



**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
FEBRUARY 22, 2026, 10:30 A.M.**

Welcome to Grace Episcopal Cathedral!

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE: When Jesus Wept

William Billings, arr. Douglas Wagner (b.1952)

Cathedral Ringers

PROCESSION: The Great Litany *BCP 148 or Hymnal S67*

John Merbecke (1510-85)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Congregation is seated.

THE FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

After the reading, Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32 *Beati quorum*

William Russell (1777-1813)

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you.”
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

THE SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man’s trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man’s act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

After the reading, Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

HYMN 142: Lord, who throughout these forty days

ST. FLAVIAN

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

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

After he was baptized by John, Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels

concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

After the Gospel, Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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

THE PEACE *Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Congregation is seated.*

BLESSING OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross sculptures surrounding the nave have been generously given to the Glory of God, and in memory of Miriam Shirley Morrow by Shirley D. Morrow.

Antiphon

Christ is the icon of the invisible God; all things were created through him and for him.

V. The Word became flesh:

R. **And dwelt among us.**

Let us pray. *Silence*

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior manifested your glory in his flesh, and sanctified the outward and visible to be a means to perceive realities unseen: Accept, we pray, these representations of our Lord's Passion; and grant that as we look upon them and pray with them, our hearts may be drawn to things which can be seen only by the eye of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE: Worship the Lord your God and serve only him, for he is your strength and your salvation.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Lenten Litany Martin How (1931-2022)

The Cathedral Choir

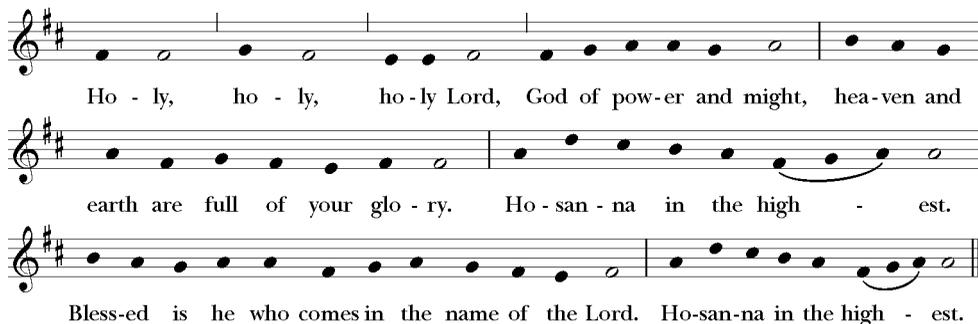
God the Father, God the Son, God the Spirit Three in One, hear us
from Thy heav'nly throne, spare us Holy Trinity.
Jesu who for us didst bear scorn and sorrow, toil and care, hearken to
our holy prayer, we beseech Thee Jesu.
By the hour of agony spent while Thine apostles three slumbered in
Gethsemane, hear us Holy Jesu.
Jesu by Thy friend betrayed, Jesu sport for sinners made, Jesu in
mock robes arrayed, Hear us Holy Jesu.
By the scourging meekly born by the reed and crown of thorn, by the
malice and the scorn, hear us Holy Jesu.
By the outcry of the crowd, when a murd'rer they would choose, and
the Prince of Life refuse, hear us Holy Jesu.
By the nailing to the Tree, by the title over Thee, by the gloom of
Calvary, hear us Holy Jesu.
Jesus who for us had died and forever glorified. Reignest at the
Father's side, hear us Holy Father.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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

The Sanctus: S 124

David Hurd (b. 1950)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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

Antiphon
Cantor; then All

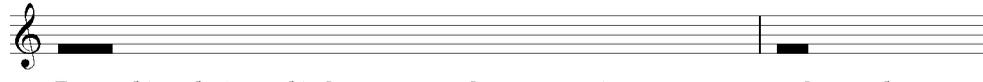


Bles - sed are those who are called to the Sup - per of the Lamb.

Cantor



Praise the Lord, all you nations; laud him, all you peo - ples.



For his loving - kindness toward us is great, and the



faithfulness of the Lord endures for ev - er. [Ant.]

COMMUNION

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 147: Now let us all with one accord

BOURBON

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER AND SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PROCESSION HYMN 449: O love, how deep, vv 1-5

DEO GRACIAS

THE DISMISSAL Let us go forth in the name of Christ!
Thanks be to God.

You are invited to remain in the Cathedra and partake in the Stations of the Cross, or exit quietly and join us in All Saints Hall for coffee, refreshments, and fellowship.

CATHEDRAL PRAYER LIST

Cathedral prayer requests: Kay D., Kitty, Arceile, Mike, Evelyn, Alicia, Nancy, Kay C., Cindy, Isaac, Wim and Shanti, Bob, Kent, Al, Renee, Reaona, Kinzley, and Troy.

Diocese of Kansas: St. Martin in the Fields, Edwardsville

Episcopal Cathedrals: Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Permanent Altar Flower Memorials: Saraleen Curtis, Judith Lynn Waugh, Carolyn C. Gibson, Nelle Clough, Annette T. Goodson Reed, Willard A. Monahan, and Alice Lakin Curtis.

MINISTERS TODAY

Celebrant: The Reverend Jody Carroll, *Canon*

Preacher: The Very Reverend Torey Lightcap, *Dean*

Deacon: The Reverend Don Chubb

Vergers: Elizabeth Massey, Kent Wingerson

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Lynne Horne,
RuthEllen Saiya, Kitty Fapp

Lector: Mark Synovec

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

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

Organist: Donald Livingston

Choirmaster: Dr. Eduardo García-Novelli

Associate Choirmaster: Zachary Cope

Sound/Lights: Mason Vosburgh

Livestream: Michael Massey

CATHEDRAL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

March 1 – We will conclude our three-part series on Iconography led by Jennifer Henery and Michael Massey.

March 8 and 15 – Canon Jody will lead a discussion on the book, *A Full-Hearted Life*, written by Jake Owensby, Bishop of Western Louisiana.

March 22 – We will wrap up the Lenten book series on *A Full-Hearted Life*, with an interview between Dean Torey and the author, Jake Owensby.

Great Spaces Concert *Te Deum Forbidden Music of Salamone Rossi*: This afternoon at 3:00 p.m., explore the radical vision of a Renaissance Jewish composer who brought polyphony into Hebrew sacred music for the first time. A court musician in Italy, Rossi wrote alongside Catholic contemporaries while challenging long-held Jewish liturgical traditions. Framed by

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music of his contemporaries, Monteverdi and Palestrina, as well as modern Jewish choral works, this program illuminates a bold moment of tension between tradition, innovation, and faith. Tickets available online at greatspaces.org or at the door.

Lenten Season Reading: Just a few copies remain of the book, *A Full-Hearted Life*, by author Jake Owensby (Bishop of Western Louisiana). The book will be the focus of our next Adult Forum series starting March 8. The books are available for purchase on the table in the west transept, \$20 per book, or through your bookseller of choice.

Wednesdays in Lent, February 25 – March 25: Join us for a service at 5:30 p.m. in the Cathedral followed by a simple supper in All Saints Hall around 6 p.m.

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 those supplying items most of us take for granted. Please know that your gifts are helping our neighbors in need. Current needs include: lotion, wipes, tampons, bandaids, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, chapstick, razors, shaving cream, and bar soap. No clothing donations, please.

You are invited to visit us the first Saturday of the month to see what goes on and to meet some of our neighbors. If you are interested in volunteering in the rotating schedule, contact Ministry Coordinator Ruth Ohm at 785-235-3457.

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.

To make a gift, visit www.GiveToGrace.org.



Special Note: Please be aware that this service will be live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

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