Newcomers and visitors, welcome! We are a servant church in the heart of the city. May you find here, by God’s grace, that which feeds your soul, and leave here with a heart prepared to serve.

If you are new to us, we invite you to fill out a welcome card, found in your pew, and place it in the offering plate.
Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

Service Notes

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

Thank you for observing silence.

Voluntary: “Nun danket alle Gott”

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Word of God

* Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Presider  Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People  And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
All  Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Opening Hymn #290: “Come, ye thankful people, come”
Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1–11

Lector When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us. ” When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

People Thanks be to God.
Psalm 100 spoken in unison

All Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4–9

Lector Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

* The Holy Gospel: John 6:25–35

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller When the crowd found Jesus on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily
**Prayers of the People**

Lector God of mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

**The Peace**

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

_A basket is located in the cross-aisle at the back of the Nave for offerings._

## The Holy Communion

**The Great Thanksgiving** _from a Church of England Children's Prayer_

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 Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky, everything that gives us light, light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

All 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.

Presider We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

All Amen.
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

* Postcommunion Prayer

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.

* Blessing

* Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.
* Sending Hymn #397: “Now thank we all our God”

Words: Martin Rinkart (1586–1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878), alt. 

Voluntary: “Nun danket alle Gott”

Georg Friedrich Kauffmann

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Advent Events and Christmas Worship

The Nativity  
presented by Mesner Puppets  
Friday, December 6 • 10 a.m. & 7 p.m. • Nave  
Saturday, December 7 • 2 & 5 p.m. • Nave  
Sunday, December 8 • 2 p.m. • Nave  
*ticketed event

AdventFest  
Sunday, December 1 • 11:30 a.m. • Founders’ Hall

Christmas Tree Decorating  
Sunday, December 8 • 11:30 a.m. • Founders’ Hall

The City Come Again  
presented by William Jewell College  
Monday, December 9 • 11:30 a.m. • Nave

Youth Network Event  
Saturday, December 14 • Bishop Spencer Place  
Contact Alexandra, youthformation@kccathedral.org, for details.

Messiah Singalong  
Saturday, December 14 • 4 p.m. • Nave

One and Only Pageant Rehearsal  
Sunday, December 15 • 11:45 a.m. • Nave

Candlelight, Carols & Cathedral  
presented by The William Baker Festival Singers  
Sunday, December 15 • 2 p.m. • Nave  
*ticketed event

Advent Lessons & Carols  
Sunday, December 15 • 5 p.m. • Nave

Christmas Eve Pageant & Eucharist  
Tuesday, December 24 • 5 p.m. • Nave

Eve of the Nativity & Eucharist  
Tuesday, December 24 • 10 p.m. • Nave

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ & Eucharist  
Wednesday, December 25 • 10:15 a.m. • Nave

*For information about tickets, visit kccathedral.org/musicevents.