The Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2022 • 5 p.m.

Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

“The Baptist in prison” by Giusto de’ Menabuoi
HOLY EUCHARIST

Voluntary: Magnificat op. 18 no. 14
“He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.”

The Order for Evening

* Opening Acclamation

Cantor

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR LIGHT

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

* O Gracious Light Phos hilaron: 25


Welcome! We are glad you are here.

- If you are a visitor or new attendee, we invite you to fill out a welcome card, found in your pew, and place it in the offering plate or complete the form online. Use this QR code to access the form.
- If you need a hearing assistance device, please ask an usher.
- Restrooms are available in Founders’ Hall. A changing station is available in the restroom at west end (rear) of the Cathedral.

Service Notes

- Page numbers listed are from The Book of Common Prayer.
- Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (*).
- Donations may be placed in the offering, made through the Cathedral website: kccathedral.org, by scanning the QR code to the right or by texting “GIVEtoGHTC” to 73256. Thank you for your generosity.
The Word of God

* Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Lesson: Isaiah 35:1–10

Lector The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God’s people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord.

People    Thanks be to God.


Cantor     My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *  
for he has looked with favor | on his lowly servant.

All        From this day all generations will call me | blessed: *  
the Almighty has done great things for me, and | holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who| fear him *  
in | every generation.

He has shown the strength of | his arm, *  
he has scattered the | proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from | their thrones, *  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with |good things, *  
and the rich he has | sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant | Israel, *  
for he has remembered his | promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our | fathers, *  
to Abraham and his | children for ever.

Second Lesson: James 5:7–10

Lector     Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop  
from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be  
patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against  
one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of  
suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People    Thanks be to God.

* Alleluia Verse Cantor; then People

Cantor     The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;* he has anointed me to preach good tidings / to the poor.

All repeat the three alleluias.
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2–11

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

* The 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 VI*

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
For all people in their daily life and work;
People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.
Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;
People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;
People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.
Intercessor For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Diane our Bishop Provisional; and for all bishops and other ministers;
People For all who serve God in the Church.
Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence
The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud.

Intercessor Hear us Lord;
People For your mercy is great.
Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence
The People may add their own thanksgivings silently or aloud.

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;
People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence
The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud.

Intercessor Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;
People Who put their trust in you.
Intercessor  We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

All  Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Presider concludes with an absolution.

Presider  Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

* The Peace  
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Presider  The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People  And also with you.

Announcements

Celebration Prayer  
Those celebrating anniversaries of birth, marriage, and other joyous occasions are invited to stand or raise a hand as able.

All  O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Stewardship Prayer  
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All  Almighty, ever loving and giving God, from whom comes every good and healthful gift, help us through our faithful stewardship to acknowledge that all things come of you, and to learn that it is in giving that we receive; give us grateful hearts and help us to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus creating a good foundation so that we may take hold of the life that really is life. Guide us and strengthen us as we make our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral for the spread of your kingdom; all of which we ask in the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion  
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Offertory Sentence  
Presider  Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.  
Ephesians 5:2
* Offertory Hymn: 76 “On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry”


The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

**Celebrant**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

F. People

**Celebrant**

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

F. People

**Celebrant**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

F. People

It is right to give our 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.  

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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:
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,

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

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 children; 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 sing,

**S119: The Lord’s Prayer**

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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.
Intinction of wafers is offered, if desired. For gluten-free bread, cross your hands palms down.
For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.

* Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.
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

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord's countenance be lifted up to you, and give you peace.
And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and
remain with you for ever. Amen.

* Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
Closing Hymn: 437 “Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!”

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); based on The Song of Mary.

Voluntary: Nun komm der Heiden Heiland
Johann Pachelbel
Cathedral Prayer List

Pray for: Tony Buffa; Linda Aguilar; the Mauro family; Ian Mattson; Troy, Aiden, and William; Kiah & Johnathan McDaniel; Thaddeus Withers; Johnathan; the Hamilton family; Marie Kissenger; Joseph York; Doris Biellier; Joanne Repass Jones; Pat Miller; Pat & Larry Martin; Joe Finnie; the Mason family; Tracy Johnson; Elvin Bush; the Wheeler family; the With family; Kemarr Diamond; Peggy Morgan; Jan Frizzle; Jim Nash; the Norris & Welch family; the Grabher family; Carolyn Brown; Brend & Lilliana; David H; The Rev Kay Bowman-Harvey (Miami OK); Peggy & Ralph Wallace; Dana Porter; Norma Smith; Willard Welch; Pat Leive; Charlotte Colburn; Chris Kemper; the Brown family; the Pendleton family; the Eilers family; Dan Chase; James Hyatt; Joslyn Dawson; John Miller; Missy; Jim Royer; Craig Hager; Dennis & Kathy Meehan; Jean Rau; Emily, Leo & Henry; Joyce Denton; Willard Welch; Amy and Miguel; Kay Cook; Jim & Phyllis Shaffer; the Brock family; the Burstert family; the people of Ukraine; Andrew Rowland; all families affected by gun violence.

Children’s Prayers: Prayers for my brother; A good school week; Prayer for my mom, who is feeling sick; Prayer for patience because I’m excited about Christmas and getting presents.

For the complete prayer list: kccathedral.org/prayers.

To place a person on this prayer list, please contact Deacon Barbara Wegener, bwegener@kccathedral.org.

Requests are held in prayer for 90 days.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 11
Danni Montoya

December 12
Alex Ratcliff
Lauren Reifeiss

December 13
Christopher Black
Ty Gardner
John Morrison

December 15
Bill Brown
Lindsay Munsell
Milt Tootle

December 16
Manni Obiesie

December 17
Chris Morrison
Davina & Troy Reed

Today’s Flowers
are given to the Glory of God and ...

• in thanksgiving for the birthday of my son, Brad McLeroy—Carolyn McLeroy

To help provide flowers for upcoming services, contact Julie Toma, jmtoma@kccathedral.org.

Gifts for Christmas Flowers and Greens

Flowers and Greens will once again adorn the Cathedral as part of our celebrations. Your gift in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one helps provide festive decorations for Christmas Eve through The Feast of the Epiphany. You can donate online from our website or mail your donation to the Cathedral office. For more information, contact Julie Toma, jmtoma@kccathedral.org.

Please contact the Cathedral office if we have omitted your birthday or anniversary: 816.474.8260 or jmtoma@kccathedral.org.
Adults

Sunday

Journeying the Way of Love
Sundays, through December 11
9:15 a.m. • Common Room/Zoom

For the season of Advent, Journeying the Way of Love offers four sessions to be explored as we await the coming of Christ by moving through the first two chapters of the Gospel of Luke. Luke’s gospel provides a pattern for understanding how we can live the Way of Love as individuals, as families and friends, as a community and out in the world. Participants are encouraged to read and reflect on these passages in Luke throughout the season of Advent and “try on” the spiritual practices of the Way of Love. To accompany this curriculum, participants should stop by the Advent Resources table and pick up a copy of the Journeying the Way of Love Advent Calendar, which offers daily suggestions for engaging in the seven practices that encompass the Way of Love. When the group gathers each week, participants will reflect with one another on how they experienced taking up the practices in the calendar. This class will be led by Dean Andy and Canon Ryan.

Tuesday

GHTC’s Virtual Cafe • 7:30 a.m.
Please join us for our weekly conversation in GHTC’s Virtual Cafe! Tuesday mornings from 7:30–9 a.m. For details, visit kccathedral.org/other-activities.

Women’s Bible Study • 12:30 p.m.
Our current study series is Hebrews: Grace and Gratitude by David DeSilva. For Advent we’ll be reading God is With Us by Robin Wilson. Visit the WBS page, kccathedral.org/adultformation/wbs for more information.

Lectionary Bible Study • 6:45 p.m.
We study the lessons for the upcoming Sunday. Join the Lectionary Bible Study group in Realm or visit the LBS page, kccathedral.org/adultformation/lbs for more details.

Youth, College & YA

College and Young Adults
Board Games and Hot Cocoa Night
Thursday, December 22
Founders Hall
6-8 p.m.
Cocoa, dinner, board games provided, laughter and good cheer added bonus!

Merry Everything!
From Dec. 14-Jan. 4 there will be NO YOUTH GROUP.
We will resume Jan. 11

The Cathedral office will be closed Dec. 23 and 26–27 for the Christmas holiday.
Don’t miss the Bishop’s visitation!
She will be at all three services Sunday, Dec. 18.

Collection: Gallon Jugs
The children’s department is gathering plastic one-gallon jugs for an Advent object lesson. Thanks to those who have brought in jugs. We have discovered we still need a lot of jugs to complete our project. Please donate if you can. You can leave the gallon jugs in Founders’ Hall. Please ensure that the jugs are cleaned, dried and the caps are left off.

Coffee with the Canon
Let’s get to know each other! Canon Ryan would like to buy you a beverage at the establishment of your choice, to chat about serious stuff, trivial stuff, religious stuff or personal stuff. Book a time at kccathedral.org/canon.

Children

Formation Class • 9:15 a.m.
Children are invited into a time of dynamic storytelling that communicates the story of the people of God and the liturgy of the church.

3rd–5th Graders: Time to build up our faith! Children’s Formation proudly presents—Lego Bible Study. We look at scripture readings and then show what we have learned through Legos. After the work is done, we will post our videos on kccathedral.org. Join us November 6 through December 18 at 9:15 in Haden Hall for fellowship and fun, with a side of learning.

Cathedral Kids • 10:30 a.m.
Cathedral Kids meets during the first half of the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Children attending Cathedral Kids will meet their parents or guardians inside the tower doors during the passing of the peace.

Questions? Contact Brittany, childrensformation@kccathedral.org.

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Packing BackSnack Family Bags
Today, December 11 • 9 a.m.
Today, December 11, family bags for BackSnack children will be assembled between services in Haden Hall.

William Jewell College Presents The City Come Again
Monday, December 12 • 11:30 a.m.
William Jewell College’s gift to the city in words and music, features the college’s Handbell Choir, Concert Choir, conductor Dr. Anthony Maglione and organist Dr. Ann Marie Rigler. This event is free.

Interfaith Series
Thursdays, December 15 & 22 • 7 p.m.
Featuring texts from the Tanakh, Qur’an and Christian Scriptures. Contact Kari O’Rourke, kari.stmhp@gmail.com, for the Zoom link.

Bishop’s Visitation
Sunday, December 18
Bishop Diane Bruce will be visiting the Cathedral Sunday, December 18. She will be presiding and preaching at all three services. Bishop Diane will host a Bishop’s Q & A at 9:15 a.m. in Founders’ Hall.

The William Baker Singers Presents Candlelight, Carols & Cathedral
Sunday, December 18 • 2 p.m.
The William Baker Festival Singers, conducted by William Baker, join with Canon Musician Emeritus John Schaefer and the Raymore-Peculiar High School Treble Chamber Choir, Stephen Rew director, to present this annual concert of beloved carols and traditional classics. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance at eventbrite.com.

Christmas Services
Saturday, December 24, 5 p.m.
Christmas Eve (with Nativity Pageant)
Join us Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. and watch the Cathedral kids present the Nativity Pageant. Bishop Diane will be with us.

Saturday, December 24, 10 p.m.
Christmas Eve
Come celebrate the birth of Christ with us. Traditional, familiar carols and service music will be featured.

Sunday, December 25, 10 a.m.
Christmas Day
Greet the Incarnate Lord on Christmas morning with a celebration of Holy Eucharist with carols and organ music.