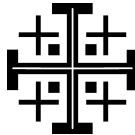




THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

NOVEMBER 16, 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 7: Christ, whose glory fills the skies

RATISBON

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Congregation is seated.

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:17-25

Thus says the Lord God: For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

After the reading, Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98, *Cantate Domino*

MODE VII

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

THE SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

After the reading, Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN 371: Thou, whose almighty word

Moscow

THE GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to

take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

After the Gospel, Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy Lord, be among us, hear us, and fulfill the hope of our prayers.

Bestow your grace upon your church. Lend us your strength to boldly proclaim and live out the good news of Jesus Christ. Today we especially give thanks for St. John's Church, Parsons, and St. Paul's Cathedral, Syracuse, New York. We also thank you for our friends and partners in ministry in the Diocese of West Missouri, and for their bishop, The Right Reverend Amy Dafler Meaux. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Shower wisdom on those who hold authority in our lives to lead through service to the greater good. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Embolden us to be the body of Christ in our local community, so that our presence will be a pledge of our commitment to love our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Arouse in us the desire to protect and sustain your abundant creation, that our world might be a place of wonder and sustenance for future generations. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring your healing power to bear in the lives of all who endure illness or injury, that they may know peace, and help us to be people of care. Especially we pray for Kay D., Kitty, Arceile, Mike, Evelyn, Alicia, Nancy, Shirley, Kay C., Mary Florence, Channing, Cindy, Patrick, Kathy, Marvin, Jim, Isaac, Wim and Shanti, Bob, Axell, Ashley, and Teresa. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Embrace those who have died. We remember especially those on our Permanent Flower Memorials: Phyllis P. Evans, Darryl "Dode" Lesser, Ida B. Groshong, Helen Crosby Porter, John Leslie Howard, and Bishop Frank R. Millspaugh. Continually increase in them your love and devotion, and bring us once again into the presence of those we have loved in your eternal kingdom. 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: Beloved, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, live in love and imitate the saints. Do not be weary in doing what is right, but live for the Lord and be examples for others, always dedicated to the work of God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: E'en So, Lord Jesus Quickly Come

Paul Manz

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

Peace be to you and grace from him, Who freed us from our sins
Who loved us all and shed his blood, That we might saved be
sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, The Lord, Almighty God
Who was, and is, and is to come, Sing Holy, Holy Lord.

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below
For Christ is coming, is coming soon.

E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come And night shall be no more
They need no light nor lamp nor sun For Christ will be their All!

Text from Revelation 22:5

[1953, Morningstar]

Please stand as able.

PRESENTATION HYMN 380: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, v 3

OLD HUNDREDTH

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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

The Sanctus: S128

Mathias

THE LORD'S PRAYER, *BCP 364*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: S154

David Hurd (b. 1950)

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 490: I want to walk as a child of the light

HOUSTON

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 615: "Thy kingdom come!"

ST. FLAVIAN

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: The Very Reverend Torey Lightcap, *Dean*

Preacher: The Right Reverend Amy Dafler Meaux, *Bishop of West Missouri*

Assisting: The Reverend Jody Carroll, *Canon*

Deacon: The Reverend Carl Edwards

Vergers: Elizabeth Massey, Kent Wingerson

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Sam Todwong,
Kitty Fapp, Linda Park

Lector: Josiah Todwong

Altar Guild: Group A, Nancy Perry, *Capt.*

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

Organist: Donald Livingston

Choirmaster: Dr. Eduardo García-Novelli

Associate Choirmaster: Zachary Cope

Sound/Lights: Adrian Horne

Livestream: Tom Harrington

CATHEDRAL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Forum, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in All Saints Hall:

November 23 – No Adult Forum and No Coffee Hour after 10:30 service in preparation for the 50th Anniversary of the Fire commemoration that afternoon

Stewardship 2026: As we wrap up our pledge season, we thank you for your commitment and faithfulness in giving which will help us plan responsibly for 2026. Grace Cathedral continues to grow in financial health through careful stewardship and the generous support of parishioners. Today is **Commitment Sunday**, and our hope is to have all pledges in by today, so we can proceed with 2026 budget planning in the weeks ahead.

After praying over your decision and making your commitment, please fill out your card and return it in one of three ways — place it in the offering plate, drop it in a “Tell Out My Soul” box in the Cathedral nave or Common Room, or if you need more time, you can mail it to the Finance Office.

November Cloister Gallery Artists: For the month of November, we are doing something very special that coincides with our event on November 23rd commemorating the 50th anniversary of the 1975 fire. We have several artists with works on display that fit the fire theme, as well as posters displayed featuring the fire itself and the rebuilding process.

Topeka Scarecrows Faith & Family Night: The new professional hockey team is hosting a discount night for local churches on Saturday, December 6th. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) at Stormont Vail Events Center against the Biloxi Breakers. To register, contact the Scarecrows at 785-289-4259, or visit the box office at the event center by December 1st. The special rate is \$12 (a \$6 savings) plus a free Chick-fil-A sandwich coupon for future use.

Save the Date for Centering Prayer Inquiry: Sunday, December 7th, after the 10:30 service in the Robyn Room. We'll participate in a short Centering Prayer experience, learn the 'how to's, hear from others who share the fruit of this prayer in their life, and ask questions. Grab a piece of birthday cake for Jesus' birthday month and join us in the Robyn Room. Provided by Sharon Highberger.

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Blessing Box items needed: Donations of non-perishable food items may be brought to church and placed in the grocery cart in the Cathedral. Donations may also be brought to the Cathedral office at any time during business hours. Thank you!

Sharing Table Donations: Thank you to all who donate to Sharing Table, and especially to those who donated this past month! We were able to serve 80 community members in need this past Saturday, and 1,073 hygiene items were distributed! Our next Sharing Table distribution will be Saturday, December 6.

Current needs include: EVERYTHING!, lotion, reusable bags, wipes, tampons, bandaids, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, bar soap, chapstick, razors, and shaving cream. No clothing donations, please.

With the weather getting colder, we are temporarily accepting the following clothing items: gloves, coats, and NEW socks, underwear, and thermal underwear.

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!



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