

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023
5 p.m.



GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

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VOLUNTARY: *Nun komm der heiden Heiland*, BWV 659

Johann Sebastian Bach

MATIN RESPONSORY

G.P. Palestrina

I look from afar:
and lo, I see the power of God coming,
and a cloud covering the whole earth.
Go ye out to meet him and say:
Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy
people Israel?
High and low, rich and poor, one with another.

Go ye out to meet him and say:
Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel,
Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,
Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come:
to reign over thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a
cloud covering the whole earth.
Go ye out to meet him and say:
Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy
people Israel?

CAROL "Come, thou redeemer of the earth" *verse 1: choir; verses 2-4: all*



1 Come, thou re - deem - er of the earth, and
2 Be - got - ten of no hu - man will, but
3 From God the Fa - ther he pro - ceeds, to
4 All laud, e - ter - nal Son, to thee Whose



man - i - fest thy vir - gin - birth: let ev - ery age a -
of the Spi - rit, thou art still the word of God, in
God the Fa - ther back he speeds, His course he runs to
ad - vent sets thy peo - ple free, Whom with thy Fa - ther



dor - ing fall; such birth be - fits the God of all.
flesh ar - rayed, the pro - mised fruit to man dis - played.
death and hell, re - turns on God's high throne to dwell.
we a - dore, And Ho - ly Ghost for e - ver - more.

BIDDING PRAYER

Officiant Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by his holy Child; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this city.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself has taught us:

People **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.**

Officiant The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and into the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

LESSON 1: GENESIS 3:1-22 Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

Reader

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

And to the man he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

And the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them.

Then the Lord God said, "See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever."

CAROL: "Adam lay ybounden"

Boris Ord

Adam lay ybounden,
Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter
Thought he not too long.

Ne had the apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Ne had never our lady
Abeen heavené queen.

And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took,
As clerkes finden
Written in their book.

Blessèd be the time
That apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen,
Deo gracias!

—Text: Anonymous, 15th century

LESSON 2: BARUCH 4:36-5:9 The Scribe Baruch urges the people to look East because salvation is at hand.

Reader Look toward the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

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 beautiful 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

LESSON 3: ISAIAH 7:10-15 God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as “God with us.”

Reader 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.

HYMN: 56 “O come, O come, Emmanuel”



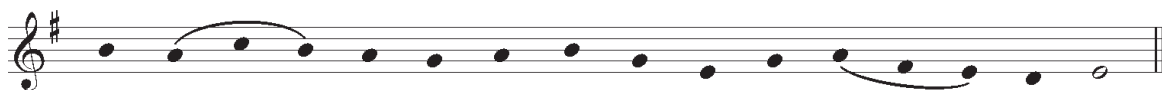
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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LESSON 4: ISAIAH 11:1-9 The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One.

Reader A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
 and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
 the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
 the spirit of counsel and might,
 the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
 or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
 and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
 and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
 and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
 the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
 their young shall lie down together;
 and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
 and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
 on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
 as the waters cover the sea.

HYMN: *Wonder, Love, and Praise* 723 "Isaiah the prophet has written of old"

1. I - sa - iah the pro - phet has writ - ten of old how
2. Yet na - tions still prey on the meek of the world. And

God's earth - ly king - dom shall come. In - stead of the thorn tree the
con - flict turns par - ent from child. Your peo - ple de - spoil all the

fir tree shall grow; the wolf shall lie down with the lamb. The
sweet - ness of earth; the brier and the thorn grow wild. Lord,

moun - tains and hills shall break forth in - to song, the
has - ten to bring in your king - dom on earth, when

peo-ples be led forth in peace. For the earth shall be filled with the
no one shall hurt or de - stroy. When wis - dom and jus - tice shall

knowl - edge of God as the wa - ters co - ver the seas.
reign in the land and your peo - ple shall go forth in joy.

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LESSON 5: ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18 The Lord will be among us; we are summoned to rejoice and sing.

Reader Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
 shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
 O daughter Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,
 he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
 you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
 do not let your hands grow weak.
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
 a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
 he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
 as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
 so that you will not bear reproach for it.

CAROL: "E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come"

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him
Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood
That we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord,
The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come;
Sing holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,
For Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,
For Christ will be their All!

—text: adapted from Revelation 22 by Ruth Manz

LESSON 6: LUKE 1:26–56 The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.

Reader

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

HYMN: 265 "The angel Gabriel from heaven came"

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

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VESPER RESPONSORY

- Officiant Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;
 Choir *Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.*
 Officiant Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.
 Choir *Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.*
 Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
 Choir *Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.*

ANTHEM: "We wait for thy loving kindness, O God"

William McKie

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God: in the midst of thy temple. Alleluia.
 O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end.
 Thy right hand is full of righteousness: Alleluia.
 We wait for thy loving kindness, O God: in the midst of thy temple.
 O Lord send us now prosperity. Amen.

text: Words selected by the Rev. C.M. Armitage, Precentor of Westminster

COLLECT

Officiant 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 BLESSING

CAROL: 57 "Lo! he comes, with clouds descending"

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

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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

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December 10

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Adults

Sunday

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.

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.



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.

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.

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.

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 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.

Announcements

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.

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.



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, 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.

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.)



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.