

# GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

## The Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023  
10:30 a.m.



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# HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY: *Herr Christ, der einig Gott's Sohn*  
*Gottes Sohn ist kommen*

Johann Gottfried Walther

## The Word of God

\* OPENING HYMN: 76 "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry"

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

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# The Word of God

## \* OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## \* S86 Kyrie eleison

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e  
e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e -  
le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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## \* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

Lector            Comfort, O comfort my people,  
                              says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
                              and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
                              that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
                              double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
                              make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be lifted up,  
                              and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
                              and the rough places a plain.  
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
                              and all people shall see it together,  
                              for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!”

                              And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All people are grass,  
                              their constancy is like the flower of the field.  
The grass withers, the flower fades,  
                              when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;  
                              surely the people are grass.  
The grass withers, the flower fades;  
                              but the word of our God will stand for ever.  
Get you up to a high mountain,  
                              O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
                              O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
                              lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
                              “Here is your God!”  
See, the Lord God comes with might,  
                              and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him,  
                              and his recompense before him.  
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
                              he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
                              and gently lead the mother sheep.

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

**Thanks be to God.**

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, \*  
    you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.  
You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
    and blotted out all their sins.  
I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
    for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.  
Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
    that his glory may dwell in our land.  
Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
    righteousness and peace have kissed each other.  
Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
    and righteousness shall look down from heaven.  
The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
    and our land will yield its increase.  
Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
    and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

### Second Lesson: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

**Lector** Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

The Word of the Lord

**People** Thanks be to God.

\* GOSPEL HYMN: 67 "Comfort, comfort ye my people"

1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er

saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry

ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
 let the val - leys rise to meet him  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken

and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
 and the hills bow down to greet him.  
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

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\* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
 who will prepare your way;  
 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
 ‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
 make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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.

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; and for those in our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, especially St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Ozark, and the Finance Committee & Diocesan Treasurer;

**People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Intercessor For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Diane, our Bishop; Andy, our Dean; James, our Associate; Barbara, our Deacon, the Search Committee for the election of a new Bishop, and for all the clergy and people;

**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

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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.

## The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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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: "Watchman, tell us of the night"

Alan Hovhaness

Watchman, tell us of the night,  
what its signs of promise are.  
Traveler, o'er yon mountain's height:  
see that glory-beaming star.

Watchman, will its beams alone  
gild the spot that gave them birth?  
Traveler, ages are its own;  
see, it bursts o'er all the earth.

Watchman, does its beauteous ray  
Aught of joy or hope foretell?  
Traveler, yes; it brings the day,  
promised day of Israel.

Watchman, tell us of the night,  
for the morning seems to dawn.  
Traveler, darkness takes its flight;  
doubt and terror are withdrawn.

Watchman, tell us of the night;  
higher yet that star ascends.  
Traveler, blessedness and light,  
peace and truth its course portends.

Watchman, let thy wand' rings cease;  
hie thee to thy quiet home.  
Traveler, lo! The Prince of Peace,  
Lo, the Son of God is come!

Text by John Bowring

\* PRESENTATION HYMN: 54 "Savior of the nations, come!"

1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's  
 2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the  
 3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing  
 4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er

Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both  
 Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and  
 his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and  
 sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
 Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
 hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.  
 king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

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\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer B

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* 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:

All S124: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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.**

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

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

\* BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

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*All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.*

*For intinction of wafers, come to the main altar rail. To receive from the common cup, come to the chapel rail.*

*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.

— From *The Prayer Book for the Armed Services*

COMMUNION HYMN: 75 "There's a voice in the wilderness crying"

1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a  
 2 O \_\_\_\_\_ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee  
 3 but the word of our God \_\_\_\_\_ en - du - reth, the \_\_\_\_\_

call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst \_\_\_\_\_ of

high - way, a high - way for our God! The \_\_\_\_\_  
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the  
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall

val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
 flowers of the field they \_\_\_\_\_ per - ish, like  
 feed his \_\_\_\_\_ flock like a shep - herd, the

lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of  
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll

pla - ces where the Lord our \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_ may go!  
 na - tions shall \_\_\_\_\_ pass like a dream \_\_\_\_\_ a - way;  
 lead them, and \_\_\_\_\_ bring them \_\_\_\_\_ safe to his fold.

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\* 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.

\* THE BLESSING

\* DISMISSAL

*Following the dismissal,*

People            Thanks be to God.

\* CLOSING HYMN: 65 "Prepare the way, O Zion"



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

*Refrain*



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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VOLUNTARY: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 661

Johann Sebastian Bach

## Serving Today

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Presider	The Rev. W. James Yazell
Preacher	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Assisting	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Musicians	The Trinity Choir; Dr. Paul Meier; Dr. Lucas Fletcher
Lector	Anne Morse
Intercessor	Mark Galus
Eucharistic Ministers	Janet Sweeting, Ric Sweeting
Acolytes	Margo Galus, Nora Elisabeth, Ron Michka
Ushers	Bob Bennett, Beth Keyse, Richard Morse, David Barker
Greeters	Gary Bressman, Sandy Bressman
Altar Guild	Paula Livingston-Lewis, Kay Woolley, Sara Copeland, Candy McDowell
Sound/Livestream	Leticia Porter, Curtis Hamilton
Cathedral Kids	Bethany Zaiger, Dani Valencia Mortensen
Holy Hands Hospitality	Tara Bennett, David Kraemer, Colin Chambers, Pat Decker, Maryvec Hemingway

# Cathedral Prayer List

**Pray for:** Diego Garcia; Terry Van Gorp; Joyce Morrow; Sammy Sutton; Tammy Harvin; Betty Loy; Margaret Brogdon; Phyllis & James Shaffer; Tom Noack Jr.; Larry & Pat Martin; Jeri Gore; Charles W Riley; Cooper Polakowski; Patti Ryder; June McDonald; Tanner Danley; Gio Sosa and Family; Brent & Ellen Spake; Kim & Nick Smith; Randal Loy; Susan Peach; Dan Welch & Willard Welch; Nelda Leon; Mark McDowell; Linda E.; Cynthia Dietrich; Charlotte Colburn; Pat Miller; Fred. W; Mike Barzee & Family; Bob Myhren; Donna Carril; Diego Garcia; Brend E.; Jonathon Gonzalez; Sally Chapple; Diane and Dave Barker; David Myers; Pete Fortner; Doyle White; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; Jim Royer; Bonita White; Gloria Stocks; First Responders

**Comfort and Peace:** the Crum family; the Gaggens family; Marsy Gordon and family; Ayrc and family; the Brown family; the Quamme family; Diane Liming Weyland & family; the Web family; the Frizzle family; Melissa Kilpatrick and family; all families affected by gun violence

**Children & Youth Prayers:** For young people and adults to have better mental health access. For less suicides to happen. For reconciliation in the middle east and better understanding of each other. For less pollution in the world. For more acceptance of people who are not like yourself. For stronger reading skills, the patience in developing them, and the resources to gain stronger skills. For the families of the world who are navigating challenging times.

**Pray for the Departed:** Perry Gethner; Lou Harwell; Zan Crum; Sara Gaggens; Wanda Knetter; Linda; Janet Brown; Gary Quamme; Joyce Liming; Don Webb; Jan Frizzle; Brad Kilpatrick; for all who have died from gun violence ; for all those lost in war

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Ozark—The Rev. Chandler Jackson, Priest-in-Residence; Finance Committee & Diocesan Treasurer—Mr. Thomas Kokjer

For the complete prayer list: [kccathedral.org/prayers](http://kccathedral.org/prayers)

To place a person on this prayer list, please contact Deacon Barbara Wegener, [bwegener@kccathedral.org](mailto:bwegener@kccathedral.org).

Requests are held in prayer for 90 days.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### December 10

Luca Janky

### December 11

Dani Valencia Mortensen

### December 12

Alex Ratcliff

### December 13

John Morrison  
Christopher Black  
Ty Gardner

### December 15

Bill Brown  
Milt Tootle  
Lindsay Munsell

### December 16

Manni Obiesie

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

## Today's Flowers

are given to the Glory of God and ...

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

Donations of any amount toward the weekly flowers can be given by anyone who wants to acknowledge special events or people in their lives.

See [kccathedral.org/flowers](http://kccathedral.org/flowers) for more information or contact Julie Toma, [jtoma@kccathedral.org](mailto:jtoma@kccathedral.org).



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# Adults

## Sunday

### Be SMART

Today • 9:15 a.m.

Guns are the #1 cause of death for children and youth in our country, and most school shooters gain access to guns at home. Be SMART is an educational safety program for adults focused on keeping guns out of the hands of children, to prevent unintentional shootings, school shootings and youth suicide. Lenette Johnson and Tara Bennett of the Peace and Justice Committee of the Diocese will present Be SMART. Come to learn what you can do to help keep all of our youth and children safe.



### Adult Formation: *All Times Are Your Seasons: The Church Calendar and the Liturgical Year* Next Sunday • 9:15 a.m. • Common Room

The ways we measure time influence how we think, what we value and what we hope for. As we begin a new liturgical year, join us in a conversation about the meaning of the Church's calendar and the spirituality of Christian timekeeping. Discover what the calendar teaches us about deepening our relationship with God and one another through the ways we orient our time.

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://kccathedral.org/adultformation/lbs) for more details.

# Youth & College

Come join us for regular youth programs.

**Youth Formation—9:15 a.m. with light breakfast options**

**Worship—10:30 a.m.**

**Youth Group at 6 p.m. Dinner is provided!**

Questions? Contact Clare, [cstern@kccathedral.org](mailto:cstern@kccathedral.org).

# Children

### Formation Class • 9:15 a.m.

Join us for formation hour and wonder about God with your friends and teachers and hear sacred stories as told with the help of Godly Play resources!

### Cathedral Kids • 10:30 a.m.

Cathedral Kids meets during the first half of the 10:30 a.m. worship service and during this time we weave together our sacred stories and our Episcopal identity with the Weaving God's promises curriculum! Children attending Cathedral Kids will meet their parents or guardians inside the tower doors during the passing of the peace.

Questions? Contact Clare, [childrensformation@kccathedral.org](mailto:childrensformation@kccathedral.org) for more information.

## Upcoming Children & Youth Formation Schedule

### Sunday evening Youth Group

We will take a break from December 17-January 7.

### Sunday, December 24

**MORNING:** No Nursery, Formation or Cathedral Kids will be available

**5 P.M. SERVICE** includes Children's Pick-up Pageant. The Nursery will be open. Bishop Diane presides at this service. After service, you are invited to Haden Hall for a small Christmas party with Hot Chocolate Bar and cookies.

### Sunday, December 31

No Formation (Children or Youth), Cathedral Kids or Nursery.

### Sunday, January 7

No Formation (Children or Youth) or Cathedral Kids but the Nursery will be available.

### Sunday, January 14

Our regular schedule resumes.

# EXPECT THE unexpected

*All things work together for good for those who love God*



You may make your financial commitment by mailing your pledge card to the Cathedral, putting it into the offering or by making your pledge online using the QR code.

Questions about pledging?  
Use the QR code to see our Pledging FAQ.

What do we want for Grace and Holy Trinity in 2024? We want to work together for the good of all and go beyond our expectations for something better. We want to **Expect the Unexpected!** If we ask for what is expected, that's what we'll get; but, when we ask for the unexpected, we'll get so much more.

When you pledge to the work and ministry of the Cathedral, you are putting your faith and trust in all of us to expect the unexpected, so that what we get/give/share/learn is so much more than we could have ever imagined. Thank you for that trust.



## Help feed the hungry!

Volunteers are essential for getting wholesome meals to hungry families. Join us at Pete's Garden (downstairs in Founders' Hall) every day (except Sunday and Tuesday) at 10 or 11 a.m. (depending on the day) to help portion and package donated food. Shifts are two hours long and you can sign up at [petesgarden.org/volunteer](https://petesgarden.org/volunteer). Questions? Contact Jennifer Olson at [volunteer@petesgarden.org](mailto:volunteer@petesgarden.org).

**Thank you for your support!**

FIND YOUR PLACE TO SERVE  
AT GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL



[kccathedral.org/volunteer](https://kccathedral.org/volunteer)

## Holy Hands Hospitality

### Just one more 4th Sunday volunteer needed

We are currently seeking one more volunteer to complete the five-person Holy Hands Hospitality Team that serves the fourth Sunday of each month. To sign up, please contact [volunteers@kccathedral.org](mailto:volunteers@kccathedral.org).

Holy Hands Hospitality Teams are dedicated parishioners who serve on a designated Sunday once per month to provide the food for the morning coffee hours. Each team member may choose to make or buy snacks to share, set them up and help with clean up.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN 2023.

The end of the year is a great time to consider giving toward Cathedral ministries. Donations you wish to include for the current tax year must be submitted by December 31. Gifts received or processed online after December 31 will be included in the following year giving statement.

If you have a question about your pledge or other giving, please contact Cathedral Administrator Julie Toma at [jtoma@kccathedral.org](mailto:jtoma@kccathedral.org) or 816.214.9936.

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, 2023**



# Christmas at the Cathedral

**December 24, Advent 4 • 8 a.m. service only**

**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. The Cathedral's nursery will be open for children under age 4.

**Christmas Eve • 10 p.m.**

Come celebrate the birth of Christ with us at this service with familiar carols and choral music.

**Christmas Day • 10 a.m.**

Greet the Incarnate Lord on Christmas morning with a celebration of Holy Eucharist with carols and choral music.

# Announcements

## Advent Lessons & Carols

Today

5 p.m.

The Cathedral will offer its seventh annual service of Advent Lessons and Carols. This service of Bible readings and music provides an opportunity for spiritual reflection and preparation as we anticipate the joy of Christmas and the hope of Christ's return.



## The City Come Again

Monday, December 11

11:30 a.m.

William Jewell College's gift to the city in words and music, features the college's Concert Choir, conductor Dr. Anthony Maglione, and organist Dr. Ann Marie Rigler. This event is free.



## Packing BackSnack Family Bags

Sunday, December 17

9 a.m.

The Cathedral provides family bags with food for BackSnack children to have during their winter break. The family bags are assembled between services in Haden Hall.



## The William Baker Singers presents Candlelight, Carols & Cathedral

Sunday, December 17

2 p.m.

The William Baker Festival Singers join with Canon Musician Emeritus John Schaefer and guest choir Kansas City, Kansas All-City Children's Chorus to present this annual concert of beloved carols and traditional classics. Tickets may be purchased at the door or via the link on our website, [kccathedral.org/musicevents](http://kccathedral.org/musicevents).



## Call for Vestry Nominations 2023

We will elect four members of the congregation to the Vestry Class of 2027 at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 28, 2024. If you are interested in being nominated or have someone you would like to nominate, please contact Dean Keyse, [akeyse@kccathedral.org](mailto:akeyse@kccathedral.org), or one of the members of the Nominating Committee no later than Monday, January 8, 2024. Nominating Committee members: Blain Lagergren, Matthias Nichols, Michael Thomas. Get more information at [kccathedral.org/vestry](http://kccathedral.org/vestry).

## Christmas Flowers

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. Thank you for your generous gifts in celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ!

- **Give online** using the QR code.
- **Text** "GIVETOGHTC flowers" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.
- **Mail** a check to the Cathedral office.



*To have your name appear in the Christmas bulletins, make your gift by Sunday, December 17. (Gifts received after this date will appear in Epiphany bulletins and the next issue of The Angelus.)*

## Twelfth Night Chili Potluck & Game Night

Friday, January 5

6 p.m.

Bring your favorite pot of chili to celebrate the Twelfth Day of Christmas. We will have games for all ages for this night of fun and fellowship.

