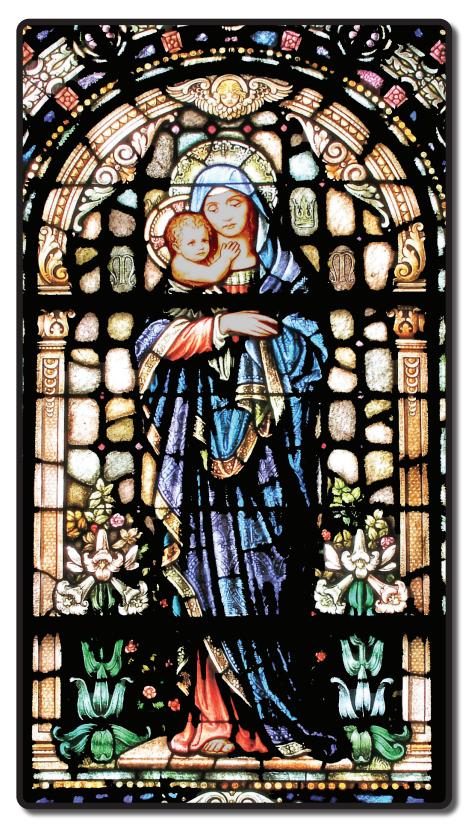
GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



The Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2023 • 5 p.m.

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

- If you are a visitor or new attendee, we invite you to fill out a welcome card, found in your pew, and place it in the offering plate or complete the form online. Use this QR code to access the form.
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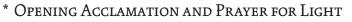
Service Notes

- Page numbers listed are from The Book of Common Prayer.
- Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (*).
- Donations may be placed in the offering, made through the Cathedral website: kccathedral.org, by scanning the QR code to the right or by texting "GIVEtoGHTC" to 73256. Thank you for your generosity.

Holy Eucharist

VOLUNTARY: Gottes Sohn ist kommen

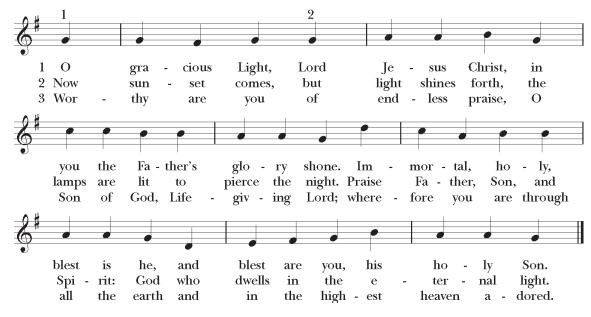
The Order for Evening





The presider adds a prayer for light.

* O GRACIOUS LIGHT Phos hilaron: 25



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Georg Friedrich Kauffmann



The Word of God

* Collect of the Day

Presider	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Presider	Let us pray.
1101401	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	n: 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 raise up the former devastations; they shall raise 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.

Canticle 15



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Cantor	My coul produing the greatness of the Lord my crisit rejeices in Cod my Carrier
Califor	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.
All	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 lift ed 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.

* ALLELUIA VERSE Cantor; then People



The Spirit of the Lord is up \checkmark on me. He has anointed me to preach good tidings / to the poor.

All repeat the three alleluias.

* 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.
Sermon	
* The Nicene Cr	EED page 358
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

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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 Matthew's Episcopal Church, Raytown, and the former Bishops of The Diocese of West Missouri;	St.
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 i	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 i	add their own thanksgivings silently or aloud.
Intercessor	We will eval type O Cod our King.
	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 Best leaves	
I ne People may i	add their own petitions silently or aloud.
Intercessor	Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;
People	Who put their trust in you.
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Intercessor	We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
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Silence

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

PresiderThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd 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.

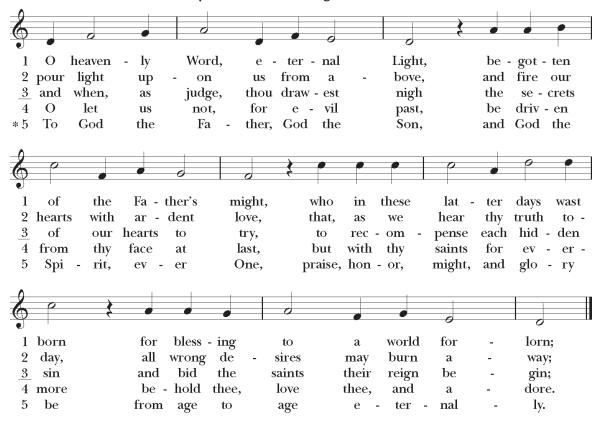
The Holy Communion

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

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* Offertory Hymn: 64 "O heavenly Word, eternal Light"



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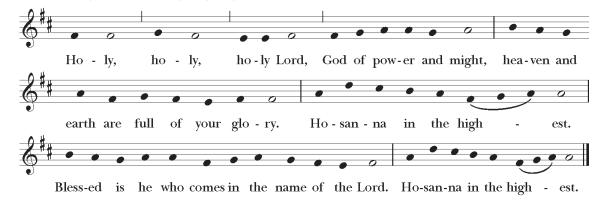
* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer B



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:



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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 sing,



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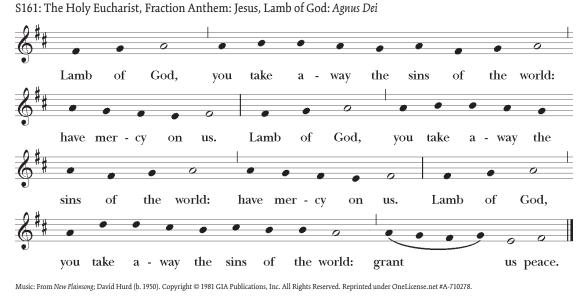
Breaking of the Bread

Presider

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



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

Communion

All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. Intinction of wafers is offered, if desired. For gluten-free bread, cross your hands palms down. For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.

* Postcommunion Prayer

Presider	Let us pray.
People	Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

DISMISSAL Following the dismissal,

People Thanks be to God.

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* Closing Hymn: 72 "Hark! The glad sound! "



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VOLUNTARY: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BuxWV 660

Johann Sebastian Bach

Serving Today
The Rev. W. James Yazell
Clare Stern-Burbano
Janel Mosley
Janel Mosley
Dr. Lucas Fletcher
Katie Crawford

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; Ayrk 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.



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 Donations of any amount toward the weekly flowers can be given by anyone who wants to

Today's Flowers

are given to the Glory of God and ...

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acknowledge special events or

people in their lives.



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Saturday, January 13

II 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.

FREE

STORE

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.



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**.

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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.



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/20F0C4AA8A82EA0F85-46863199-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.

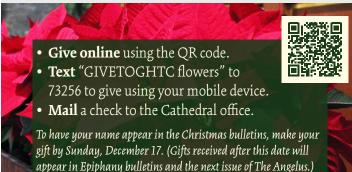


Call for Vestry Nominations 2023

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!







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

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,