Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2022 • 5 p.m.

"The Vision of Saint Joseph" by James Tissot
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.
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Service Notes

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HOLY EUCHARIST

Voluntary: “Ave maris stella”
Fugue à 4
Duo

Nicolas de Grigny

The Order for Evening

* Opening Acclamation

[Music notation]

Cantor

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People

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

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The Word of God

*Collect of the Day*

Presider  The Lord be with you.

People  And also with you.

Presider  Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Lesson: Isaiah 7:10–16

Lector  Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

The Word of the Lord.

People  Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1–7, 16–18

Cantor  Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock; *
        shine forth, you that are enthroned | upon the cherubim.

All  In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma|nasseh, *
        stir up your strength | and come to help us.
        Restore us, O God | of hosts; *
        show the light of your countenance, and | we shall be saved.

O Lord God | of hosts, *
        how long will you be angered despite the | prayers of your people?
You have fed them with the bread | of tears; *
        you have given them | bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our | neighbors, *
        and our enemies | laugh us to scorn.
        Restore us, O God | of hosts; *
        show the light of your countenance, and | we shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon the man of your | right hand, *
        the son of man you have made so | strong for yourself.
And so will we never turn away | from you; *
        give us life, that we may | call upon your Name.
        Restore us, O Lord God | of hosts; *
        show the light of your countenance, and | we shall be saved.
Second Lesson: Romans 1:1–7

Lector Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God’s beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

* Alleluia Verse Cantor; then People

Come, O Lord, and do not tarry; forgive the iniquity of your people.

All repeat the three alleluias.

* The Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18–25

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon
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

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

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

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: 66 “Come, thou long-expected Jesus”

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;
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 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.

All

AMEN.

Presider  And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

S119: The Lord’s Prayer

All

Breaking of the Bread

S161: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei


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

* DISMISSAL

Presider

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.
* CLOSING HYMN: 56 “O come, O come, Emmanuel”

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; alt. Hymnal 1940, alt.

Voluntary: “Ave maris stella”
En taille à 5
Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux

Serving Today

Presider & Preacher The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce, Bishop Provisional of West Missouri
Assisting The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Lector & Eucharistic Minister Janel Mosley
Organist Dr. Paul Meier
Cantor Katherine Crawford
Cathedral Prayer List


Comfort and Peace: the Mauro family; the Hamilton family; the Mason family; the Wheeler family; the With family; the Norris & Welch family; the Grabher family; the Brown family; the Pendleton family; the Eilers family

Youth & Children’s Prayers: My brother, My dog, That all people feel loved, For those that are missing a loved one during this Advent season who are far away to include those in heaven while we remain on earth

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 19
Joe Finnie

December 20
Julie Toma

December 21
Gina Jones
Keith & Linda Oliver

December 22
Tony Carrillo
Sharon Hudson

December 23
Miles Lewandowski
George Nodler
Lenette & Steve Johnson

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

The Cathedral’s Outreach ministry is collecting socks for those in need at the Kansas City Community Kitchen.

Bring your sock donations to the basket in the tower entrance.
December 18, 2022 – Advent 4 (A)  
Fourth Week of Advent: Journeying in the World

As we come closer to the joy and promise of the Incarnation, we invite you to continue journeying the Way of Love. Consider this week which of the seven practices captured your imagination this Advent. Which challenged you or brought the most joy? Where did you find blessings or cross boundaries? Where is God calling you to witness to salvation being birthed into the world today?

For more Advent resources related to the Way of Love, visit episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove. There, you’ll find links to the full Advent curriculum Journeying the Way of Love, as well as Living the Way of Love in Community, a nine-session curriculum for use anytime.

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Sunday, December 18
WORSHIP
Linger before leaving your worship time today. How is God calling you to hear and sing along with Mary’s Song? Read Luke 1:39-55.

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Monday, December 19
GO
Go out into your neighborhood today. Where is God at work? Ask God to show you how you can celebrate that good work and name God’s presence in your community.

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Tuesday, December 20
LEARN
Read Habakkuk 2:1-4. Does this reading remind you of Thomas the disciple? Why do you think the folks who organized the lectionary picked this reading from the Old Testament for this friend of Jesus?

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Wednesday, December 21
PRAY
Pray along with the Collect for Advent 4, found on page 212 in The Book of Common Prayer. Pick three or four of your beloveds to focus your prayers on today. Make sure to leave some silent space for God to offer you some wisdom about what they may need right now.

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Thursday, December 22
BLESS
Make sure to pick up an extra present or two — a nice candy sampler or a warm pair of slippers or pajama pants, just in case you have extra friends or guests drop by. Ask God to bless those who travel and those who may be alone in the coming days. Take some bottled water and sports drinks over to your local community cold weather shelter. They will be extra glad to have that during the winter months.

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Friday, December 23
TURN
If you are gathering with friends and family today, consider taking time during the meal to turn to the folks on your right, and then on your left, to thank them for their love in your life. See how this might spread some joy and comfort around the table — or maybe even ease some potentially prickly guests.

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Saturday, December 24
REST
The conventional wisdom is that new parents should rest when the baby is resting. Make sure you take some time out to rest with Baby Jesus — and marvel in the wonder of a fresh, new, clean, shiny, tiny, precious start. Take a nap and thank God for the gift of Jesus and for peace at Christmas.
**Adults**

**Sunday**

Bishop Diane is hosting a Bishop’s Q&A today at 9:15 a.m. in Founders’ Hall. Please join us!

Adult Formation classes will resume in mid-January.

**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 *God is With Us* by Robin Wilson. Conversation is lively, thought-provoking, and often irreverent. All are welcome. 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.

**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.

**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.

**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!

**Visit the Cathedral Bookstore**

The Cathedral Bookstore is open Sundays following both morning services. The Bookstore is located next to the Common Room — up the stairs from the Nave entrance.
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, jtoma@kccathedral.org. To have your name appear in the Christmas bulletins, return the envelope to the office by TODAY. (Gifts received after this date will appear in a later bulletin and the next issue of The Angelus.)

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. You can leave the gallon jugs in Founders’ Hall. Please ensure that the jugs are cleaned, dried and the caps are left off.

Bishop’s Visitation
Today, December 18
Bishop Diane Bruce will be visiting the Cathedral Today, 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
Today, 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.

Interfaith Series
Thursday, December 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.

Thank you for your generosity in 2022.
End of year gifts can be made online or you can mail a check to the Cathedral office. Make your year end gift by December 31, 2022.

The end of the year is a great time to consider giving toward Cathedral ministries. Donations can be mailed to the Cathedral office or made at kccathedral.org. Donations received by mail, postmarked by December 31, will be included on your 2022 contributions. In order for these gifts to be tax deductible they must be postmarked and/or given by December 31, 2022. The Cathedral office is open December 19-22 & 28-29.

If you have a question about your pledge or other giving, please contact Cathedral Administrator Julie Toma at jtoma@kccathedral.org or 816.214.9936.
Christmas Eve (with Pageant) • 5 p.m.
Our children tell the Christmas Gospel story through their pageant. All children are welcome to participate in the pageant. There are no lines to learn and simple costumes will be provided. Children should meet in the Common Room at 4:30 p.m. Bishop Diane Bruce presides and preaches.

Christmas Eve • 10 p.m.
Come celebrate the birth of Christ with us. Traditional, familiar carols and service music are featured.

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

Sunday, January 1, Feast of the Holy Name • 10:30 a.m. service only
This New Year's Day Eucharist commemorates the naming of the child Jesus; as recounted in the Gospel read on that day, “After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.”