

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL



THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Festival Eucharist
December 24, 2018 • 10 p.m.

A SERVANT CHURCH IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

Welcome to Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral!

You are invited into the blessedness of this season in which we celebrate the birth of the Holy Child, the One who came to bring peace and joy to the world.

We sing carols to remind us of the angels who proclaimed His arrival.

We pray to offer our thanks and praise for the gracious gift of this birth which God gave us.

We light candles to remind us that we are the Light of Christ going into the world.

We share the Holy Feast to join the Mystery of being one with Christ in his glory.

There are other signs and symbols throughout this evening that draw us closer into all that is holy, and you are welcome to share and participate in it all. We hope you will.

If you are a guest, especially a first-time one, you will find a warm and gracious community. If you need any help, our ushers know where the restrooms and nursery are. Having trouble navigating the standing, kneeling, sitting that is uniquely Episcopalian, the person sitting next to you will be glad to be your guide. Are you able to make communion here? You are most welcome to share this highlight of our worship, whatever your personal piety may be—no one will be excluded.

There is no other time in the year that brings the world such beauty, joy and gentleness as this one. No other time has seen the birth of a little boy who was God's own Son. This holy time returns us to the fullness of God's Presence, as we gather to worship the child who lived a life such as ours, and yet was sinless. Imagine the mystery of that truth!

May the blessedness of Christmas bring you a peaceful new year, in which your life is enriched beyond measure!



SERVICE NOTES

Candle Lighting—All those present are given a candle at the time of Communion for the candle lighting that takes place toward the close of the service.

Christmas Offering—Sixty percent of the Christmas offering is divided equally for local and global outreach: Whatsoever Community Center, which supports the growth and development of families, by providing a variety of programs for children, youth and adults to build a solid foundation for life, whatsoevercenter.org, and Episcopal Relief and Development, an organization that facilitates healthier, more fulfilling lives in communities struggling with hunger, poverty, disaster and disease, episcopalrelief.org.

Please be prayerful and generous in your giving. An envelope is provided for your offering. Offerings may also be made securely through the Cathedral website: kccathedral.org, or by scanning the QR code.



Restrooms—Restrooms are located inside the main entrance of Founders' Hall (fully accessible).

Festival Holy Eucharist

Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (*). Thank you for observing silence.

FESTAL ORGAN PRELUDE: Vom Himmel hoch da komm ich her, BWV 700, 701

In dulci jubilo, BuxWV 197

Christmas Intrada

Divinum Mysterium

Johann Sebastian Bach

Dietrich Buxtehude

David Conte

Wilbur Held

INTROIT: "Of the Father's love begotten"

Plainsong

Of the Father's love begotten
ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega;
He the source, the ending He,

of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see
evermore and evermore!

—Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius

The Word of God

* ENTRANCE HYMN #83: "O come all ye faithful"

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 God from — God, — Light from Light e - ter - nal, —
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, —
*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle, —
*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger, —

1 come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;
2 lo! he ab - hors — not the Vir - gin's womb;
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
4 leav - ing their flocks, — draw — nigh to gaze;
5 we would em - brace — thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son — of the Fa - ther;
3 glo - ry to God, — glo - ry in the high - est;
4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

* OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE: Missa Eliensis

Arthur Wills

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS *All are seated. Meditative silence follows the readings.*

First Reading: Isaiah 62:6-12

Lector Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels;

all day and all night
they shall never be silent.

You who remind the Lord,
take no rest,

and give him no rest
until he establishes Jerusalem
and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

The Lord has sworn by his right hand
and by his mighty arm:

I will not again give your grain
to be food for your enemies,

and foreigners shall not drink the wine
for which you have labored;

but those who garner it shall eat it
and praise the Lord,
and those who gather it shall drink it
in my holy courts.
Go through, go through the gates,
prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway,
clear it of stones,
lift up an ensign over the peoples.
The Lord has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:
Say to daughter Zion,
“See, your salvation comes;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.”
They shall be called, “The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the Lord”;
and you shall be called, “Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken.”
The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 97 sung by the choir

Chant by Thomas Attwood

The Lord is King;
let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.
His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.
The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.
Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.
Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O Lord.

For you are the Lord,
most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.

The Lord loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7

Lector When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL HYMN #109: "The first Nowell"

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
2 They look - ed up and saw a star
3 And by the light of that same star
4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
3 three wise men came from coun - try far;
4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
2 and to the earth it gave great light,
3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
4 and there it did both stop and stay

1 on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
 2 and so it con-tin-ued both day and night.
 3 and to fol-low the star wher-ev-er it went.
 4 right o-ver the place where Je-sus lay.

Refrain
 No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Gospeller In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
 and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

RESPONSE TO GOSPEL "The first Nowell," *verse 6*

6 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

SERMON

* HYMN #100: "Joy to the world!"

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
as the curse is found, far as the curse is
won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
3 far as the curse is found, far
4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
peat the sound - ing joy,
as the curse is found,
won - ders of his love,

* NICENE CREED

All 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 PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Birthday Carol"

Sir David Willcocks

Rejoice today with one accord,
This is the birthday of our Lord, Alleluia.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds abiding in the field,
To them God's glory was revealed, Alleluia.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

And to the shepherds sore afraid,
An angel said, "Be not dismayed." Alleluia.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

"Tidings of joy to you I bring,
Today is born a heav'nly King." Alleluia.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

"And you shall find him in manger laid,
The Babe in swaddling clothes arrayed." Alleluia.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

A host of angels fill'd the sky,
Thus singing praise to God on high. Alleluia.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Now join we all the angel throng,
And let our voices swell the song. Alleluia.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

* PRESENTATION HYMN #96: "Angels we have heard on high"

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Michael, Martin, Evelyn, Christy, Jerry, Marco and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember those who need special prayers.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

All **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.**

Breaking of the Bread: Missa Eliensis, *sung by the choir*

Arthur Wills

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

- *All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.*
- *For gluten-free bread, cross your hands palms down.*
- *For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.*

- Prayer for healing is offered at the prayer desk until the close of worship.
- Candles are given to each person as they return to their seat following communion. Ushers will distribute candles to those not coming forward for communion.

* COMMUNION ANTHEM: “My Lord has Come”

Will Todd

Shepherds, called by angels, called by love and angels:
 No place for them but a stable.
 My Lord has come.
 Sages, searching for stars, searching for love in heaven;
 No place for them but a stable.
 My Lord has come.

His love will hold me, his love will cherish me, love will cradle me.
 Lead me, lead me to see him, sages and shepherds and angels;
 No place for me but a stable.
 My Lord has come.

—Text: Will Todd

* COMMUNION HYMN #79: “O little town of Bethlehem”

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 *4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,
 5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

* COMMUNION HYMN #115: "What child is this?"

Unison or harmony

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

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* COMMUNION HYMN #104: "A stable lamp is lighted"



1 A sta - ble lamp is light - ed Whose
 2 (This) child through Da - vid's ci - ty Shall
 3 (Yet) he shall be for - sak - en, And
 4 (But) now, as at the end - ing, The



glow shall wake the sky; The stars shall bend their voic - es,
 ride in tri - umph by; The palm shall strew its branch - es,
 yield - ed up to die; The sky shall groan and dark - en,
 low is lift - ed high; The stars shall bend their voic - es,



And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry,
 And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry,
 And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry,
 And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry,



And straw like gold shall shine; A barn shall har - bor hea - ven,
 Though hea - vy, dull, and dumb, And lie with - in the road - way
 For ston - y hearts of men: God's blood up - on the spear - head,
 In prais - es of the Child By whose de - scent a - mong us



A stall be - come a shrine. _____ 2 This
 To pave his king - dom come. _____ 3 Yet
 God's love re - fused a - gain. _____ 4 But
 The worlds are rec - on - ciled. _____

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* POSTCOMMUNION HYMN #87: "Hark! the herald angels sing"

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!

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* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All 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.

* CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Presider May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

* CANDLE LIGHTING

Please pass the flame to your neighbor.

* ANTHEM: "Sleeps Judea Fair"

Sleeps Judea fair, bides the Christ
Child there: Shepherds, haste ye!
flocks forsaking, swift your way
to Him be taking, Babe, of Israel's
prayer.

Christ from God is come,
choosing earthly home: royal
pomp and splendor never, but
with love which naught can sever,
He will heal the dumb; Christ
from God is come.

Hugh A. MacKinnon

Lowly bend the knee, Thou from
sin set free: Let the Christ Child,
meekly smiling, infantwise all
woe beguiling, grant His grace to
thee!

—Text by Hugh A. MacKinnon

* SENDING HYMN #111: "Silent night"

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

all is bright Round yon vir - gin
 at the sight; Glo - ries stream from
 love's pure light Ra - diant beams from

moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant so
 heav - en a - far; Heav'n - ly hosts sing
 thy ho - ly face, With the dawn of re -

ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
 al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

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Please extinguish your candle. Following the service, place your candle in one of the baskets near the exits.

* DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

***Blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year
 to all who gather for worship this holy night.***

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| Presiding | The Very Reverend Evelyn Hornaday | Director of Music | |
| Preaching | The Reverend Canon Christy Dorn | & Organist | Dr. Paul Meier |
| Deacons | The Reverend Jerry Grabher, The Reverend Marco Serrano | Guest Organist | Dr. Ann Marie Rigler |
| | | Musicians | The Trinity Choir |

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Thanksgivings and Memorials Flowers and Greens



By Kathy & Vince Alagna

In memory of Calvin Oliver Hillhouse by Brent A. Barr

In memory of Reginald and Fleeda Franklin by Muriel Boyd

In memory of Herman and Billie Wallace by Muriel Boyd

By Gary & Sandra Bressman

In thanksgiving for Robert Buckner by Barbara Buckner

In memory of Wm P. Buckner by Barbara Buckner

By Carter & Anne Davis

By E. Stephen & Hilda Davis

In memory of my god parents, Roy K Dietrich & Elizabeth
Redford by Sara Gaggens

In thanksgiving for the gift of life by the Gitta family

In thanksgiving for our family by John & Ellen Goheen

In memory of my brother James Irwin III by Elizabeth Irwin
Gordon

In memory of Kiers Rowley by Jeri Hatteberg

In memory of Dorothy Hatteberg by Jeri Hatteberg

By Paget Higgins

In thanksgiving for my Cathedral family by the Very
Reverend Evelyn Hornaday

In thanksgiving for Michael's birthday, December 25th, by
Premkumar & Carolyn John

In thanksgiving for our family by Whitney E. & Mariella Kerr

In thanksgiving for my daughter, Michelle Leive and son,
Sean Leive by Patricia J. Leive

In thanksgiving for Megan, Rodney, Maeve and Rhys by June
& Ken McDonald

In thanksgiving for our family by Ron & Carolyn McLeroy

In memory of Marilyn Lacey McMullen by Larry L.
McMullen

In thanksgiving for our daughter, Noël, and grandson,
Gordon, by Harley & Patricia Miller

In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren by
Richard & Anne Morse

In thanksgiving for our grandchildren, Ryan Bloch Goldberg
& Brooke Nelson Goldberg by John B. & Denise Nelson

In memory of my beloved brother John Mahan Brooks, Jr. by
John B. & Denise Nelson

In thanksgiving for my family by Virginia L. Rau

In thanksgiving for those we love and have loved by Bruce &
Page Reed

In memory of Grace and John Obetz by Robert Richmond

In memory of Isabel Curdy by Robert Richmond

In memory of our son by Alan & Phyllis Ryder

In loving memory of our parents, Mr. and Mrs. James
Churchill Shelton, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. William
Duquesne Burch, III by John and Lucy Shelton

In thanksgiving for our sons, David and Peter by John and
Lucy Shelton

In thanksgiving for the gift of Pat Sprague by Sharon Sprague

In thanksgiving for Joyce & Roger Sweeting and Joanne
Repass Jones by Ric & Janet Sweeting

In memory of Howard L. Stewart by Ric & Janet Sweeting

In thanksgiving of our parents, children and grandchildren
by Michael & Cathy Thomas

In memory of George & Eidie Stewart by Bruce & Lill Weekes

In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren by Jack &
Marie Whitacre

By Augusta Wilbon



Interested in the Christian faith? Curious about Anglicanism?

Then join us for The Way, which begins Wednesday, January 9, 2019, from 6-8 pm. Featuring a home-cooked meal, conversation, and bible study, the Way is a community for people just beginning the journey of faith, as well as those looking to strengthen their faith. All are warmly invited. Contact the Rev. Marco Serrano, mserrano@kccathedral.org with any questions.

The Chorister Window

MEMORIAL

The recently refurbished *Chorister* window commemorates John Alexander Ross (1850–1901), a prominent Kansas City lawyer and beloved member of Grace Church. Mr. Ross was remembered as going about his life’s work quietly but with a competency and morality that was above reproach. He was admired for his dedication to Grace Church, where he served on the Vestry from 1893 until his death. He was Treasurer of the church and sang in the choir. As Cameron Mann (1851–1932) noted in the dedication sermon for this window, “No work in the parish was too great for his ability; no work there too small for his interest and attention.”

DESIGN AND FABRICATION

The *Chorister* window, installed on December 23, 1901, by Campbell Glass and Paint Company of Kansas City, Missouri, was dedicated on Christmas morning, December 25, 1901, by Cameron Mann. This window was donated by the Vestry, and also by several members from the parish and in the Kansas City community who admired, respected and loved John Alexander Ross. Heinigke & Bowen of Brooklyn, New York, maker of several of the original Chancel windows, fabricated this window. It is the only surviving example of their work in the Nave and the only existing stained glass window from their firm installed in a church west of the Mississippi River.

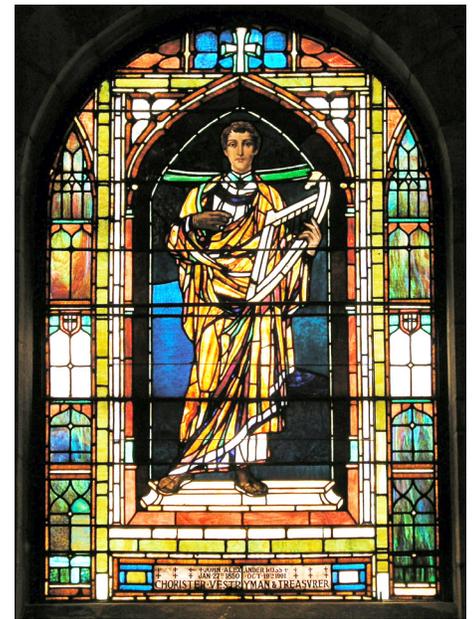
Otto Heinigke (1850–1915) designed the *Chorister* window. According to Albert M. Tannler (b. 1941), Historical Collections Director for the Pittsburgh [Pennsylvania] History & Landmarks Foundation and recognized expert on American stained glass, “Otto Heinigke is a pivotal figure in the history of American transitional period in American stained glass and to achieve a desired effect, he would work using several different stained glass techniques, often joining aspects of more than one technique in a window. He combined traditional stained glass with the new opalescent glass in his windows, in which he employed “sturdy lead.” He was known to use the lead line as part of his design, while at the same time that lead line was necessary to bind the glass in the window. Otto Heinigke’s creative and dramatic use of lead lines in his stained glass windows was often described by his contemporaries as *exuberant*. He sometimes employed opalescent glass, but through use of the design and paint, attempted to give the work the appearance of “antique,” or hand-blown glass.

Soon after espousing his doctrines concerning stained glass, Heinigke was to see his work in the homes of the elite of New York City society. Whitney, Rockefeller, Vanderbilt, Gould, Morgan, Guggenheim, Marshall Field, and Carnegie all had stained glass windows from his firm. Heinigke & Bowen stained glass windows were installed in the New York Stock Exchange, the New York Yacht Club, the Federal Building in Indianapolis, Indiana, Carnegie Hall, and the main building of the Library of Congress.

SYMBOLISM

This unassuming window, the oldest in Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, is marked by an almost total absence of symbolism. The large figure centered in the window is a musician holding a harp, and was intended to represent young David (c. 1040 B.C.E.–970 B.C.E.) before his ascension to the thrones of Judah and Israel. The window was designed specifically to honor Mr. Ross’ musical talents. At the bottom of this window, below his name and the dates of his birth and death, Mr. Ross is memorialized as “CHORISTER, VESTRYMAN AND TREASURER;” a good and faithful servant remembered for service well done.

Information for this article was taken from Randal J. Loy’s *The Glorious Masterworks of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City, Missouri*.



End of the Year Giving Tips

Thank you for your generosity in 2018. The end of the year is a great time to consider giving toward Cathedral ministries. Please note that the church office will be closed December 24, 2018–January 1, 2019 with the exception of services Sunday, December 30. Donations can be given in our Sunday offerings, mailed to the Cathedral office or made at kccathedral.org by clicking the online giving button at the top of the home page. In order for these gifts to be tax deductible they must be postmarked and/or given before December 31, 2018.

If you have a question about your pledge or other giving, please contact Cathedral Administrator Julie Toma at jtoma@kccathedral.org or 816.214.9936. Check out the wonderful organizations we are supporting with our Christmas offering on page 2.



The office will be closed Monday December 24– Tuesday, January 1 in observance of the Christmas and New Year’s holidays. There will be no noon Eucharist Wednesday, December 26.