Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

The Nativity
Of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Festival Eucharist
December 25, 2019 • 10:15 a.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.

Dean Hugh

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Service Notes

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.

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Festival Holy Eucharist

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

Voluntary: “Greensleeves”

Richard Purvis

The Word of God

* Entrance Hymn #83: “O come all ye faithful”

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* 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. Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,
   and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.
   What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?
   Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.

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

4. **Refrain**
   **Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

* Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons All are seated. Meditative silence follows the readings.

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7–10

Lector How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,

who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;

for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;

for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;

and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.
Psalm 98 sung by the choir

Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1–12

Lector Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,

“You are my Son;
today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be his Father, 
and he will be my Son”?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

Of the angels he says,

“He makes his angels winds, 
and his servants flames of fire.”
But of the Son he says,

“But your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

And,

“In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.”

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL HYMN #105: “God rest you merry, gentlemen”

The Holy Gospel: John 1:1–14

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

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, Form II, BCP, page 385

* 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: “In the Bleak Midwinter” 

In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty wind made moan;
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter
Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him
Nor earth sustain,
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty —
Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom Cherubim
Worship night and day,
A breastful of milk
And a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, whom Angels
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel
Which adore.

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am? —
If I were a Shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man
I would do my part, —
Yet what I can I give Him, —
Give my heart.

—Text: Christina Rossetti

Harold Darke
* Presentation Hymn #107: “Good Christian friends, rejoice”

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
2. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
3. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say; Jesus Christ is born today;
now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
He hath opened heaven’s door, and we are blest for evermore.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.

Christ is born today! Christ is born today!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!


* The Great Thanksgiving

**Eucharistic Prayer B**

Celebrant

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

People

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him 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  


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 [__________ 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.
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.

Breaking of the Bread

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.

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.

Communion Anthem: “My Lord Has Come”

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 #102: “Once in royal David’s city”

1 Once in royal David’s city stood a
2 He came down to earth from heaven, who is
3 We, like Mary, rest confused that a
4 For he is our life-long pattern; daily,
5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
6 Not in that poor lowly stable, with the

1 lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her
2 God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a
3 stable should display heaven’s Word, the world’s cre -
4 when on earth he grew, he was tempted, scorned, re -
5 own redeeming love; for that child who seemed so
6 oxen standing round, we shall see him; but in

1 baby in a manger for his bed: Mary
2 stable, and his cradle was a stall; with the
3 actor, cradled there on Christmas Day, yet this
4 ject ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he
5 helpless is our Lord in heaven above: and he
6 heaven, where his saints his throne surround: Christ, re -

1 was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.
2 poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.
3 child, our Lord and brother, brought us love for one another.
4 feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.
5 leads his children on to the place where he is gone.
6 veiled to faithful eye, set at God’s right hand on high.

* 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 Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy
and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you,
and remain with you always. 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 herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!
   Peace on earth and mercy mild,
   Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
   with the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!
   Refrain

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored;
   late in time behold him come,
   Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
   Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!

3. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
   born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
   Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,
   hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!


Voluntary: “In dulci jubilo”  
Johann Sebastian Bach
Blessed Christmas!

Presider & Preacher  The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Deacon  The Rev. Jerry Grabher
Director of Music  Dr. Paul Meier
Assistant Organist  Dr. Mark Stotler
Musicians  The Trinity Choir

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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
The Episcopal Church

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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
By Sandra & Gary Bressman
In memory of John M. Brown by Margaret S. Brown
In memory of Miller & Catherine Nichols by Kay & Jean Callison
In memory of my mother, Ruth Carter, by Sandy Carter
In memory of Steve & Lorraine Cenovich, Frank & Lily Baumann by Eric & Burma Cenovich
In thanksgiving for the Griffins & the Suttons & in Memory of Betty & Millie by Don & Betsy Chase
In thanksgiving for the Cathedral and the art of worship by Emanuel Cooper Jr.
In thanksgiving for the ministry of Dean Keyse, Beth, Siras & Mary Mullis by Aunt Crum & Uncle Doug
By Richard & Jill Fanolio
In thanksgiving for Henry & Margo Galus by Mark Galus & Sara Copeland
In memory of Charles Larry Garrison Sullivan
In thanksgiving for Maddie, Jack, Julia & John by John & Ellen Goheen
in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren by Paget & Tom Higgins
In thanksgiving for our family by Day & Whitney Kerr
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Howard W. Keyse, Mr. & Mrs. Siras A. Stocks, Mr. & Mrs. Carl F. Grauer, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph L. Johnson & Dr. Siras Allan Stocks by Andy & Beth Keyse
In memory of Fred Leive by Patricia Leive
In memory of Alice Marie Lindquist, Gertrude Lewandowski & Jesse Hockett by Dr. Joseph & Mrs. Tina Lewandowski

In memory of Charles Lindstrom by the Lindstrom family
By William & Marcille McCandless
In memory of Ron McLeroy by Carolyn McLeroy
In memory of Marilyn Lacey McMullen by Larry McMullen
In thanksgiving for our daughter, Noël, & grandson, Gordon, & in memory of our parents by Harley & Pat Miller
In thanksgiving for our children & grandchildren by Richard & Anne Morse
In thanksgiving for those we have loved and lost by Page & Bruce Reed
In loving memory of Gerry Reynaud by Barbara, Renee, Geralyn, John and his grandchildren
In memory of Isabel Curdy by Bob Richmond
In memory of John and Grace Obetz by Bob Richmond
In thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren by Ellen & Brent Spake
In thanksgiving for our family & in memory of Howard & Betty Stewart, Karol Stewart Mitko & Dale Sweeting by Ric & Janet Sweeting
In thanksgiving for our children & grandchildren: Francois-Régis, Hilary & Adélaïde Gaboriau, Kevin, Laura, Aida, Georgia, Judd & Hollis Thomas by Michael & Cathy Thomas
In memory of John Weaver, Sarah Weaver, Randy Wesner, & Dale Wesner by Glen & Terri Wesner
In thanksgiving for our children & grandchildren by Jack & Marie Whitacre
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.