

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

# PAGEANT & EUCHARIST



**December 24, 2019 • 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 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.

Dean Andy +

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## 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**—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](http://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).

# Holy Eucharist

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

VOLUNTARY: "Pastorale"

Alexandre Guilmant

## The Word of God

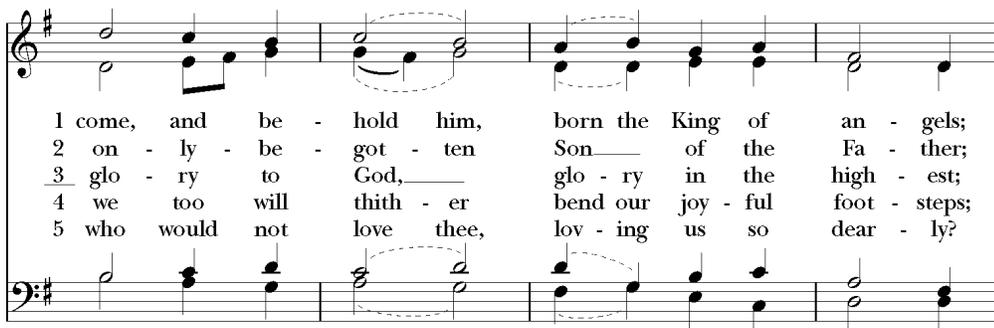
\* ENTRANCE HYMN #83: "O come all ye faithful"



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;

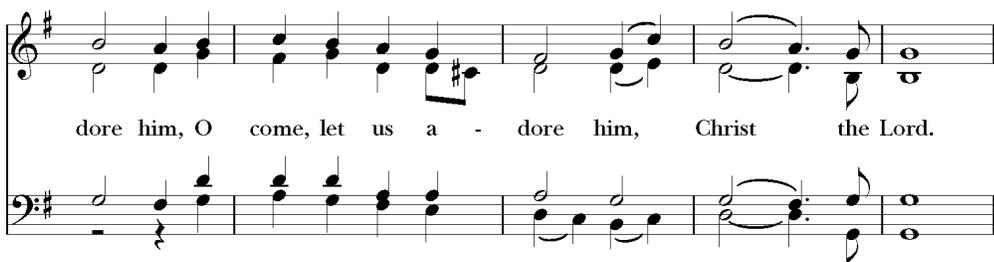


1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;  
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;  
4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;  
5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

*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 Alleluia. Unto us a child is born.

People Unto us a Son is given. Alleluia.

\* SONG OF PRAISE #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.**

# 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 stand 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,

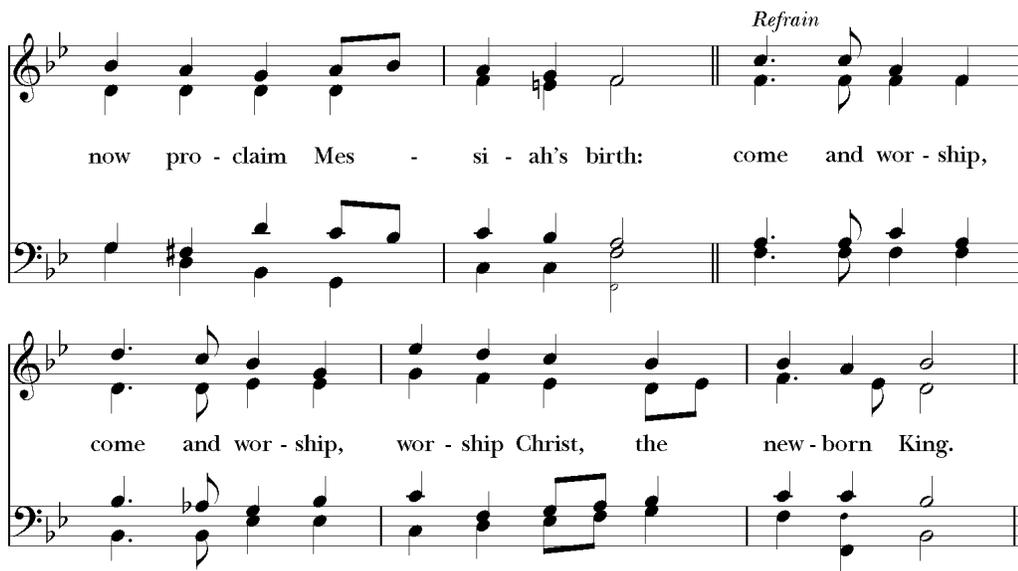
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

## HYMN #93: "Angels from the realms of glory" *verse 1*

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn "Angels from the realms of glory". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The first system contains the lyrics "1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er". The second system contains the lyrics "all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,". The music is written in a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C).

*Refrain*



now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth: come and wor - ship,  
 come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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HYMN #93: "Angels from the realms of glory" *verse 2*



2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;  
*Refrain*  
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,  
 come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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*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.

HOMILY

\* 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 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: "Sussex Carol"

On Christmas night all Christians sing,  
To hear the news the angels bring—  
News of great joy, news of great mirth,  
News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should we on earth be so sad,  
Since our Redeemer made us glad,  
When from our sin he set us free,  
All for to gain our liberty?

arr. by Peter Niedmann

When sin departs before his grace,  
Then life and health come in its place,  
Angels and mortals with joy may sing,  
All for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light,  
Which made the angels sing this night:  
"Glory to God and peace on earth,  
Now and for evermore. Amen."

\* 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 B

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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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** 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 give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, 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 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. 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 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.*

\* 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  
heaven - 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 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.

\* 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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VOLUNTARY: "Carillon de Westminster"

Louis Vierne

# Pageant Cast

Narrator..... Lisa Thomas  
Wonderer..... Emily Morrison  
Mary..... Marion Shaw  
Joseph..... Elliot Shaw  
Intercessor.....Kristen Ellis Johnson  
Lector..... George Colburn

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

Presider & Preacher	The Rev. Canon Christy Dorn
Assisting	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Deacon	The Rev. Jerry Grabher
Director of Music	Dr. Paul Meier
Assistant Organist	Dr. Mark Stotler
Children's Music Director	Linda Martin
Musicians	Trinity Children's Choir; Abbey Mattson; Camille Moore; Abigail Moore

*Thank you to all the volunteers who help make our Christmas services successful. You are greatly appreciated!*

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The Rt. Rev. Martin S. Field, *Bishop of the Diocese of West Missouri*; The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, *Dean*; The Rev. Canon Christy Dorn, *Associate*; The Rev. Jerry Grabher, *Deacon*; Dr. Paul Meier, *Director of Music*; Dr. Mark Stotler, *Assistant Organist*; Julie Brogno, *Coordinator for Children's and Family Ministry*; Alexandra Connors, *Youth Minister*; Linda Martin, *Children's Music Director*; 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*; Kristy Moore, *Sacristan*; Ken Stewart, *Cathedral Bookstore Manager*.

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# Thanksgivings and Memorials Flowers and Greens



In memory of Ted & Martha Iott, Sabino Bilotta, Nick & Elynor Baresi by Larry & Beverly Bilotta

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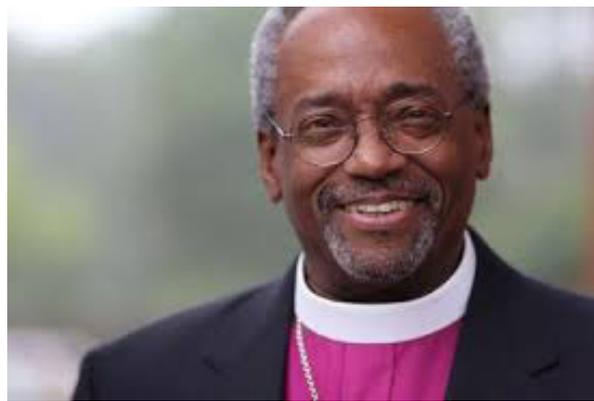
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## Presiding Bishop's Christmas Message

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.

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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.

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