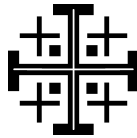




THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 11, 2025 AT 10:30 A.M.



Welcome to Grace Episcopal Cathedral!

If you're new here, there's more information for you on the back of this service bulletin.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE: A Meditation on *Brother James' Air*

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

PROCESSION HYMN 203: O sons and daughters

O FILII ET FILIAE

The service begins on page 355 in the red Book of Common Prayer.

ACCLAMATION *Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

THE GLORIA: Hymnal S278 (*Found in the front section of the blue book*)

William Mathias (1934-92)

Sung by the congregation.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Congregation is seated.

THE FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

After the reading, Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 23 *BCP 612, sung by the Cathedral Choir*

Edward Cuthbert Bairstow (1874-1946)

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

THE SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

After the reading, Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

HYMN 466: Eternal light, shine in my heart

JACOB

THE GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

Before the Gospel, *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

It was the festival of the Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

After the Gospel, Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED, BCP 358 *Standing as able.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

When our valleys are full of shadows, Lord, send us the light of your son Jesus, that we might find our way. Shepherd of our heart, comfort us with your steadfast love, and hear our prayers offered with humble sincerity...

When our cups seem empty, Lord, fill them with your love so that our acts of service to the world overflow and benefit others in your name.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

When our nation and other countries walk in darkness, Lord, fill our leaders with hearts that beat for peace, justice, and provision for all people. Remembering especially today, Trinity Church, Lawrence, and Catedral de la Santissima Trinidad, Havana, Cuba.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

When our bodies are ill and our minds are full of turmoil, Lord, send us the peace of your presence and give us the gift of your healing. Today we remember those on our parish prayer list: Kay, Kitty, Arceile, Cecilia, Nancy, Shirley, Martha, Alicia, Kay, Dick, Evelyn, Paul, Patrick, Debbie, Bob, Mike, and Susan.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

When the hungry go unfilled and the hurting are left alone, Lord, melt our hearts that we might be your hands at work, serving those in need.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

When our time on earth is ended, Lord, guide us into the green pastures of your kingdom, that we might live in your kingdom this day and always. We give thanks today for the lives of those who have gone before us, especially those we remember this day with flowers: Anne D. Wegner, Sara "Sally" Soden, and Peggy Russell.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant adds a Concluding Collect

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION, BCP 360

THE PEACE *Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Congregation is seated.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE: Give praise to Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, who leads us to springs of living water, and who will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

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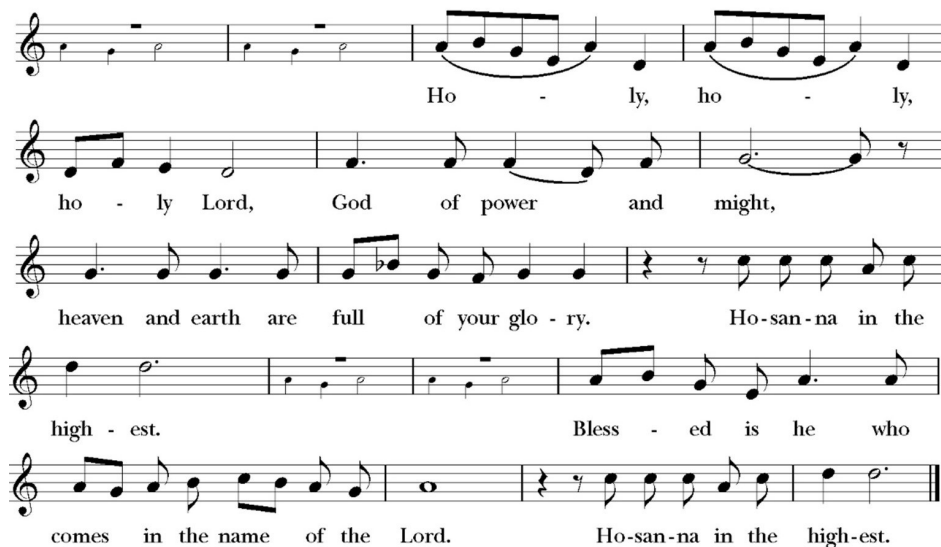


THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A, *BCP 361*, standing as able.

The Sanctus: Hymnal S128

William Mathias (1934-92)



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

THE LORD'S PRAYER, *BCP 364*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: Hymnal S155

David Hurd (b. 1950)



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

All are welcome! Communion is available at the altar rail or at the crossing. To receive a blessing from the priest, come forward and cross your arms over your chest. Signal a server if you need to remain in your pew but wish to partake. After receiving communion, Prayer Ministers will be in St. Mary's Chapel for private prayer.

Please stand as you are able.

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN 645: The king of love my shepherd is

ST. COLUMBA

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

Let us pray.

**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.**

PROCESSION HYMN 618: Ye watchers and ye holy ones

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: Sinfonia from *Wir danken dir*, BWV 29

J.S. Bach (b. 1685-1750)

You are invited to All Saints Hall for coffee, refreshments, and fellowship.

MINISTERS TODAY

Celebrant: The Reverend Jody Carroll, *Canon*

Preacher: The Reverend Sarah Shipman, *Curate*

Deacon: The Reverend Carl Edwards

Vergers: Elizabeth Massey, Kent Wingerson

Acolytes: Team 1, Michael Wilson, *Capt.*

Eucharistic Ministers: Sam Todwong,
RuthEllen Saiya, Alan Johnson

Lector: Hallie Shermoen

Altar Guild: Group B, Linda Gallaway, *Capt.*

Ushers: Team 5, Brent Hoyt, *Capt.*

Organist: Donald Livingston

Choirmaster: Dr. Eduardo García-Novelli

Associate Choirmaster: Zachary Cope

Sound/Lights: Jim Edmonston

Livestream: LeRoy Dagg

CATHEDRAL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Forum, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in All Saints Hall: Steve Roth led part one of a three-part series this morning on "Heaven: A Guided Tour." The series will continue on May 18 and 25.

Happy Mother's Day! Today we honor and celebrate all women for the love, strength, and care they give so generously—please feel encouraged to take a flower with you after the service, a small gift kindly donated by Shirley Morrow of our church family.

Graduates anyone? We would like to recognize Cathedral members who are high school or college graduates this month. Please e-mail us at info@gracecathedraltopeka.org with their name and a photo. Graduates will be recognized during the 10:30 service on Sunday, May 18.

May Senior Saints luncheon on Wednesday, May 14. Social time begins at 11 a.m., with lunch at 11:30 (\$10 donation requested). Dennis and Karen Taylor will lead a presentation entitled, "Diplomatic Travels: Living in post-communist Eastern Europe." There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Cathedral's west transept, or you can call the Cathedral office at 785-235-3457. Please RSVP by noon on Monday, May 12.

In the interest of creating a peaceful and prayerful space for worship, at five minutes before worship begins, or just before the prelude, a bell will ring. This is the signal to refrain from conversation so that you and others may prepare for worship through prayer, meditation and thoughtful silence.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) = red book Hymnal = blue book

We'd love to connect with you. Please fill out a visitor information card from the pew rack and drop it in the collection box on your way out today.

Sound equipment for the hearing-impaired is available. Inquire with an usher.

Restrooms are located in the hallway to the west. Next to the nursery you will find a family restroom with a changing table.

A staffed nursery is available today, down the hallway to your right. You can ask an usher to assist you.

Connect with us and learn more about who we are at www.gracecathedraltopeka.org.



Special Note: *This service will be live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.*

GRACE CATHEDRAL CLERGY and STAFF

The Right Reverend Dr. Cathleen Chittenden Bascom, *Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas*

The Very Reverend Torey Lightcap, *Dean*

The Reverend Jody Carroll, *Canon*

The Reverend Sarah Shipman, *Curate*

The Reverends Donald Chubb and Carl Edwards, *Deacons*

Kent Wingerson, *Cathedral Verger/Finance and Facilities Manager*

Cassie Carlson, *Office and Communications Manager*

Donald Livingston, *Organist*

Eduardo García-Novelli, *Choirmaster*

Zachary Cope, *Associate Choirmaster*

Kathy Smith, *Director of Youth and Children's Ministries*

Ruth Ohm, *Ministry Coordinator*

Michael Godfrey, *Sexton*

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