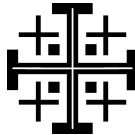




THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

AUGUST 10, 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: Suite in D minor

Jean-Henri d'Anglebert (1629-91)

PROCESSION HYMN 636: How firm a foundation

FOUNDATION

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

ACCLAMATION *Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.

Sung by the congregation.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Congregation is seated.

THE FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

After the reading, Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33:12-22, *congregation to read portions in bold*

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 **The LORD looks down from heaven, ***
and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 **He fashions all the hearts of them ***
and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 **The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; ***
for all its strength it cannot save.

- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 **To pluck their lives from death, ***
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; *
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 **Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, ***
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

THE SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

After the reading, Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

HYMN 635: If thou but trust in God

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

THE GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*After the Gospel, **Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

THE SERMON

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God your Word comes to us, and our hearts are uplifted. Listen now, we beseech you, to the prayers arising from the hearts of your people.

Fill your church with faith, that our hope might embolden us to be your agents of love in all the corners of our lives. We pray especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Cathleen, our own Bishop; St. Bartholomew's Church, Wichita; and St. Mark's Cathedral, Shreveport, Louisiana.

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

Grant wisdom, compassion, and a love of justice to the leaders of our nation that they may work for the good of all.

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

Open our eyes to the possibilities of tomorrow; lead us to focus not just on problems but to search for solutions that we may build a sustainable way of life that honors your abundant creation.

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

We are committed to being your people in this community at this time. Grant us discerning hearts and a burning desire to share your Good News that our community may be a place where all people may thrive.

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

Let your healing love be ever present in the lives of all who suffer. Today we pray for Kay, Kitty, Arceile, Mike, Evelyn, Alicia, Nancy, Shirley, Martha, Kay, Mary Florence, Channing, Cindy, Patrick, Kathy, Marvin, Carolyn, and Jim.

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

Welcome those who have died into your loving embrace, tend to the souls of those who grieve, and let us hold close the love of those whom we wait to see in your new age. We especially remember today in our Permanent Flower Memorials: J. Byron Price, Jr., Carol L. Sommers, William James Barnett, Carl Pierce Bolmar, Charles R. Harrison, Everette O. Royer, Robert W. Whitehead, and Elizabeth Low Hopkins.

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

The 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: Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Prélude non mesuré in D minor Jean-Henri d'Anglebert (1629-91)

Please stand as able.

PRESENTATION HYMN 51: We the Lord's people—vv 3-4

DECATUR PLACE

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP 367, *standing as able.*

The Sanctus: Hymnal S130

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

THE LORD'S PRAYER, BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: Hymnal S164

Franz Schubert

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 321: My God, thy table now is spread

ROCKINGHAM

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 544: Jesus shall reign

DUKE STREET

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Prelude and Fugue in C minor, BWV 546

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

MINISTERS TODAY

Celebrant: The Reverend Jody Carroll, *Canon*

Deacon/Preacher: The Reverend Carl Edwards

Vergers: George Webb, Kent Wingerson

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Massey,
Lynne Horne, RuthEllen Saiya

Lector: Kent Cormack

Altar Guild: Group C, Kelly Wingerson, *Capt.*

Ushers: Team 2, Tom Harrington, *Capt.*

Organist: Donald Livingston

Associate Choirmaster: Zachary Cope

Sound/Lights: Sam Carkhuff

Livestream: Connie Vosburgh

CATHEDRAL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Saints luncheon on Wednesday, August 13. Social time begins at 11 a.m., with lunch at 11:30 (\$10 per person). Sign up on the table in the Cathedral's west transept, or call the Cathedral office at 785-235-3457. Please RSVP by noon on Monday, August 11.

Sharing Table Donations: Current needs include: can openers, toothbrushes, large size toothpaste, hair brushes, chapstick, sunscreen, body wash, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, bar soap, body lotion. No clothing donations, please. Thank you for your continued support that is making a positive difference in the lives of our neighbors!

The Friday Headstart sandwich Ministry is in need of some new helpers. Please contact Vanessa Hill either by phone (785-670-0200) or email (hill.vanessa.1924@gmail.com) if interested.

+Headstart Friday support for the 5th Saturday needs a whole new group of helpers starting in August. This group only meets 4-5 times in a year. The time to meet is negotiable.

+ Headstart Friday support for the 2nd Saturday at 10:00 will need assistance starting in December.

You're invited to a "Taste and See" experience with the Bethany Community—an intentional, contemplative group for spiritual growth—on Thursday, Aug. 14, 12:30–2:30 p.m. at Upton Hall. This guided session includes silent prayer and spiritual conversation to help you discern if this community is right for you—no commitment required. RSVP to Deacon Mary Becker at mbecker@episcopal-ks.org.

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.*



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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, *Priest Associate*

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*

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