accounts of Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem on what we today celebrate as Palm Sunday.

In Dolby's depiction, "the king" rides on a sad-looking donkey with its head bowed low. The palm trees lining his route remind us of Matthew 12:1-10 where crowds place palm branches on his path as he rides into town. This is accompanied by the image of a city in the upper left-hand corner of the illumination. Both elements are indicators of an eschatological dimension at work — God's Suffering Servant comes to inaugurate a new

Jerusalem whose existence is above and beyond the coercive and corrupting influences of earthly powers.

"Rejoice!" is the penultimate illumination in the Prophets volume of Saint John's Bible. Jesus enters Jerusalem cognizant of what is about to happen to him, but he also is aware that this work is necessary in order for God's redemptive purpose for creation to be accomplished. As the Prophets volume comes to a close, Zechariah foreshadows Jesus' journey to Golgotha. The prophets who preceded him have done their part to prepare the way for this final redemptive act. Jesus fulfills their prophecies, beginning with a triumphant and victorious donkey ride into Jerusalem — the first act of his passion.

This, the last Sunday of Lent, is a good time to pause and reflect on your journey through the past six weeks. How has that journey prepared you for resurrection? How has it enhanced your vision of God's "new thing" (Isaiah 43:19)? Think about the words of Zechariah: "Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he." Do you find these two phrases complementary or in tension with each other? What does your answer suggest to you about the cosmic impact of Christ's completion of his redemptive mission?

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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.





CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF GIFTS.
REJOICING IN 2000 YEARS OF GOOD NEWS.

Dear People of God in The Episcopal Church:

For 103 years, the Good Friday Offering has supported the ministry of The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. This Lent, the need is almost unfathomable, and I ask you to join me in making a generous gift.

We do not know what the political future of the Holy Land will be; but whatever that future, our siblings in Christ in The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East will continue to serve God's people through their congregations, hospitals, schools, orphanages, and humanitarian aid programs. These vital ministries serve people of all faiths without distinction, bearing witness to the power of hope and healing across divides.

Your gift to the Good Friday Offering will support ministry at al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza, which has continued to provide essential health care services despite the violence of war; St. George's in Baghdad, Iraq, and its medical center; an eye clinic at Christ Church in Yemen; and the powerful Christian presence of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Damascus, Syria, and All Saints' Episcopal Church in Beirut, Lebanon.

It is easy to feel powerless in the face of the human suffering we have witnessed in the Holy Land, but with a gift to the Good Friday Offering, we can help The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East turn despair into hope for thousands of God's people across their region.

Thank you for your generous support this Lent.

Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe, The Episcopal Church

The Good Friday Offering affirms the dignity of the poor, the war-torn, and those in desperate need as God's ministry is done. Thank you for spreading hope's message through your gifts and prayers.

LEARN about the places impacted by your donations.

By supporting life-giving ministries in the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East, like the ones listed below, and numerous other institutions identified by their dioceses, you are ensuring that our siblings in Christ are not forgotten.

- Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza City provides critical medical care to all people, in peacetime and wartime alike.
- St. George's is the only Anglican church in Iraq, serving local Indigenous communities and displaced people through worship, schools, and medical care.
- Christ Church in Aden, Yemen, serves as the grounds of Ras Morbat Eye Clinic, providing critical medical care for all in a war-torn country.
- The Christian National Kindergarten at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Nablus, in the West Bank, provides high-quality early education to all kindergartners, regardless of religion.

GIVE generously to ministries that make a substantial difference in the lives of our siblings in the Middle East. Thank you.

Mark your donation "Good Friday" and place in the offering plate OR give online using the GIVE button on the Cathedral website (choose "Good Friday" from the Fund menu).

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Easter Basket Packing

Today • 9 a.m.

Come help us pack Easter baskets for Crittenton Children's Center, Camber Children's Center and Sheffield Place.

Easter Vigil & Easter Day Receptions

Continue the Easter celebrations after services with receptions in Founders' Hall. We invite you to help by bringing food and/or helping with setup or cleanup.

How you can help:

- Prepare and bring food: drop off your appetizer or dessert at least 15 minutes before the service.
- Setup Team: Be present 30 minutes prior to the service to receive food, label and put food and drink on tables, etc.
- Clean up after the reception

It is a fun way to get to know people, and volunteers sometimes get to sample goodies before the event!

Sign up on our website: kccathedral.org/upcoming-events

Easter Parking

You can use the garage with entry on 13th Street for free. The barcode should be scanned upon entry and exit from the garage. Get the barcode at kccathedral.org/easter.

April Game Night: BINGO

Saturday, April 26 • 5 p.m. • Common Room

Gather your family, friends, and fellow game enthusiasts for an evening of thrilling games, fabulous fellowship, and unforgettable memories. Bring a snack and/or drink to share and join in the fun.

April: Toiletry Drive for JFSKC Pantry

We are collecting food for Jewish Family Services Pantry in Brookside. *Suggested items to bring:* full sized body wash, hand/body lotion, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant. Your donation goes directly to the shelves in the JFS Food Pantries, helping 400 families monthly, right in our community. You may leave items in the basket in the Tower.

New Church Texting Service

Text us at (816) 310-1888

- Text LOOP to stay in the loop about Cathedral updates (weather closures, reminders).
- Text GUEST if you are new with us & want to know more.
- Text PRAYER to submit prayer requests.

You'll then receive a return text with a link to a form requesting your name and email. Once you've completed the form for the first time, the system will recognize you when you text again. *Note: this number is for texts only, not voice calls.*

Volunteers for Children & Youth Ministry

We are currently looking for persons who can offer commitment to help us support our children and youth ministry program. Benefits for you include a way to serve your church community and enrich young people's faith formation experience! We need help with:

- Youth Formation (9:15-10:15 a.m. Sundays) assisting Clare. *No teaching required, unless you would like to.*
- Children's Formation (10:20-11:05 a.m. Sundays)
- Sunday Evening Youth Group
 No teaching required, unless you would like to. Dinner is provided.
- General Youth Event Activities (supervision/ transportation) *This is as needed.*



Your generous gifts, in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one, help provide flowers. The Easter flower envelopes are available at the back of the Nave. Return the envelope to the office by **TODAY**, for your name to be included in the Easter bulletins. Envelopes may be placed in the offering — or given online by texting "GIVETOGHTC flowers" to 73256 to give using your mobile device or use the "Give" button on our website.



TAKE. EAT. REMEMBER.



IT IS FINISHED.



Monday & Wednesday in Holy Week, April 14 & 16

Holy Eucharist • 12:05 p.m.

Tuesday in Holy Week, April 15

Blessing of Oils & Renewal of Vows • 11 a.m. The service features the renewal of baptismal and ordination vows, and the blessing of Holy Oils.

Maundy Thursday, April 17

7 p.m.

We remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples, which was the first Eucharist. We remember Christ's eternal promise to sustain his followers in a sacred meal, and we wash each other's feet as a sign of service and love. We witness the stripping of the altar.

Good Friday, April 18

9 a.m.

We remember Jesus' death with the Good Friday Liturgy and communion from the Reserved Sacrament on the Altar of Repose.

12:05 p.m.

This service includes the chanting of the Passion, choral and instrumental music, customary prayers and veneration of the cross of Christ.

5:30 p.m.

Interactive Intergenerational Stations of the Cross: The stations will immerse you in the biblical account of the last days and hours of Jesus' life, in a way that is appropriate for all ages.

Holy Saturday, April 19

9 a.m.

A brief and simple liturgy recalls the mournful desolation of the lifeless Christ in the tomb.

Easter Vigil, April 19

7 p.m.

Together, we reflect anew on the loving actions of God as recounted in the Easter Vigil readings. Together, we will walk through the depths of salvation history into the fullness of redemption. The service begins by lighting the new fire. We will witness the baptism, confirmation, and reaffirmation of persons in the Cathedral congregation. We then proclaim with joy "Alleluia. Christ is risen" and celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter. We will continue the celebration at a reception following the service.

Easter Day, April 20

8 & 10:30 a.m.

We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus at each of our identical Easter morning celebrations. Both services include hymns, choral music, brass and a Cathedral resplendent with flowers. We will continue the celebration at a reception following each service.

Following the 10:30 a.m. service, all children are invited for our annual Easter Day egg hunt.

Additional Parking

You can use the garage with entry on 13th Street for free. The barcode should be scanned upon entry and exit from the garage. Get the barcode at kccathedral.org/easter.

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HOLY WEEK april 13-20, 2025

