

# GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 24, 2023 • 8 a.m.

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# HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY: *Ave maris stella*  
Fugue à 4

Nicolas de Grigny

## 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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### First Lesson: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Lector            When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

The Word of the Lord.

People            Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 *read by alternating half verse*

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Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; \*

**from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.**

For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; \*

**you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; \*

**I have sworn an oath to David my servant:**

'I will establish your line for ever, \*

**and preserve your throne for all generations."**

You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: \*

**"I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the people.**

I have found David my servant; \*

**with my holy oil have I anointed him.**

My hand will hold him fast \*

**and my arm will make him strong.**

No enemy shall deceive him, \*

**nor any wicked man bring him down.**

I will crush his foes before him \*

**and strike down those who hate him.**

My faithfulness and love shall be with him, \*

**and he shall be victorious through my Name.**

I shall make his dominion extend \*

**from the Great Sea to the River.**

He will say to me, 'You are my Father, \*

**my God, and the rock of my salvation."**

## Second Lesson: Romans 16:25-27

Lector Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

## \* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

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

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

Deacon 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

## \* THE NICENE CREED

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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;
<b>People</b>	<b>For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.</b>
Intercessor	For this community, the nation, and the world;
<b>People</b>	<b>For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.</b>
Intercessor	For the just and proper use of your creation;
<b>People</b>	<b>For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.</b>
Intercessor	For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
<b>People</b>	<b>For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.</b>
Intercessor	For the peace and unity of the Church of God; and for those in our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, especially St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Savannah, and the Episcopal Cursillo Ministry;
<b>People</b>	<b>For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.</b>
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;
<b>People</b>	<b>For all who serve God in the Church.</b>
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;
<b>People</b>	<b>For your mercy is great.</b>

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 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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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: 66 "Come, thou long-expected Jesus"



1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;



from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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VOLUNTARY: *Ave maris stella*

En taille à 5

Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux

Nicolas de Grigny

## Serving Today

Presider	The Rev. W. James Yazell
Preacher	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Deacon	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Lector	Joan Bergstrom
Eucharistic Minister	Nick Smith
Usher	Kim Smith
Altar Guild	Candy McDowell
Livestreaming	Julie Toma
Organists	Dr. Paul Meier



## BULLETIN INSERTS

### **December 24, 2023 – Advent 4 (B) The Presiding Bishop's Christmas Message**

Hello to my family of faith in The Episcopal Church, and to all of our ecumenical and interfaith friends, and to all people of love and goodwill. I want to first thank you all for your prayers and well wishes this year as I have weathered some health issues. Please know that I'm doing well, following the doctor's orders.

I'm also ever more aware of the power of the messages of Advent to watch, to wait, and to listen to the pregnant voice of silence, as one version of the Bible says. And out of that watching, waiting, and listening, following the way of Jesus of Nazareth and his way of love, the Spirit of God being our helper.

So please allow me to offer a reading from the Gospel according to Luke. You know it well. The deep truth embedded in it, simple story of the birth of a baby. That deep truth has long given me strength for these 70 years, strength that I often did not have on my own. For some, it may seem fanciful, but in its own way, it points to what the Bible calls hope beyond hope. It reads:

While Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to deliver her child. She gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger because there was no place for them in the guest room. Now in that same region, there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people: To you is born this day in the city of David, a savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: You will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

The message of the angel is as scandalous and striking now as it was then. For in it is embedded God's message in the death and resurrection of Jesus: to trust and believe in the invincibility of the good in spite of the titanic reality of evil, because God is good all the time. To trust and believe in the enduring power of love, of truth, of the good, and of justice when the reality of the opposite seems so prodigious.

To trust and believe in the enduring power of love, justice, kindness, and compassion, all because God is love and the author of all that is true, noble, and just. "Do not be afraid," the Scripture says, "for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: To you is born this day in the city of David, a savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: You will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

Lord, we pray, give us this sign anew. Give us the lowly, the tired, those of high estate and low, and those of no estate. Church folk, those who haven't stepped through the red doors for years or ever, give us all a sign. Give us the working, the watching, the weeping. Give us that sign anew; as you did in the first century, so now in the 21st. Give us the expected, the faithful, the passionate, the undeserving; give us a sign.

"The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people: To you is born this day in the city of David, a savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.'"

On behalf of the entire Episcopal Church, we wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a joyous new year. God love you. God bless you. May God hold us all in those almighty hands of love. Merry Christmas.

**The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate, The Episcopal Church**

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# Cathedral Prayer List

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

**Comfort and Peace:** Jane Van Gorp & Family; 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:** Linda England; Miss Kitty Robker; Terry Van Gorp; John Willcock; Perry Gethner; Lou Harwell; Zan Crum; Sara Gaggens; Wanda Knetter; Linda; Janet Brown; Gary Quamme; Richard Berkley; Joyce Liming; Don Webb; for all who have died from gun violence; for all those lost in war

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Savannah—Mr. Greg Hall, Bishop's Warden; Episcopal Cursillo Ministry

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 25

Michael John  
Dennis Meehan  
Arthur Mullies

### December 26

John Hornbeck  
Chuck & Marsy Gordon

### December 27

Doug & Terri Curran

### December 28

Dennis Morgan

### December 29

Patrick Franken  
Charlotte & Frank Colburn

### December 30

Nora Elisabeth  
James McCaffree  
Bob & Tara Bennett  
Caroline & Premkumar John

## Today's Flowers

are given to the Glory of God and ...

- in memory of John Brown—Peg Brown

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

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# Adults

## Sunday

### Adult Formation: *Baptism, Bible, Eucharist & Prayer*

Sundays, January 7–28 • 9:15 a.m. • Common Room

*No Sunday formation today or 12/31. Resumes 1/7.*

There is an incredible variety of thought and practice among the various Christian traditions. But there remain four activities that almost all Christians continue to engage in: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, and Prayer. Join us as we discover together what these activities can tell us about the Christian life, and about the kinds of people we might hope to become in a community that practices them. Each week we'll discuss one of these four Christian activities using Rowan Williams' *Being Christian*.

## 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.

## 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.



# 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.

### Today, 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.

**FREE  
STORE**

**Saturday, January 13**

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

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**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

**Today, 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

## Twelfth Night Chili Potluck & Game Night

Friday, January 5  
6 p.m.

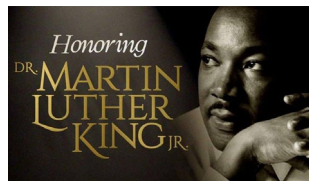
Bring your favorite pot of chili to celebrate the Twelfth Day of Christmas. We will have games for all ages for this night of fun and fellowship. Sign up at [signupgenius.com/go/20FoC4AA8A82EAoF85-46863199-twelfth#](https://signupgenius.com/go/20FoC4AA8A82EAoF85-46863199-twelfth#).



## Martin 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. The Hon. Rev. Emanuel Cleaver II will be preaching.



## National Day of Racial Healing

Tuesday, January 16  
9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Creating a brighter future for everyone starts with racial healing. The Nave will be open for prayer and meditation.



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AT GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL



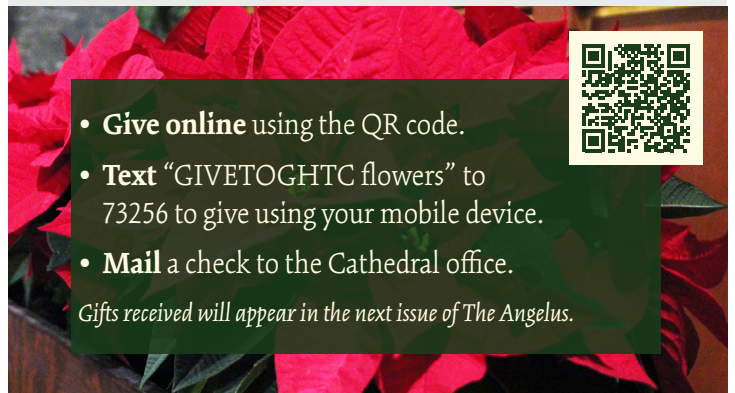
[kccathedral.org/volunteer](https://kccathedral.org/volunteer)

## 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](https://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.

*Gifts received will appear in the next issue of The Angelus.*



## OFFICE SCHEDULE

The Cathedral office will be closed 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.