

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



The First Sunday after Christmas
December 31, 2023 • 8 a.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

- 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: *Das alte Jahr vergangen ist*, BWV 614

Johann Sebastian Bach

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.**

* GLORIA

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All
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Lector 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.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
 and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
 and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
 and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
 that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
 and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

**The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.**

He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.

**He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.**

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.

**The Lord lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.

**He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;**

He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.

**He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.**

He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

**But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.**

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;

**For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.**

He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

**He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.**

He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

**He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?**

He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

**He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**

He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

Second Lesson: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Lector Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:1-18

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. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

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.

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
Christ Episcopal Church, Springfield, and the Human Trafficking Ministry;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Intercessor For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Diane our Bishop Provisional; and for all bishops and other
ministers;

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.**

* 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

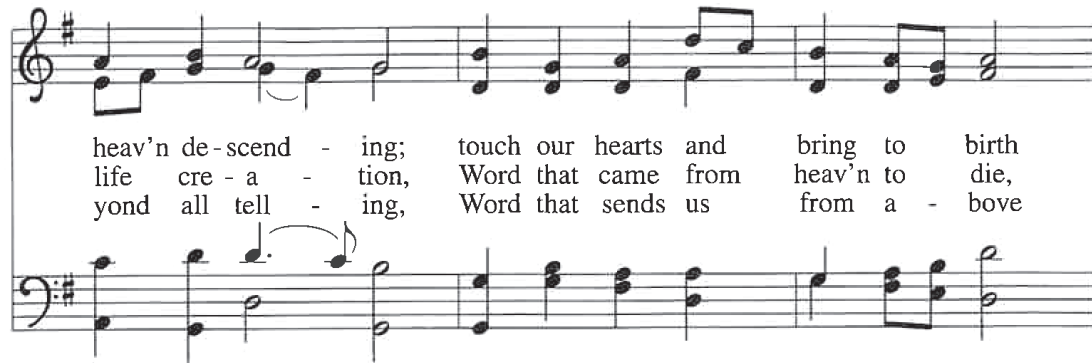
OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

* OFFERTORY HYMN: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* "Word of God, come down to earth"



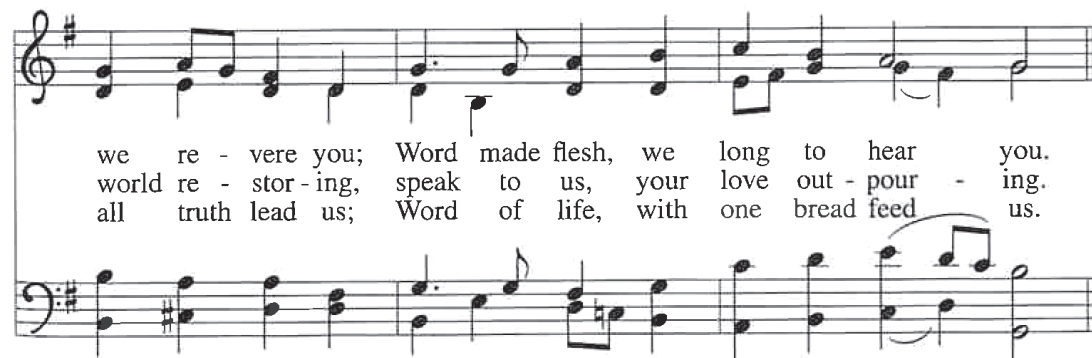
1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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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.

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: 100 "Joy to the world"

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 3 far as the curse is found, far
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

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Serving Today

Presider	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Preacher	The Rev. W. James Yazell
Deacon	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Organist	Dr. Lucas Fletcher
Lector	Chuck Ritter
Eucharistic Minister	Nick Smith
Altar Guild	Vangie Rich
Usher	Kim Smith

Thanksgivings and Memorials for Flowers and Greens



- in memory of Edwin & Virginia Lee Fuhrman by Sharon Hudson
- in memory of Goodwin Oluh by Caroline Oluh
- in memory of our parents and in gratitude for our children and granddaughters by Bill and Valerie Miller
- in thanksgiving for our family; in memory of Ken and Janice Bontrager & Homer & Mary Louise Moore by Steve and Kristy Moore
- in thanksgiving for our family by Christine and Chris Morrison
- in memory of Clarence & Dorothy Mae Risebig by Claudia Risebig
- in thanksgiving for our parents Richard and Sarah Morse & John and Jody Kistner by Richard and Anne Morse
- in memory of Betty Meehan by Dennis and Kathy Meehan
- in memory of Marion and Ann by Ed Matheny
- 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

Cathedral Prayer List

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

Comfort and Peace: the England Family; Jane Van Gorp & Family; 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; 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 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; for all who have died from gun violence ; for all those lost in war

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Christ Episcopal Church, Springfield—*The Rev. Joe Behen, Rector, The Rev. Ryan Williams, Priest;* Human Trafficking Ministry

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 31

Stephen Davis
Phyllis Shaffer

January 1

Mike Bennett
Emily Akins &
Sergio Moreno-Denton

January 2

Day & Whitney Kerr

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

January 4

Nick Bennett
Betsy Chase
Brooklyn Fahnestock
Thomas Taylor

January 6

Jan & Terry Duncan

Weekly Flower Donations

Donations toward the 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.



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Adult Formation

Sunday

No Sunday formation today. Resumes 1/7.

Baptism, Bible, Eucharist & Prayer

Sundays in January • 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*.

Adult Confirmation/Inquirers Class

Sundays, beginning January 21 • 9:15 a.m. • Multipurpose Room

Our first meeting will be Sunday, January 21, at 9:15 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room in Lower Founders' Hall. This will be an informational meeting and a chance to set a regular meeting time that best accommodates everyone's schedule. This class is for any adult seeking confirmation, reaffirmation, reception, or simply wanting to know more about the Episcopal Church. Bishop Diane will be with us to Confirm/Reaffirm/Receive at the Easter Vigil on March 30. If you are interested but not able to join us on January 21, please let Dean Andy know and then plan to join us as soon as you are able. I look forward to seeing you there.

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.

Today, 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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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.

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/2oFoC4AA8A82EAoF85-46863199-twelfth#.



Epiphany House Blessing

Sunday, January 7

As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, consider participating in an ancient tradition known as “Chalking the Door.” Chalk and prayers will be distributed January 7.

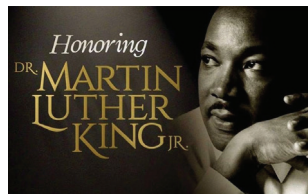


Martin Luther King Jr. Service

Saturday, January 13

3:15 p.m. Meditation | 4 p.m. Service

The Diocese of West Missouri invites you to join us for a celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 13 at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. Representative Emanuel Cleaver



II will be preaching at the service! The event will start at 3:15 p.m. with a Meditation, then the service at 4:00 p.m., followed by a reception. The service will be live-streamed.

If you are planning to join us for the reception, please register below so we can plan accordingly. Registration is NOT required to attend the service. Register at lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/sf8we4x

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.



Diocesan Ordinations

Saturday, January 20

10 a.m.

God willing, Mark Andrew Bowers, Silas Engstrom and Katherine Louise Mansfield will be ordained into the Sacred Order of Deacons at the Cathedral.



Diaper Drive during January

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.



The Cathedral office will be closed tomorrow, New Year's Day. 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.



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.