The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
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

Christmas Offering

Fifty percent of the Christmas offering will be used for local outreach. This year the offering for outreach is focused on addressing food insecurity in Kansas City and will be distributed equally to Harvesters and Nourish KC. Please consider making a generous and sacrificial gift. The remainder of the offering is used for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral.

Offerings may be placed in the offering plate, made securely online (kccathedral.org, click on “Give”), by texting “GIVETOGHTC christmas” to 73256 or by scanning the QR code.

- **NourishKC** bases the efforts of its programs — Kansas City Community Kitchen (KCCK), Food Rescue, and Culinary Training — on the belief that food is a basic human right. They believe that it is not enough just to fill bellies; the meals served to their guests should be hot, fresh, and nutritious. Their goal is to feed anyone in need and change lives in the process by partnering with other organizations and helping our volunteers build community.

- The **Harvesters Community Food Network** provides food and related household products to more than 760 nonprofit agencies including emergency food pantries, community kitchens, homeless shelters, children’s homes and others. They also offer education programs to increase community awareness of hunger and teach about good nutrition.

Service Notes

- Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (*).
- Children are welcome in all our services and activities for them are available on a shelf in the back aisle. The nursery is not open for this service.
- Restrooms are available in Founders’ Hall. A changing station is also available in the restroom at west end (rear) of the Cathedral.
- Page numbers listed are from The Book of Common Prayer.
- The offering plate will be passed during the offertory. Donations may also be made securely online, by scanning the QR code to the right or by texting “GIVETOGHTC” to 73256. Thank you for your generosity.

Voluntary: Carillon

Greensleeves

Introit: “Of the Father’s love begotten”

Of the Father’s love begotten
ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega;
He the source, the ending He,

—Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius; Translation: John Mason Neale

FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST

John Behnke
Richard Purvis
Plainsong

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The Word of God

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

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O
2 God from God, Light from Light eternal,
3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
4 See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
5 Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
2 lo! he abhors not the Virgin’s womb;
3 singing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
4 leaving their flocks, drew nigh to gaze;
5 we would embrace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and behold him, born the King of angels;
2 only be gotten Son of the Father;
3 glory to God, glory in the highest;
4 we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;
5 who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

Refrain

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore 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

Words: John Francis Wade (1711–1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802–1880) and others. Music: Ad astra, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711–1786); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906.
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,
2 Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?
3 Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
4 See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above;

and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King,
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glória

in excelsis Deo. Glória

in excelsis Deo.
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

First Lesson: 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.
Psalm 96 sung by the choir; chant by David Hurd

Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
Tell it out among the nations: “The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.”
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

Second Lesson: Titus 2:11–14

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

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.
* Gospel Hymn: 89 “It came upon the midnight clear”

1. It came upon the midnight clear,
   That glorious song of old,
   From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold;
   Peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world;
   “Peace on the earth, good will to men,”
   Heaven’s all-gracious King.

2. Still through the cloven skies they come with wond’rous delight,
   And with the morning light,
   The angels bend a lowly plain: A humble manger and a poor, little stable;
   And warmin’ human kind hears not the tidings which they bring:
   O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the angels sing.

3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife
   The world has suffered long;
   Prophets seen of old, when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
   The world has rolled two thousand years of wrong;
   When peace shall o’er all the earth its stillness lay to hear the angels sing;
   Back the song which now the angels sing.

4. For lo! the days are hastening on
   By men and angels too,
   And light and life to all who see
   The heavens and the earth and sea;
   And warmin’ human kind hears not the ancient splendors fling, and all the world give
   The world in solemn bend on hovering wing, and ever o’er its bend on hovering wing, and ever o’er its
   Stillness lay to hear the angels sing.
   Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.
   Cease your strife and hear the angels sing!
   Back the song which now the angels sing.

Anthem: “Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light”

Break forth, O beauteous heav’ly light, and usher in the morning;
O shepherds, shrink not with affright, but hear the angel’s warning.
This Child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be;
the pow’r of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.

―Text: Johann Rist; Translation: John Troutbeck


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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.
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

Deacon

Good and gracious God, on this holy night you gave us your Son, the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Savior of all, lying in a manger.

On this holy night draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host, that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds, that we may find the one for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God forever and ever. Amen.

Intercessor

On this holy night in which God joins heaven and earth, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Let us pray for the Church around the world as it celebrates the birth of Christ. Bless all those who are entrusted with Christian ministry that your Word might be proclaimed with truth and courage across our world. We pray especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Diane our Bishop Provisional; and for all bishops and other ministers.

Lord in your mercy,

People

Hear our prayer.
Intercessor Bestow your wisdom on all who govern, that in honoring the earth and its diverse races, cultures, and religions, we may celebrate the light of this holy night.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Grant reconciliation to those besought with conflict and violence, that they may live in the peace of this holy night. We pray especially for those affected by war or gun violence.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Let us pray for all who are cold, hungry, or alone this night. Embrace with your tender care all who wander or have no place to lay their head, that they may experience the hope of this holy night.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Let us pray for all who are anxious, depressed, or ill. Draw near to those who find this season a source of pain or grief, and to all who are suffering or sick, especially those we mention now, either silently or aloud, that they may feel the comfort of this holy night.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Let us pray for parents, families, and newborn infants. Strengthen families in the bonds of love and commitment, that they may delight in the joy of this holy night.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Let us pray for ourselves and for the blessings of Christmas. Open our hearts to your presence, that we may be transformed by the new birth of this holy night.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Let us give thanks for all the faithful departed who have been bearers of the Word made flesh. Give us grace to follow your holy ones in lives of faith and commitment, that we may join with the hosts of heaven in singing the praises of this holy night.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor O God, grant us all these things for the sake of him who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

Presider O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

* The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.
Welcome and Announcements

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 Anthem: “In dulci jubilo”

In dulci jubilo (In sweetest jubilation)
Let us our homage show
Our heart’s joy reclineth
In praesepio (In a manger)
And like a bright star shineth
Matris in gremio (in mother’s lap)
Alpha es et O! (You are Alpha and Omega!)

O Jesu parvule! (O infant Jesus)
I yearn for thee alway
Listen I beseech thee,
O Puer optime! (O best of boys!)
My prayer let it reach thee,
O princeps gloriae! (O Prince of glory!)
Trahe me post te! (Draw me after you!)

O Patris caritas, (O love of the Father)
O Nati lenitas! (O mercy of the Son!)
Deeply were we stained
Per nostra crimina; (Through our sins)
But thou hast for us gained
Coelorum gaudia. (The joys of heaven)
O that we were there!

Ubi sunt gaudia, (Where are the joys)
If that they be not there?
There are angels singing
Nova cantina (New songs)
There the bells are ringing
In Regis curia: (In the king’s courts)
O that we were there!

—text: English translation from German by R.L. Pearsall
* Offertory Hymn: 105 “God rest you merry, gentlemen”

1. God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;
2. From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came;
3. “Fear not, then,” said the angel, “Let nothing you affright;
4. Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,

remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
and with true love and charity each other now embrace;

to save us all from Satan’s power when we were gone astray,
how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.

to free all those who trust in him from Satan’s power and might.”
this holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace.

Refrain

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!


* The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant

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 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:
S125: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus


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 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.
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*

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.


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.

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.
COMMUNION HYMN: 79 “O little town of Bethlehem”

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.

2. For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
   While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wonder's love.
   O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
   And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

3. How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
   So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
   Where charity stands watchings and faith holds wide the door,
   Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

4. Where children pure and happy pray to the blessed Child,
   Where misery cries out to thee, Son of the mother mild;
   Where charity stands watchings and faith holds wide the door,
   The dark night wakes, the glory breaks, and Christmas comes once more.

5. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
   Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
   We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
   O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!
Communion Hymn: 115 “What child is this”


1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
2 Why lies he in such mean estate where
3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with
ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear:
peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an-thems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
singers here the silent Word is pleading,
variation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds

guard and angels sing; haste, haste to

bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Communion Hymn: 112 “In the bleak midwinter”


1 In the bleak midwinter, 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 midwinter a stable place sufficed;
in the bleak midwinter, long ago,
the Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.

2 Our God, heaven can-not hold him, nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
but his mother only, in her maiden bliss,
worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

3 Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what can I give him, poor as I am?
give my heart.

4 What can I give him, poor as I am?
**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.

**Candle Lighting**

Please pass the flame to your neighbor.

**Anthem: “Sleeps Judea Fair”**

Sleeps Judea fair,
Bides the Christ Child there:
Shepherds, haste ye! flocks forsaking,
swift your way to Him be taking,
Babe, of Israel’s prayer.

Christ from God is come,
Choosing earthly home:
Royal pomp and splendor never,
But with love which naught can sever,
He will heal the dumb;
Christ from God is come.

Lowly bend the knee,
Thou from sin set free:
Let the Christ Child, meekly smiling,
Infantwise all woe beguiling,
Grant His grace to thee!

—text: Hugh A. MacKinnon

**Blessing of a Crèche**

Presider: The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

People: And we beheld his glory.

Presider: Let us pray.

O God our Creator, to restore our fallen race you spoke the effectual word, and the Eternal Word
became flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary: 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.
Hymn: 111 “Silent night, holy night”


Please extinguish your candle. Following the service, place your candle in one of the baskets near the exits.

* Christmas Blessing

Presider

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. Amen.

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior’s birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. Amen.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.
* DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people.

People Thanks be to God.

* SENDING HYMN: 87 “Hark! the herald angels sing”

1 Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!
2 Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
3 Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
late in time behold him come, off spring of the Virgin’s womb.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth,

Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity.
Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!
hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

*Voluntary: “Carillon de Westminster,” op. 54 no. 6

Louis Vierne
Serving Today

Presider: The Rev. Canon Ryan Wiksell
Preacher: The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Deacon: The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Musicians: The Trinity Choir, Steve Burk, Dr. Paul Meier
Lector: Bob Johnson
Intercessor: Jonathan Sternberg
Eucharistic Ministers: Bob Johnson, George Helmkamp
Altar Guild: Claudia Risebig, Carol Whitehead
Verger: Glen Wesner
Acolytes: Patrick Bennett, Harrison Mattson, Charles Shipley, Robin Rusconi, Curtis Hamilton
Ushers: Denny Brisley, Richard Fanolio, John Braum, Gary Brandt
Livestreaming: Chris Morrison, Christine Morrison

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

Thanksgivings and Memorials for Flowers and Greens

- in thanksgiving for our family by Janet & Ric Sweeting
- in thanksgiving for my family and in loving memory of Lucy Ann Richards by John Richards
- in thanksgiving for our children Siras and Mary Mullis by Beth and Andy Keyse
- in memory of Edwin & Virginia Lee Fuhrman by Sharon Hudson
- in memory of John M. Brown, Gretchen S. Sleight, Bevier M. Sleight, William P. Sleight by Peg Brown
- in memory of Barbara J. Bucker by Robert Bucker
- in memory of Warren Massey, Charles Bergstrom, Leona Schaefer, Nelson McGee by
- in thanksgiving for life by Sally Livengood
- in thanksgiving for my husband, children and grandchildren by Paget Higgins
- in memory of Newt Lewis, Anne & Clarence Hansen by Gordon Hansen
- in thanksgiving for the Cathedral Staff: Julie, Ryan, Barbara, Paul, Janet, Angie, Melissa, Mike, Bianca, Brian, Farzana, Brittany, Clare, and Joan by Dean Andy
- in thanksgiving for Maddie and Jack Molise, our grandchildren by John & Ellen Goheen
- in memory of Beverly Bilotta by Larry Bilotta
- in memory of John Sumpter, Ben & Georgia Capshaw by Donna Sumpter
- in memory of Marilyn McMullen by Larry McMullen
- in memory of Josephine & Ira Morgan by Dr. Dennis Morgan
- in memory of Ron McLeroy by Carolyn McLeroy
- in thanksgiving for our grandchildren Ryan & Brooke by John & Denise Nelson
- by Tara & Bob Bennett
- in thanksgiving for our family by The Ryder
- by Elizabeth Miller
- in memory of Reginald & Fleeda Franklin by Muriel, Regina, Lynette, Brent & Melanie
- by Eric Elisabeth & Julie Brogno
- in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren by Michael & Cathy Thomas
- in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Keyse, Mr. and Mrs. Siras A. Stocks, Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Grauer, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Johnson, Dr. S. Allan Stocks by Beth and Andy Keyse
- in memory of Calvin Hillhouse by Brent A. Barr
- in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren by Anne & Richard Morse
Pray for: Diana Kilman; Mary Duerksen Sklar; Randy Mueller; Tony Buffa; Linda Aguilar; Ian Mattson; Troy, Aiden, and William; Kiah & Johnathan McDaniel; Thaddeus Withers; Johnathan; Marie Kissenger; Joseph York; Doris Biellier; Joanne Repass Jones; Pat Miller; Pat & Larry Martin; Joe Finnie; Tracy Johnson; Elvin Bush; Kemarr Diamond; Peggy Morgan; Jan Frizzle; Jim Nash; 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; Dan Chase; James Hyatt; Joslyn Dawson; Craig Hager; John Miller; Missy; Jim Royer; Dennis & Kathy Meehan; Jean Rau; Emily, Leo & Henry; Joyce Denton; Willard Welch; the people of Ukraine; Andrew Rowland; all families affected by gun violence; 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

Children’s Prayers: Prayers for my brother; Prayers 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.

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.

Forward Day by Day is a booklet of daily inspirational meditations reflecting on a specific Bible passage, chosen from the daily lectionary readings as listed in the Revised Common Lectionary or the Daily Office from the Episcopal Church’s Book of Common Prayer.

Copies of this quarter’s Forward Day by Day are available in the tower entrance.

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.
Adults

Sunday

Adult Formation • 9:15 a.m.
A new class will begin Sunday, January 8. Watch for more details coming soon.

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.
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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 25
Michael John
Dennis Meehan
Arthur Mullies

December 26
John Hornbeck
Chuck & Marsy Gordon

December 27
Doug & Terri Curran

December 28
Dennis Morgan

December 29
Patrick Franken
Jan Frizzle
Charlotte & Frank Colburn

December 30
Nora Elisabeth
James McCaffree
Bob & Tara Bennett
Caroline & Prekumar John

December 31
Stephen Davis
Phyllis Shaffer

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

Youth, College & YA

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

Children

Christmas/New Year's Schedule

• The nursery will be available during the 5 p.m. Christmas Eve service.
• We will not have the nursery or children’s activities on Christmas Day.
• We will not have the nursery or Children’s Formation on New Year’s Day, but we will have Cathedral Kids at 10:30 a.m.

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.
Diaper Drive for HappyBottoms
January
Outreach is collecting diapers during the month of January. These diapers are donated to HappyBottoms, the local diaper bank of Kansas City that gives out diapers to 60 area social service agency sites. You may leave donated diapers (even open packs) in the blue barrel in the cross hall.

Ordination of Brittany Renee Sparrow Savage to the Sacred Order of Deacons
Saturday, January 7 • 2 p.m.
God willing and the people consenting, Brittany Renee Sparrow Savage, David Sidney Wilcox, II, Jon Ryan Williams and Ryan Anthony Zavacky will be ordained into the Sacred Order of Deacons. You are invited to join them at the Cathedral or watch live online at spirit.diowestmo.org/live.

Martin Luther King Jr. Service
Saturday, January 14 • 4 p.m.
There will be a Diocesan service in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Please join us!

Choral Evensong
Sunday, January 15 • 5 p.m.
A service of Choral Evensong will be offered by the Trinity Choir. This contemplative service lasts about 45 minutes and includes hymns, scripture readings, prayers, chanted Psalms, canticles and a choir anthem.

National Day of Racial Healing
Tuesday, January 17 • 9 a.m.–noon
January 17, 2023, marks the seventh annual National Day of Racial Healing. On this day, individuals, organizations and communities across the U.S. come together to explore their common humanity and build the relationships necessary to create a more just and equitable world. The Cathedral will be open from 9 a.m. to noon with Bishop Diane in attendance. Feel free to stop by for a quiet moment of prayer and meditation.

Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 29 • 10:30 a.m. (only service) with meeting to follow
The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 29, 2023. One service only at 10:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. A special meeting of the Vestry will follow the Annual Meeting to elect officers and schedule the Vestry retreat.