

A SERVICE OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
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GRACE EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
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A House of Prayer for All People

PRELUDE: "Vivace" *from Voluntary in D*

John Alcock (1715-1806)

Sylvia Hamilton, Organist

HYMN: "Jesus, Our Mighty Lord"

Hymn 478 – tune: *Monk's Gage*

The Virtual Hymn Choir

Jesus, our mighty Lord, our strength in sadness, the Father's conquering Word, true source of gladness;
your Name we glorify, O Jesus, throned on high; you gave yourself to die for our salvation.

Good shepherd of your sheep, your own defending, in love your children keep to life unending.
You are yourself the Way: lead us then day by day in your own steps, we pray, O Lord most holy.

Glorious their life who sing, with glad thanksgiving, true hymns to Christ the King in all their living:
all who confess his Name, come then with hearts aflame; the God of peace acclaim as Lord and Savior.

WELCOME

ACCLAMATION

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Officiant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Officiant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

Officiant: 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.

People **Amen.**

Officiant and People:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 95:1-7a

- 1 **Come, let us sing to the LORD; ***
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

- 2 **Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving ***
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

- 3 **For the LORD is a great God, ***
 and a great King above all gods.

- 4 **In his hand are the caverns of the earth, ***
 and the heights of the hills are his also.

- 5 **The sea is his, for he made it, ***
 and his hands have molded the dry land.

- 6 **Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, ***
 and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

- 7 **For he is our God,**
 and we are the people of his pasture
 and the sheep of his hand. *

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Cathleen, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Our Cathedral cycle of prayer

Grace Cathedral: Matthew Brewer, Judy Gilliland, Jude Highberger, Lauren, Georgia McCurdy, Scott, Tom Seddon, Aaron Sommers

Diocese of Kansas: Diocesan Campus Ministries

Episcopal Cathedrals: Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Burlington, Vermont

Permanent Altar Flower Memorials: Bishop Frank R. Millspaugh, John Nicholas Strotz, Gertrude McClintock Whitcomb, Bennett Rollin Wheeler, Fred D. Gibson

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People* And also with you.**

ANTHEM: “Little Lamb, Who Made Thee?”

William Bradley Roberts (b. 1947)

Choral Scholar: Anna Feigenbaum

Steve Burk, pianist

Little lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Gave thee life and bid thee feed by the stream and o're the mead; gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing, wooly bright; gave thee such a tender voice, making all the vales rejoice. Little lamb who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Little lamb, I'll tell thee; little lamb, I'll tell thee. He is called by thy name. For he calls himself a lamb. He is meek and he is mild; he became a little child. I a child and thou a lamb; we are called by his name. Little lamb, God bless thee; little lamb God bless thee.

[text: William Blake]

INGATHERING PRAYER

Good and gracious God – giver and sustainer of all creation – we return to you this day a portion of what you have already given us: the best and first fruits of our field and harvest. We ask you to bless these gifts we present this day; that all who minister here, and all who receive this ministry, may know the life-saving power of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

***People* We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

People **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

A spiritual communion is a devotional action that anyone can pray. It expresses the desire to receive Holy Communion at a moment where circumstances impede them from actually receiving the consecrated bread and wine.

Celebrant and People

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you, and since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate me from you. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

ADORATION ANTHEM: “Hide Me Under The Shadow Of Thy Wings”

John West (1863-1929)

Choral Scholars: Anna Feigenbaum, Zachary Cope, Alex Spence, Dylan Ediger

Hide me under the shadow of Thy wings, O Lord, and give Thine angels charge concerning me: That I may lie down in peace, and take my rest, for it is Thou Lord only, that makest me to dwell in safety.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: “Agincourt Hymn”

John Dunstable (1390-1453)

Sylvia Hamilton, organist

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Virtual Coffee Hour: We will meet via Zoom at 11 a.m. this morning and add one more installment of Scott Shipman’s discussion about the history of the church and pandemics.

Zoom Coffee Hour link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82776027871>. **You will also need to enter the passcode: grace.**

Compline: A live service of Compline continues at 9 p.m. each evening on our Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/gracecathedraltopeka

Remember that you do not need to have a Facebook account to access the Cathedral’s Facebook page.

Old Saints for New Days: Bishop Cathleen Bascom and clergy members of the diocesan staff will offer a service from Grace Cathedral’s St. Mary’s Chapel every Monday at 12:10 p.m. The service will be livestreamed to the diocesan YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/c/episcopaldioceseofkansas>.

Today is Commitment Sunday: If you did not receive a stewardship mailing from Dean Lightcap, here is a [link](#) where you can download his letter and the 2021 pledge card. If you plan on making a pledge for 2021, we ask you do so as soon as possible as our budget planning is underway. Thank you.

“Parking lot church”! Even when circumstances keep us apart during COVID, we are doing our best to try to keep to some sense of worship. Sometimes, if we can figure out a way, that may include being together even when we can’t be in the same room.

Honoring the current moratorium on indoor, in-person worship, we are experimenting with a unique experience of an outdoor service where all will stay in their cars. This will take place at 9:30 a.m. Sundays for the time being. Here’s what you need to know:

- Come to Grace Cathedral on Sunday. Try to arrive a few minutes early, please.
- Stop briefly by an usher as you drive in, and put on your mask for that part. The usher will provide you with a bulletin. If you have an offering envelope or your 2021 pledge card, those can be left with the usher.
- Find a parking spot and face the direction of the Cathedral. **Tune your car’s radio to 96.9 FM** where you should be able to hear us speaking from the edge of the parking lot.
- Our service is adapted from the morning service for individuals and families in the *Book of Common Prayer* (p. 137). It will offer readings, a homily, prayers, and a blessing. It should be about 30 minutes in length.
- If it is cooler, dress warm so you don’t have to run your car the entire service. (A thermos of coffee might also help.)

As numbers concerning the pandemic have gotten worse, we ask that you do all you can to stay in your cars. Thank you.

Please continue giving to the mission of Grace Cathedral: We have created a website which allows you to see the many different ways you can still be giving during this time away. The website is www.givetograce.org.

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