

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



The Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2023 • 8 a.m.

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

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Service Notes

- Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (*).
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HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, BuxWV 211

Dietrich Buxtehude

The Word of God

* OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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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.

* KYRIE ELEISON

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Presider Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Presider Lord, have mercy.

* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Lector The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
 because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
 to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
 and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
 and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
 to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
 the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
 the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
 they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
 the devastations of many generations.
For I the Lord love justice,
 I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
 and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
 and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
 that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
 my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
 he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
 and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
 and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
 to spring up before all the nations.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
 From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
 He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
 He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
 He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
 He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
 The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Lector Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

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

Deacon There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

* THE NICENE CREED

All We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
 For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God; and for those in our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, especially St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Raytown, and the former Bishops of The Diocese of West Missouri;

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.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION PRAYER

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

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

* OFFERTORY HYMN: 64 "O heavenly Word, eternal Light"



1 O heaven - ly Word, e - ter - nal Light, be - got - ten
2 pour light up - on us from a - bove, and fire our
3 and when, as judge, thou draw - est nigh the se - crets
4 O let us not, for e - vil past, be driv - en
* 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the



1 of the Fa - ther's might, who in these lat - ter days wast
2 hearts with ar - dent love, that, as we hear thy truth to -
3 of our hearts to try, to rec - om - pense each hid - den
4 from thy face at last, but with thy saints for ev - er -
5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry



1 born for bless - ing to a world for - lorn;
2 day, all wrong de - sires may burn a - way;
3 sin and bid the saints their reign be - gin;
4 more be - hold thee, love thee, and a - dore.
5 be from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God 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 **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

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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

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All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

Intinction of wafers and the common cup are both available at the altar rail.

For gluten-free bread, cross your hands palms down.

For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.

* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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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: 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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VOLUNTARY: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

Johann Pachelbel

Serving Today

Presider	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Preacher	The Rev. W. James Yazell
Lector	Jeff Johnson
Eucharistic Minister	Nick Smith
Usher	Deborah Carr, Greg Coffey
Altar Guild	Carol Whitehead, Michelle Ritter
Organists	Dr. Paul Meier



BULLETIN INSERTS

December 17, 2022 – Advent 3 (B)

Third Week of Advent: Journeying with Community

As we continue our Advent walk, we invite you to see the Way of Love as a journey that includes the community. The witness of Zechariah and Elizabeth who bring infant John to the Temple to be circumcised reminds us of the importance of our faith community to sustaining the Way of Love. Just as the community did for John's family, communities provide a place for discernment, sometimes challenging us and other times affirming us. Communities celebrate and mark important moments along the journey. For more Advent resources related to the Way of Love, visit episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove. There, you'll find links to the full Advent curriculum *Journeying the Way of Love*, as well as *Living the Way of Love in Community*, a nine-session curriculum for use anytime.



Sunday, December 17

WORSHIP

Imagine the faces you'd like to see at church — an all-star list of folks you want to worship with. This could be people you know from summer camp when you were a kid, people who might have already died, people you work with — all your favorites. Commit to pray for those folks this week. And make a commitment to ask one of your all-stars to come to church with you in the next month.

Monday, December 18

TURN

Do you have amends or apologies or adjustments you need to make? Ask God to open your heart and mind to those opportunities for reconciliation and growth. Thank God for the gifts of mercy and love, and the courage to make the changes necessary. And then do your best, with God's help, to make those changes.

Tuesday, December 19

LEARN

Read Luke 1:59-80. When Zechariah's speech returns, he praises God. If you lost the power to speak for nine months like Zechariah did, what would be your first word of praise? Share this with your family, friends, and on social media.

Wednesday, December 20

PRAY

Pray along with the Collect for Advent 3, found on page 212 in *The Book of Common Prayer*. How will prayer guide you through the rest of the week? Set aside special

time today to focus your intentions on stirring up peace and spreading joy.

Thursday, December 21

BLESS

We know that angels are God's special messengers to us, and that Gabriel spent intentional time with Mary, helping her to understand her part in God's story. Who has shared an important lesson or their presence with you this week? Thank them today with a call or note.

Friday, December 22

GO

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

Saturday, December 23

REST

Set aside 30 minutes to spend in silence with your best friend today. Sure, it may feel a little weird to be silent on the phone or while sitting next to each other on the couch or across the table. Just give it a try. Make sure to set aside time after your silence to pray for each other and to say thanks for the time of rest.

Sunday, December 24

REST

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

Cathedral Prayer List

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

Comfort and Peace: Nigel Jones & the Willcock family; 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; 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: John Willcock; Perry Gethner; Lou Harwell; Zan Crum; Sara Gaggens; Wanda Knetter; Linda; Janet Brown; Gary Quamme; Joyce Liming; Don Webb; for all who have died from gun violence ; for all those lost in war

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Raytown—The Rev. William Jeffrey Hurst, Priest-in-Charge; Former Bishops of The Diocese of West Missouri

For the complete prayer list: kccathedral.org/prayers

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

Requests are held in prayer for 90 days.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 17

Chris Morrison
Davina & Troy Reed

December 20

Julie Toma

December 21

Gina Jones
Keith & Linda Oliver

December 22

Tony Carrillo
Sharon Hudson

December 23

Miles Lewandowski
George Nodler
Lenette & Steve Johnson

Today's Flowers

are given to the Glory of God and ...

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 for more information or contact Julie Toma, jtoma@kccathedral.org.



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

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Adults

Sunday

Adult Formation: All Times Are Your Seasons: The Church Calendar and the Liturgical Year
Sunday, December 17 • 9:15 a.m. • Common Room

No Sunday formation 12/24, 12/31 or 1/7. Resumes 1/14.

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.

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.

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 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

**FREE
STORE**

Saturday, January 13

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. (or until supplies last)
St. James Church, 56th & Paseo, Kansas City, MO



Hot Lunch

Sandwiches and Soup, Salad, Fruit and Dessert. Enjoy a meal or a light refreshment while waiting to shop.

Winter Wear

All NEW coats, boots, and hats for adults and children. Children MUST be present to receive children's items.

Hygiene Kits & Gas Gift Cards Available while supplies last.

Find out more at standrewkc.org/free-store - St. Andrew's Episcopal Church



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. Questions? Contact Jennifer Olson at volunteer@petesgarden.org.

Thank you for your support!

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.



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

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



Today
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.

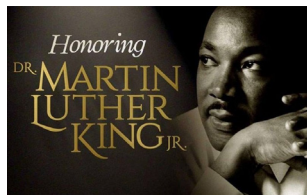
Twelfth Night Chili Potluck & Game Night



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. Sign up at signupgenius.com/go/20FoC4AA8A82EAoF85-46863199-twelfth#.

Marting Luther King Jr. Service



Saturday, January 13
4 p.m.

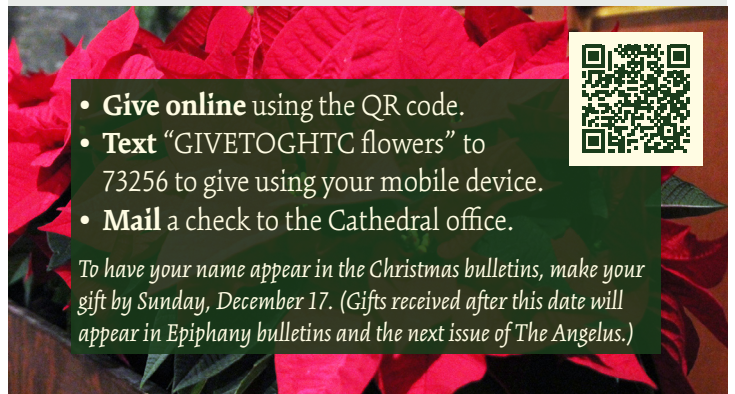
You are invited to join us in person or online in a celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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.)

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AT GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL



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OFFICE SCHEDULE

The Cathedral office will be closed 12/22, 12/25, 12/26, 12/29 and 1/1. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time,

contact Dean Andy at 256.762.5889, Father James at 816.739.2930 or Deacon Barbara at 816.739.8032.