

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION AUGUST 31, 2025 AT 10:30 A.M.



Welcome to Grace Episcopal Cathedral!

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE Invention from *Georgian Suite*

Francis Jackson (1917-2022)

PROCESSION HYMN 686: Come, thou fount of every blessing

NETTLETON

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

A lmighty 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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

ord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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: Sirach 10:12-18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their places. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

After the reading, Thanks be to God.

PSALM 112:1-10, congregation to read portions in bold

- 1 Hallelujah!
 - Happy are they who fear the Lord * and have great delight in his commandments!
- Their descendants will be mighty in the land; * the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- Wealth and riches will be in their house, * and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
 the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- It is good for them to be generous in lending * and to manage their affairs with justice.

- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
 the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
 their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, * until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- They have given freely to the poor, * and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.
- The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; * the desires of the wicked will perish.

THE SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

et mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

After the reading, Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

HYMN 541: Come, labor on Ora Labora

THE GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Before the Gospel, Glory to you, Lord Christ.

n one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by

someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

After the Gospel, Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED, BCP 358 Standing as able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O Lord our God, hear our prayers, offered with our faith in your goodness and mercy. Grant that all might see the majesty of your glory reflected in our lives.

Lead your church into humility and may her leaders be first her servants, seeking only and always to glorify you in their lives. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Cathleen, our own Bishop; and our seminarians and all those in the ordination process. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Inspire our civil leaders so that they love others while actively seeking truth, justice, and mercy. May their efforts build up the whole community and bring people together. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Embolden us to make the difficult choices to ensure the continued abundance of your creation.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Make us good neighbors and open our eyes to see you in the eyes of those we encounter, that together we may build a community where everyone can thrive and live into their potential. We pray especially for Trinity Cathedral Parish, Little Rock, Arkansas. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give peace and strength to those who are sick or injured, or who endure suffering in any of its myriad forms. We ask especially on behalf of those who have sought our prayer: Kay, Kitty, Arceile, Mike, Evelyn, Alicia, Nancy, Shirley, Martha, Kay, Mary Florence, Channing, Cindy, Patrick, Kathy, Marvin, Carolyn, Jim, Isaac, Wim and Shanti, Stan, Jeff, Gracie, and Bob.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Grant the dead entrance into your eternal embrace and grant us also to enter and join them there when we leave this world. We especially remember today in our Permanent Flower Memorials: Frances McClintock Shoemaker, Jimmy Lee Starr, Robyn M. Lipscomb, and Adolph Henry Meyer.

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 neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such offerings are pleasing to God.

OFFERTORY Music: Jig from *Georgian Suite* Francis Jackson

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.

Postcommunion Hymn 656: Blest are the pure in heart

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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 438: Tell out my soul

WOODLANDS

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue from Georgian Suite

Francis Jackson

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

MINISTERS TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Jody Carroll, Canon

Vergers: George Webb, Kent Wingerson
Acolytes: Team 2, Max McKibben, Capt.

Eucharistic Ministers: Sam Todwong,

Lector & Intercessor: Kathy Slawson
Ushers: Team 2, Tom Harrington, Capt.
Organist: Donald Livingston

Lynne Horne, Linda Park

Altar Guild: Group B, Linda Gallaway, Capt.

Organist: Donald Livingston Sound/Lights: Jim Edmonsto Livestream: Connie Vosburgh

CATHEDRAL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us next Sunday, September 7 for Adult Forum at 9:30 a.m. in All Saints Hall where The Reverend Deborah Hill will lead a session on the book of Philemon. Deborah will also be our guest preacher that day.

Ministry Fair next Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. service: We invite you to scan the QR code, and take the spiritual gifts survey before the ministry fair on Sept. 7.



Bishop Search Committee Survey: Add your voice to the selection process of the XI Bishop of Kansas. All congregants and clergy within our diocese are invited to complete the survey at surveymonkey.com/r/EDKansas or using the QR code. At the end of the survey, you will be given a chance to respond to questions about which you wish to comment. If you'd prefer a printed copy, please contact the Cathedral office.

The completed printed copy can be returned to the Cathedral office.

Please submit survey responses by September 11 at 5 p.m.

The Daughters of the King Flower Ministry is seeking a person to deliver flowers once a month on Monday. The altar flowers are rearranged into two smaller arrangements and delivered to church members each Monday morning. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Jan Buckley at 630-605-2627 or jbuckley1003@yahoo.com. Thank you for your consideration.

Senior Saints luncheon on Wednesday, September 10. Social time begins at 11 a.m., with lunch at 11:30 (\$10 per person). Guest speaker, Ernie W. Webb III, will join us to talk about his book, *Goodbye, Butterfly*, a riveting true story based in a quintessential small Kansas town. 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, September 8.

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
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