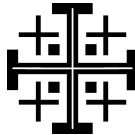




THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

AUGUST 3, 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

PROCESSION HYMN 408: Sing Praise to God

MIT FREUDEN ZART

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

ACCLAMATION	<i>Celebrant</i>	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
	<i>People</i>	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.

THE GLORIA: Hymnal S236 *(Found in the front section of the blue book)*

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Sung by the congregation.

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

After the reading, Thanks be to God.

PSALM 49:1-11, *congregation to read portions in bold*

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb *
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *
and boast of their great riches?
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, *
or deliver to God the price of our life;
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, *
that we should never have enough to pay it,
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever, *
and never see the grave.
- 9 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish *
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever, their dwelling places from
generation to generation, *
though they call the lands after their own names.
- 11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
they are like the beasts that perish.

THE SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

After the reading, Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

HYMN 577: God is love

UBI CARITAS

THE GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

After the Gospel, Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, align the desires of our hearts with your will for us and answer our prayers as may be best for us.

Your holy church is a sacrament, making visible your grace and mercy. Keep it on the narrow path that leads to salvation and let it be a beacon of hope and an advocate for merciful justice throughout the world.

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

Guide the people and leaders of our nation to see the dignity of all persons, and to work together to ensure that all persons have opportunity to live into the potential with which they were created by you. Today we pray especially for Sean, our presiding Bishop; Cathleen our own bishop; and Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, New Jersey.

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

Grant that this community of faith might be a place where your presence is known and where each of us can fully bring our gifts to bear for the building of your kingdom. We pray especially for St. David's Church, Topeka.

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

Remind us of the glory of your creation and spur us into action on its behalf that the wonder of the natural world may be preserved and sustained, not only for ourselves, but for all future generations.

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

Come swiftly to the aid of all who suffer or are oppressed, for all who are ill, injured, or facing disability. Help them know peace and wholeness. We pray especially 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.**

Give strength to those who stand at the threshold of mortal death and those who love and care for them. Grant them a share in your peace and reunite us with them in the light of your eternal kingdom. We especially remember today in our Permanent Flower Memorials: Floy Hill Hancock, Kemp Harris Hill, Carl A. Vernon, Sr., Jose A. Morales, and Lola LeVere Ward.

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: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above. Set your minds on heavenly things, not on earthly things, and you will store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.

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 A, BCP 361, *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 574: Before thy throne

ST. PETERSBURG

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 665: All my hope on God is founded

MICHAEL

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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

MINISTERS TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Jody Carroll, *Canon*

Deacon: The Reverend Carl Edwards

Vergers: Elizabeth Massey, Kent Wingerson

Acolytes: Team 2, Max McKibben, *Capt.*

Eucharistic Ministers: Kitty Fapp,

Alan Johnson, Sam Todwong

Lector: Jackie Sommers

Altar Guild: Group B, Jane Myers, *Capt.*

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

Organist: Donald Livingston

Associate Choirmaster: Zachary Cope

Sound/Lights: Jim Edmonston

Livestream: Michael Massey

CATHEDRAL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, Cathedral Choir! As the Cathedral Choir takes a well-deserved break in August, we offer them this message: For the beautiful music on Sunday mornings as well as on many special occasions, for your dedication in attending weekly rehearsals, for inspiring us to lift our hearts, minds and voices in singing praises to our Lord, Choir, we thank you! The choir will return to their ministry on Sunday, September 7.

New *Forward Day by Day* Booklet: The new issue of *Forward Day by Day* covering August through October is now available on the table in the west transept. Suggested donation is \$1.

Cathedral Office Update - Please note that the church office will have reduced staff and limited hours this week (August 4-8). We appreciate your patience during this time.

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.

You're invited to a "Taste and See" experience with the Bethany Community—an intentional, contemplative group for spiritual growth—on Thursday, Aug. 14, 12:30–2:30pm at Upton Hall. This session includes silent prayer and spiritual conversation to help you discern if this community is right for you. RSVP to Deacon Mary Becker at mbecker@episcopal-ks.org.

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.

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.

ONLINE GIVING: Scan this QR code, or visit www.GiveToGrace.org. Thank you!



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, *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*

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

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