

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST

10 a.m.

Welcome to Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral!

"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

The celebration of the Nativity of our Lord is such a wonderful time to give thanks for our family and friends. This time of year is so special and sacred, and a time that we, as Christians, hold dear for remembering our salvation through the birth of Jesus. God gave us a great gift on that quiet night in Bethlehem, and we continue to enjoy it as we receive it over and over each year. God's love for us is beyond anything we can imagine, and the best way we can respond to it is to love back. As Christ loves us, we are called to love one another. At this most sacred time of year I wish you peace, happiness, good health and great joy throughout this season and the New Year. May this season be a blessed one for all of you, and may the warmth of Christ's light fill you with all hope.

Dean Amy +

Christmas Offering

Fifty percent of the Christmas offering will be used for local outreach. This year the offering for outreach will be donated to *Shelter KC: A Kansas City Rescue Mission*. Please consider making a generous and sacrificial gift. The remainder of the offering is used for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral.

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Service Notes

- Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (*).
- Children are welcome in all our services and activities for them are available on a shelf in the back aisle. The nursery is not open for this service.
- Restrooms are available in Founders' Hall. A changing station is also available in the restroom at west end (rear) of the Cathedral.
- Page numbers listed are from The Book of Common Prayer.
- The offering plate will be passed during the offertory. Donations may also be made securely [online](https://kccathedral.org), by scanning the QR code to the right or by texting "GIVETOGHTC" to 73256. Thank you for your generosity.



FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY: *In dulci jubilo*, BuxWV 197

Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ, BuxWV 189

Dietrich Buxtehude

The Word of God

* ENTRANCE HYMN: 83 "O come, all ye faithful"

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

* OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Alleluia. Unto us a child is born.

People Unto us a Son is given. Alleluia.

* SONG OF PRAISE: 96 "Angels we have heard on high"

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Isaiah 52:7-10

Lector How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-12

Lector Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,

“You are my Son;
today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be his Father,
and he will be my Son”?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God's angels worship him.”

Of the angels he says,

“He makes his angels winds,
and his servants flames of fire.”

But of the Son he says,

“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom.
You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

And,

“In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like clothing;

like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed.

But you are the same,
and your years will never end.”

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL HYMN: 82 “Of the Father’s love begotten”



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -
2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,
3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that
bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on
and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry



are, that have _____ been, and that fu - ture
world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his
earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in
and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal



years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____

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* THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:1-14

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

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

Gospeller In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

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. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

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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

- Presider Good and gracious God, on this holy day you gave us your Son, the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Savior of all, lying in a manger.
- On this holy day draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host, that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds, that we may find the one for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God forever and ever. **Amen.**
- Intercessor On this holy day in which God joins heaven and earth, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all those in need.
- Let us pray for the Church around the world as it celebrates the birth of Christ. Bless all those who are entrusted with Christian ministry that your Word might be proclaimed with truth and courage across our world. We pray especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Diane our Bishop Provisional; and for all bishops and other ministers.
- Lord in your mercy,
- People Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor Bestow your wisdom on all who govern, that in honoring the earth and its diverse races, cultures, and religions, we may celebrate the light of this holy day.
- Lord in your mercy,
- People Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor Grant reconciliation to those besought with conflict and violence, that they may live in the peace of this holy day. We pray especially for those affected by war or gun violence.
- Lord in your mercy,
- People Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor Let us pray for all who are cold, hungry, or alone this day. Embrace with your tender care all who wander or have no place to lay their head, that they may experience the hope of this holy day.
- Lord in your mercy,
- People Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor Let us pray for all who are anxious, depressed, or ill. Draw near to those who find this season a source of pain or grief, and to all who are suffering or sick, especially those we mention now, either silently or aloud, that they may feel the comfort of this holy day.
- Lord in your mercy,
- People Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor Let us pray for parents, families, and newborn infants. Strengthen families in the bonds of love and commitment, that they may delight in the joy of this holy day.
- Lord in your mercy,
- People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Let us pray for ourselves and for the blessings of Christmas. Open our hearts to your presence, that we may be transformed by the new birth of this holy day.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Let us give thanks for all the faithful departed who have been bearers of the Word made flesh. Give us grace to follow your holy ones in lives of faith and commitment, that we may we join with the hosts of heaven in singing the praises of this holy day.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor O God, grant us all these things for the sake of him who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

Presider O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

* THE PEACE

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Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 ANTHEM: "In the bleak midwinter"

Harold Darke

In the bleak midwinter
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter,
Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him
Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When he comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty
Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim
Worship night and day,
A breastful of milk,
And a manger full of hay;
Enough for him, whom angels
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel
Which adore.

What can I give him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man
I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him:
Give my heart.

—Text: Christina Rossetti

* OFFERTORY HYMN: 107 "Good Christian friends, rejoice"

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say; Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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All We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All AMEN.

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

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

* BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

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

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

COMMUNION

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.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: 84 "Love came down at Christmas"

1 Love came down at Christ-mas, love all love - ly, love di - vine;
2 Wor-ship we the God - head, love in - car - nate, love di - vine;
3 Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and love be mine,

love was born at Christ - mas: star and an - gels gave the sign.
wor - ship we our Je - sus, but where-with for sa - cred sign?
love to God and neigh - bor, love for plea and gift and sign.

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COMMUNION HYMN: 101 "Away in a manger"

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 * 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

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* 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.**

* CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Presider May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Deacon dismisses the people.

People Thanks be to God.

* SENDING HYMN: 87 "Hark! the herald angels sing"

1 Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing glo-ry to the new-born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a-dored; Christ, the ev-er-last-ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo-ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer-cy mild, God and sin-ners rec-on-ciled!
 late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the Vir-gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec-ond birth.

Joy-ful, all ye na-tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate De-i-ty.
 Risen with heal-ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an-gel-ic host pro-claim Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je-sus, our Em-man-u-el!
 hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing glo-ry to the new-born King!

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Serving Today

Presider	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Preacher	The Rev. W. James Yazell
Musicians	Trinity Choir, Dr. Lucas Fletcher, Dr. Paul Meier
Lector	Ken Stewart
Intercessor	Joan Bergstrom
Eucharistic Minister	Charles Shipley
Altar Guild	Peg Brown
Acolyte	Siras Keyse
Ushers	John Braum, Richard Fanolio

Thank you to all the volunteers who help make our Christmas services successful. You are greatly appreciated!



Take home a 2024 calendar today.

The calendar features the liturgical calendar on one side and key Cathedral events on the other side.



Thanksgivings and Memorials for Flowers and Greens



- in memory of John Brown by Peg Brown
- in thanksgiving for my husband, children and grandchildren by Paget Higgins
- in memory of Alice Lindquist, Gertrude Lewandowski, Jeri Bugh and Jesse Hockett by the Lewandowski family
- in thanksgiving for our grandchildren, Maddie and Jack by John & Ellen Goheen
- in memory of Calvia Hillhouse by Brent Barr
- in memory of Shawsie & Coleman Branton by Page & Bruce Reed
- in thanksgiving for our family by Day & Whitney Kerr
- in memory of Don Livengood and William Hawley by Sally Livengood
- in thanksgiving for our children Siras and Mary Mullis by Beth and Andy Keyse
- in memory of Joe Finnie by Jackye and the Finnie family
- in memory of Leona Schaefer by Randal J. Loy
- in thanksgiving for our family by Michael and Cathy Thomas
- by Jan and Terry Duncan
- in thanksgiving for our family by Janet & Ric Sweeting
- in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Keyse, Mr. and Mrs. Siras A. Stocks, Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Grauer, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Johnson, Dr. S. Allan Stocks by Beth and Andy Keyse
- in memory of John and Lillian Knoell, Marie Knoell, Ethyl B Woodley, and Florence and Merritt Royer by Donna Knoell and Jim Royer
- in memory of Sara Gaggens by Ruth Music
- in thanksgiving for my children, Jennifer and John by Joan Bergstrom
- in memory of Joyce Liming, Terry Van Gorp and Charles E. Thomas by Michael and Cathy Thomas
- in memory of my husband, Harley, and mother, Hortense Lambert by Pat Miller
- in memory of Dr. Charles Chapple by Sally Chapple
- in thanksgiving for the Cathedral Staff: Julie, Steve B., James, Melissa, Clare, Holly, Joan, Barbara, Lucas, Paul, Angie, Bianca, Mike, Brian, Jenae, Farzana and RhiAna by Dean Andy

Flower Donations

Donations toward the Christmas or weekly flowers can be given by anyone who wants to acknowledge special events or people in their lives. Gifts are accepted in any amount. You can mail a check to the Cathedral office, put your donation in a flower envelope and place in the offering or make a payment through our online payment site.

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



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**

WEEKLY YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAYS

Youth Formation at 9:15 a.m.
with light breakfast

Worship at 10:30 a.m.

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



QUESTIONS? CONTACT CLARE,
CSTERN@KCCATHEDRAL.ORG.

DAY OF SERVICE AND FUN WITH ST. PAUL'S KCMO

3rd-9th graders may participate

Friday, December 29

8:30- Early Drop-off and Breakfast

9-12- Food Pantry

1:15-2:45 Sky Zone (Shawnee, KS)

3-5 Snacks and Boardgames
(pickup anytime between 3 and 5)

5:30 Late Pick-up

Email Clare to sign up!
cstern@kccathedral.org

CHILDREN'S FORMATION

Children K-5th grade are invited to join us Sundays in Haden Hall.

9:15 a.m. • Formation Class

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!

10:30 a.m. • Cathedral Kids

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.

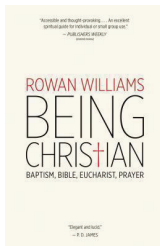
Questions? Contact Clare: childrensformation@kccathedral.org.

Adult Formation

Sundays in January

Baptism, Bible, Eucharist & Prayer 9:15 a.m. • Common Room

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*.



Tuesdays

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.

Coming in January

Get more information about these and other upcoming events at kccathedral.org/upcoming-events



12th 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.

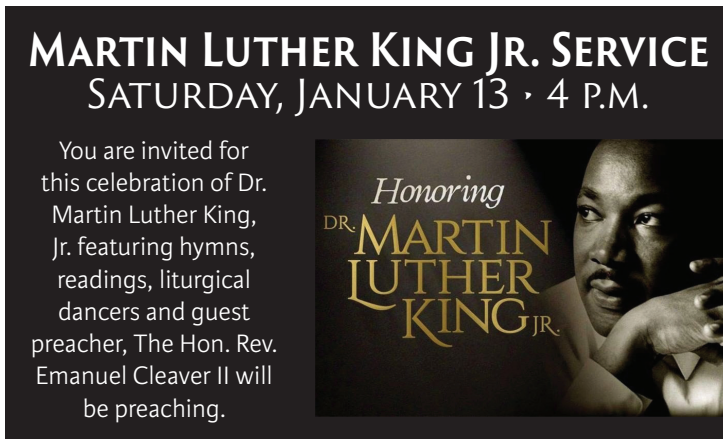
Chili Potluck & Game Night

Sign up here: 



Diaper Drive for HappyBottoms

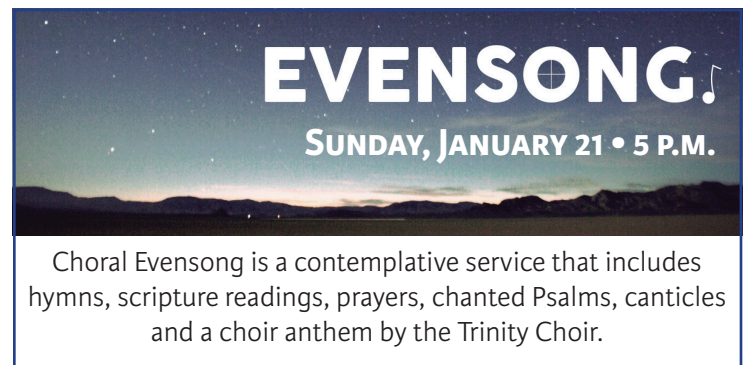
Because of your support, HappyBottoms, the KC metro area's diaper bank, is able to provide thousands of children each month with clean diapers. Since diapers are not covered by safety-net programs, your donations of diaper packages (including already opened packs) help cover the gap and enable families to have at least a few clean diapers on hand every day. During the month of January, please bring your diapers to the blue bin in the Cathedral entryway.



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SERVICE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 13 • 4 P.M.

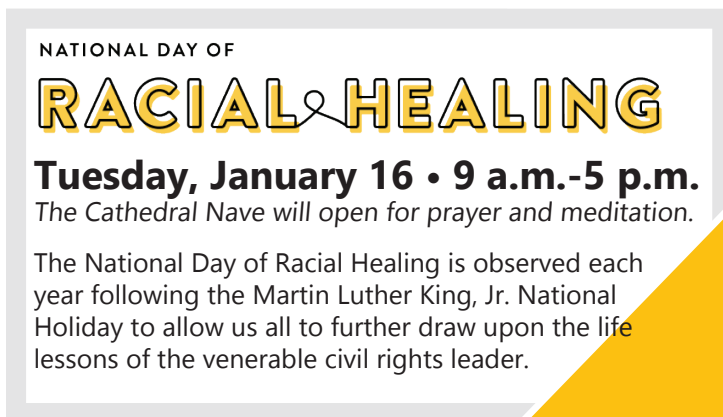
You are invited for this celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. featuring hymns, readings, liturgical dancers and guest preacher, The Hon. Rev. Emanuel Cleaver II will be preaching.

Honoring
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



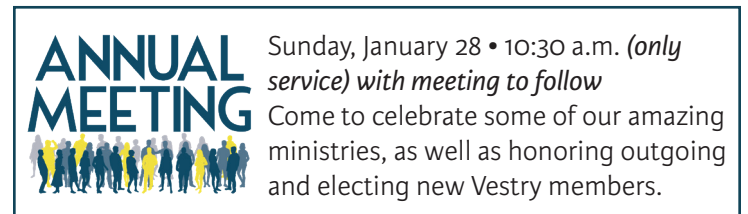
EVENSONG.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 • 5 P.M.

Choral Evensong is a contemplative service that includes hymns, scripture readings, prayers, chanted Psalms, canticles and a choir anthem by the Trinity Choir.



NATIONAL DAY OF
RACIAL HEALING
Tuesday, January 16 • 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
The Cathedral Nave will open for prayer and meditation.

The National Day of Racial Healing is observed each year following the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Holiday to allow us all to further draw upon the life lessons of the venerable civil rights leader.



ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, January 28 • 10:30 a.m. (only service) with meeting to follow
Come to celebrate some of our amazing ministries, as well as honoring outgoing and electing new Vestry members.

Upcoming Children & Youth Formation Schedule

Sunday, December 31

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

Sunday, January 7

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

Sunday, January 14

Our regular schedule resumes.