

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL



PAGEANT & EUCHARIST

December 24, 2018 • 5 p.m.

All children

are invited to participate in the pageant.

Costuming is available in the Common Room, upstairs and to the right.

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. Glowsticks are also available for younger children.

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.



Nursery/Restrooms—Childcare for those 3 years old and younger is available in Haden Hall during this service. An usher or greeter will be happy to escort you to the Nursery. Children are welcome in church. Restrooms are located inside the main entrance of Founders' Hall (fully accessible).

Holy Eucharist

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

VOLUNTARY: "Noel no. 10"

Louis-Claude Daquin

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,

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;

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;

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.

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* OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

Christmas Pageant

Tonight our children proclaim the Gospel. You are invited to sing the familiar carols as the children tell the story.

HYMN #89: "It came upon the midnight clear" *verse 1*

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:

"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

HYMN #79: "O little town of Bethlehem" *verse 1*

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;

yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

HYMN: "Away in a manger" *verses 1 & 2*

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

HYMN #109: "The first Nowell" *verse 1*

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,

on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

HYMN #96: "Angels we have heard on high" *verses 1 & 2*

Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
And the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear?
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

HYMN #96: "Angels we have heard on high" verses 3 & 4

Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

See him in a manger laid
whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while we raise our hearts in love.
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

At the conclusion of the pageant:

Narrator Glory to God in the highest,
All Peace and goodwill to all.

HYMN #100: "Joy to the world!"

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

*Following the Pageant, all children in the congregation are invited to come forward for the placing of the Christ Child in the crèche.
All children stand with the pageant participants for the Prayers of the Children at the front of the Cathedral.*

* PRAYERS OF THE CHILDREN

Lector: O God, who is with us,
People: Hear our prayer.

* THE PEACE

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY: Es ist ein Rot entsprungen, op. 122 no. 8

Johannes Brahms

* PRESENTATION HYMN #107: "Good Christian friends, rejoice"

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

All

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Presider

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:

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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. **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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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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. Glowsticks are given to younger children. Ushers will distribute candles to those not coming forward for communion.

* 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 #84: "Love came down at Christmas"

1 Love came down at Christ-mas, love all love - ly, love di - vine;
 2 Wor - ship we the God - head, love in - car - nate, love di - vine;
 3 Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and love be mine,

love was born at Christ - mas: star and an - gels gave the sign.
 wor - ship we our Je - sus, but where-with for sa - cred sign?
 love to God and neigh - bor, love for plea and gift and sign.

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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 the God of the angels, who heralded Christ's birth, bring joy to your hearts this day and always.**
People **Amen.**
Presider **May the God of love, who gave his only Son to be born for you, fill your life with love and peace.**
People **Amen.**
Presider **May Emmanuel, God with us, be with you in all your doings and all your celebrations, until he brings you into his eternal kingdom.**
People **Amen.**
Presider **And may almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.**
People **Amen.**

*** CANDLE LIGHTING**

Please pass the flame to your neighbor.

* 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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* DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY

Pageant Cast

Narrator Amanda Colburn Mary Riley Thomas
 Wonderer Caroline Colburn Joseph..... Henry Galus
 Innkeeper Lisa Thomas Reader for Prayers of the Children Andrew Johnson

The roles of Shepherds, Angels, Stars and Animals are played by the children.

Presiding	The Reverend Canon Christy Dorn
Assisting	The Very Reverend Evelyn Hornaday
Deacons	The Reverend Jerry Grabher, The Reverend Marco Serrano
Organist	Dr. Paul Meier

The Vestry: Paula Henderson Connors, *Senior Warden*, paula.hendersonconnors@outlook.com; Terri Curran, *Junior Warden*, tcurra2@yahoo.com; Chuck Ritter, *Treasurer*; Jonathan Sternberg, *Clerk*; Steve Moore, *Chancellor*. Tara Bennett; Phyllis Biddle; Sharon Cheers; Jackye Finnie; Donna Knoell; Candy McDowell; Ron Michka; Ryan Thomas; Milt Tootle.

The Rt. Rev. Martin S. Field, *Bishop of the Diocese of West Missouri*; The Very Rev. Evelyn Hornaday, *Interim Dean*; The Rev. Canon Christy Dorn, *Associate*; The Rev. Jerry Grabher, *Deacon*; Dr. Paul Meier, *Director of Music*; The Rev. Marco Serrano, *Young Adult Coordinator*; Julie Brogno, *Coordinator for Children's and Family Ministry*; Alexandra Connors, *Youth Minister*; Linda Martin, *Children's Music Director*; Sharon Sprague, *Sacristan*; Julie Toma, *Cathedral Administrator*; Janet Sweeting, *Office Assistant*; Melissa Scheffler, *Communications Coordinator*; Richard Wolf, *Finance Manager*; Angie Graham, *Property Manager*; Mike Guidry, *Assistant Property Manager*; Ken Stewart, *Cathedral Bookstore Manager*.



Interested in the Christian faith? Curious about Anglicanism?

Then join us for The Way, which begins Wednesday, January 16, 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.

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.

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 Bucker by Barbara Bucker

In memory of Wm P. Bucker by Barbara Bucker

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

By 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

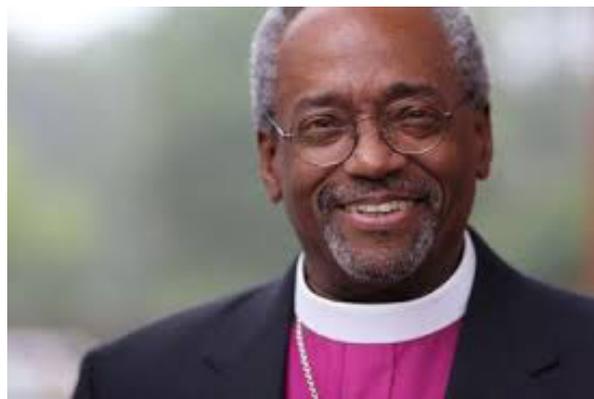
In memory of George & Eidle Stewart by Bruce & Lill
Weekes

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

By Augusta Wilbon

Presiding Bishop's Christmas Message

In the third chapter of John's gospel, Jesus says at one point, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that all who believe in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." For years, I've often thought that that passage only referred to Jesus giving His life as a sacrifice on the cross. And to be sure, that is part of what it means. But some years ago, I was reading a commentary by Raymond Brown on the Gospel of John. And Professor Brown said that that passage no only speaks of Jesus willingly giving His life on the cross, but it actually speaks of Christmas. Of God giving His very self, His very Son, to the world. Not for anything God could get out of it, but for the good, and the welfare, and the well-being of the world, of us.



Someone once said in a Christmas poem, love came down at Christmas. That's what love is—to give and not to count the cost. To give, and not for what one can get, but for what the other can receive. That's what love is. God so loved the world that He gave.

I realized recently how powerful that passage really is, when I saw an old poster from 1938. A poster produced by the Episcopal church at that time to encourage Episcopalians, and other Christians, and other people of faith and goodwill to do whatever they could to help Jewish refugees fleeing tyranny in Europe, to help people from all over Europe seeking refuge in America, this land of freedom. The poster depicts Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus. They're fleeing persecution in Palestine, as Matthew's gospel says. And the poster depicting Mary, Joseph and Jesus, says in the tag line, "in the name of these refugees, help all refugees."

God so loved the world that He gave even to the point of risking His own son, and in the name of those refugees, in the name of that Jesus, help all refugees, all people who suffer, anyone who's alone, everyone who is in need. That's what love does. Love came down at Christmas because God so loved the world that He gave.

In those days, a decree went out from the emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the City of David called Bethlehem, because he was a descendant from the house of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and was expecting a child. While they were there, she gave birth to her first born son, and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger because there was no place for them in the inn. Meanwhile, in that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then the angel of the Lord stood above them, and the glory of the Lord shown round about them. And they were terrified. The angel said unto them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I am bringing you good news, of great joy for all 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. You will find the child wrapped in bands of cloth, 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, and peace to all all people on Earth.

Have a blessed Christmas. Have a Merry Christmas. Have a joyful Christmas. God love you. God bless you. And may God hold us all in those almighty hands of love.

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church

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

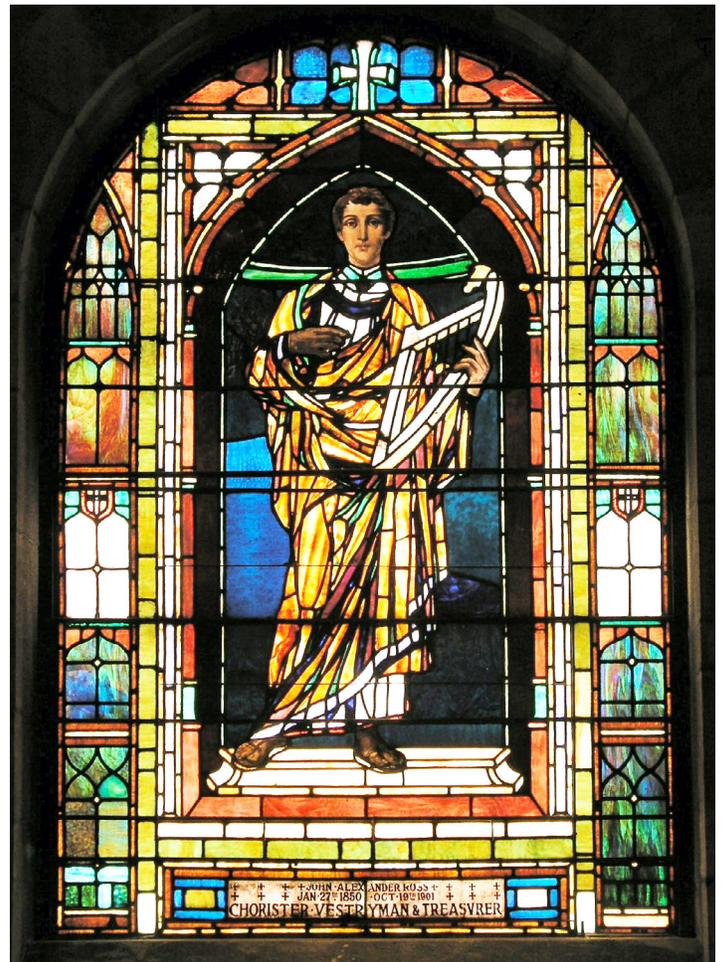
The *Chorister* window, installed on December 23, 1901, by Campbell Glass and Paint Company of Kansas City, Missouri, was dedicated on Christmas morning, December 25, 1901, by Cameron Mann. This window was donated by the Vestry, and also by several members from the parish and in the Kansas City community 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.



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