

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



Festival Eucharist
December 24, 2019 • 10 p.m.

A SERVANT CHURCH IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

Welcome to Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral!

“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

The celebration of the Nativity of our Lord is such a wonderful time to give thanks for our family and friends. This time of year is so special and sacred, and a time that we, as Christians, hold dear for remembering our salvation through the birth of Jesus. God gave us a great gift on that quiet night in Bethlehem, and we continue to enjoy it as we receive it over and over each year. God’s love for us is beyond anything we can imagine, and the best way we can respond to it is to love back. As Christ loves us, we are called to love one another. At this most sacred time of year I wish you peace, happiness, good health and great joy throughout this season and the New Year. May this season be a blessed one for all of you, and may the warmth of Christ’s light fill you with all hope.

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—Fifty percent of the Christmas offering will be used for local outreach. The remainder of the offering is used for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral. This year the offering for outreach will go to NourishKC. Please consider making a generous and sacrificial gift for these ministries.

NourishKC, formerly Episcopal Community Services, is a nonprofit dedicated to building a food-secure region in the Greater Kansas City area, both in providing healthy food and in empowering the poor to move beyond the barriers of poverty with dignity.

Please be prayerful and generous in your giving. Offerings may be placed in the offering plate, made securely through the Cathedral website: kccathedral.org, or by scanning the QR code.



Nursery/Restrooms—Nursery care is **NOT available for this service**. Children are welcome in church. 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: “Greensleeves”
“Pastorale”
“In dulci jubilo”
“Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her”
“Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her”

Richard Purvis
Alexandre Guilmant
Marcel Dupré
Georg Böhm
Johann Sebastian Bach

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 #96: "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 Alleluia. Unto us a child is born.

People Unto us a Son is given. Alleluia.

GLORIA #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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* 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 9:2-7

Lector The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace

for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it

with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Lector For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that
 2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the
 4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by

glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing
 peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly
 world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly
 pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -

near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;
 hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its

heaven's all - gra - cious King." The world in sol - emn
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its
 tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and
 an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give

still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.

* GOSPEL PROCESSION: "Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light"

Johann Sebastian Bach

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light,
and usher in the morning;
O shepherds, shrink not with affright,
but hear the angel's warning.

This Child, now weak in infancy,
our confidence and joy shall be;
the pow'r of Satan breaking,
our peace eternal making.

—Text: Johann Rist; Translation: John Troutbeck

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.**

SERMON

* 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.

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider 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 ANTHEM: "The Shepherd's Carol"

Bob Chilcott

We stood on the hills, Lady,
Our day's work done,
Watching the frosted meadows
That winter had won.

Oh, a voice from the sky, Lady,
It seemed to us then
Telling of God being born
In the world of men.

The evening was calm, Lady,
The air so still,
Silence more lovely than music
Folded the hill.

And so we have come, Lady,
Our day's work done,
Our love, our hopes, ourselves,
We give to your son.

—Text: Clive Sansom

There was a star, Lady,
Shone in the night,
Larger than Venus it was
And bright, so bright.

* PRESENTATION 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,

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Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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,

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

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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. 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!

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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 #112: "In the bleak midwinter"

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;
 3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
 4 What can I give him, poor as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:
 cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim thron - ed the air;
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed
 but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
 if I were a wise man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

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COMMUNION HYMN #101: "Away in a manger"



1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
* 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.



The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

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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.

* BLESSING OF A CRÈCHE

Presider The Word was made flesh

People **And dwelt among us.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, who in the Incarnation of your Son has revealed to us the holiness of creation, be pleased to bless and hallow this image of his sacred birth, so that those who gaze upon it may behold this mystery, whereby humanity shares in your very nature; through Christ our Lord. **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

* HYMN #111: "Silent night"

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
 hea - ven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, 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.

* 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.**

* DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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

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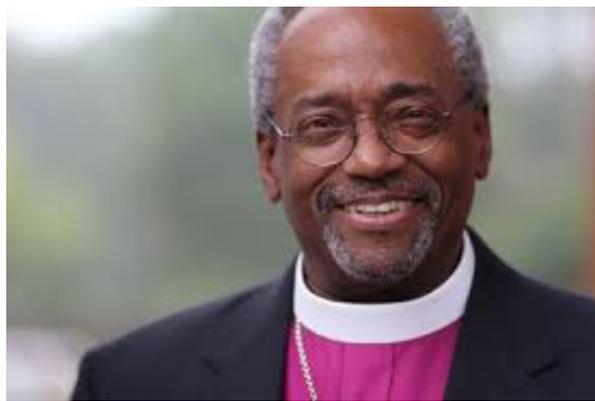
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Presiding Bishop's Christmas Message

In the first chapter of John's Gospel, sometimes referred to as the prologue to the Gospel, sometimes spoken of as the whole Gospel in miniature the Gospel writer says this. As he reflects on the coming of God into the world in the person of Jesus. As he reflects on Christmas. He says, the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.



I don't think it's an accident that long ago, followers of Jesus began to commemorate his coming into the world when the world seemed to be at its darkest.

It's probably not an accident that we observe Christmas soon after December 21, the winter solstice. The winter solstice being in the Northern Hemisphere the darkest time of the year.

Undoubtedly, these ancient Christians who began to celebrate the coming of God into the world, they knew very well that this Jesus, his teachings, his message, his spirit, his example, his life points us to the way of life itself, a way of life, where we take care of each other. A way of life, where we care for God's world. A way of life, where we are in a loving relationship with our God, and with each other as children of the one God, who has created us all.

They also knew John's Gospel and John's Christmas story. Now there are no angels in John's Christmas story. There are no wise men coming from afar. There's no baby lying in a manger. There's no angel choir singing *Gloria in excelsis Deo* in the highest of the heavens. There are no shepherds tending their flocks by night. Matthew and Luke tell those stories. In John, it is the poetry of new possibility, born of the reality of God when God breaks into the world.

It's not an accident that long ago, followers of Jesus began to commemorate his birth, his coming into the world. When the world seemed darkest. When hope seemed to be dashed on the altar of reality. It is not an accident that we too, commemorate his coming, when things do not always look right in this world.

But there is a God. And there is Jesus. And even in the darkest night. That light once shined and will shine still. His way of love is the way of life. It is the light of the world. And the light of that love shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not, cannot, and will not overcome it.

God love you. God bless you and may you have a Merry Christmas and may this world be blessed. Amen.

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
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In memory of Miller & Catherine Nichols by Kay & Jean Callison

In memory of my mother, Ruth Carter, by Sandy Carter

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The Chorister Window

MEMORIAL

The Chorister window was completely restored last year, including its lead came, which is the framework that holds together the many pieces of glass in the window. It appears very much like it must have looked on December 23, 1901, when it was originally installed in that window opening. In particular, call your attention to the head, hands and feet of the central figure, as well as the lettering in the dedication at the bottom of the window. These elements have been restored to their original glory.

This window honors the memory of John Alexander Ross (1850–1901), who was an attorney here in Kansas City, and a dedicated member of our parish, known at that time as 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. Christmas Day 2019, is the 118th anniversary of the dedication of this window.

DESIGN AND FABRICATION

The Vestry of Grace Church ordered this window from the Brooklyn, New York, stained glass firm of Heinigke & Bowen. Heinigke & Bowen at that time was responsible for three other windows in the Nave of the Cathedral, which were all destroyed in the 1929 fire. Today, this window is significant as the only example of that firm’s work 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.

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.

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

