

# The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025 • 5 p.m.



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GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

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## Service Notes

- Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (\*).
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# ORDER FOR EVENING AND HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY: Chorale Prelude on *Es ist ein Ros'entsprungen*, Op. 122

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

## The Order for Evening

### \* OPENING ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR LIGHT

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*Cantor*  *People* 

Light and peace, in Je - sus Christ our Lord. Thanks be to God.

*The presider adds a prayer for light.*

### \* O GRACIOUS LIGHT *Phos hilaron*: 25

  
1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in  
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the  
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O

  
you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,  
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and  
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through

  
blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.  
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.  
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

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# The Word of God

## \* 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: Isaiah 7:10-16

Lector Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

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Cantor Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like | a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned | upon the cherubim.

All In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma|nasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and | come to help us.

Restore us, O God | of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and | we shall be saved.

O Lord God | of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered despite the | prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread | of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls | of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our | neighbors, \*  
and our enemies | laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God | of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and | we shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon the man of your | right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so | strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away | from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call | upon your Name.

Restore us, O Lord God | of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and | we shall be saved.



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    With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

                  For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People         Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor    For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People         Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor	For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
<b>People</b>	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
Intercessor	For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
<b>People</b>	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
Intercessor	For this city and for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
<b>People</b>	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
Intercessor	For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
<b>People</b>	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
Intercessor	For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. We pray especially for those on the Cathedral's Prayer List, and for those whom we now name silently or aloud.
<b>People</b>	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
Intercessor	For the poor, the immigrants and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
<b>People</b>	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
Intercessor	For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud.
<b>People</b>	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
Intercessor	For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
<b>People</b>	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
Intercessor	That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
<b>People</b>	<b>Lord, have mercy.</b>
Intercessor	In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
<b>People</b>	<b>To thee, O Lord our God.</b>

*Silence.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God,  
 we confess that we have sinned against you  
 in thought, word, and deed,  
 by what we have done,  
 and by what we have left undone.  
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
 have mercy on us and forgive us;  
 that we may delight in your will,  
 and walk in your ways,  
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION PRAYER

All O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

\* OFFERTORY HYMN: 66 "Come, thou long-expected Jesus"

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-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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\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer B

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* It is right to give our 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

S124: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Presider

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All

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

Presider

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

All

**AMEN.**

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

All 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.  
 For gluten-free bread, cross your hands palms down.  
 For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.*

Presider Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God,  
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
 of the most precious Body and Blood  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
 And now, Father, send us out  
 to do the work you have given us to do,  
 to love and serve you  
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

\* THE BLESSING

\* DISMISSAL

*Following the dismissal,*

People Thanks be to God.

\* CLOSING HYMN: 56 "O come, O come, Emmanuel" verses 1, 6-8



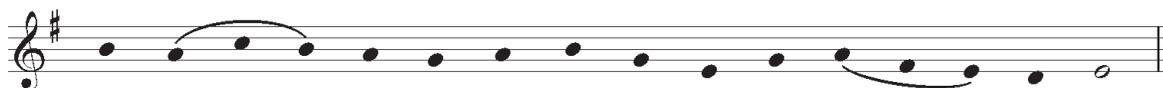
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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## Serving Today

Presider & Preacher The Rev. Canon W. James Yazell  
Cantor Harry Brewster  
Organist Zaheer Popo

## Cathedral Prayer List

To place a person on this prayer list, text PRAYER to (816) 310-1888 or email Deacon Barbara Wegener, [bwegener@kccathedral.org](mailto:bwegener@kccathedral.org). View the prayer list anytime: [kccathedral.org/prayers](http://kccathedral.org/prayers)

**Pray for:** Gayle Webb; Konan; Zachary Pearce; Ann Ryder; Erin Kalkbrenner; All those injured in the Shooting in Stockton, CA; Katie Rose; Bill Stancil; Gene Easter; Phineas Gitta; All affected by Hurricane Melissa; Maison de Naissance in Haiti; Jody Beck; Betty Ouverson; Mike Dulohery; Gayle Melton Family; The Brunner Family; The Gooch Family; Abby Zwerner; Katie Cummings; Carolyn McGlothen; Lt. Col. Kevin Thomas; Mike O'Neill; Ellen Spake; Alan & Mary Simon; Joan and Joe Bacchus; Marian Philip; The High Family; Elliott Oliver; Kim Heitzenrater; Norma Brooks; Elaine Karsten; Kathy Manning; Terri Wesner; Lenette Johnson; Mike Barzee & Family; Iris Parsons; Larry McMullen; Gloria Stocks; Jim Royer; Joyce Morrow; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; Yvonne Kehoe Meier; Jeffrey and family; Charlotte Colburn; All those fighting chronic illness; All families affected by gun violence; First Responders; All Immigrants

**Pray for the Departed:** Maliyah Brown; The Rev. Barbara Beam; LaGreta Gitta; Faye Brunner; Gayle Melton; Richard Gooch; Sue King; those lost in war; those who have died from gun violence

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Kansas City—The Rev. Chas Marks, Rector

Disciplinary Board & Intake Officer, The Rev. Barbara Wegener

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Please contact the Cathedral office ([jtoma@kccathedral.org](mailto:jtoma@kccathedral.org)) if we have omitted your birthday or anniversary.

### December 21

Keith & Linda Oliver  
Gina Jones

### December 22

Sharon Hudson  
Tony Carrillo

### December 23

Steve & Lenette Johnson  
Steve Berman  
Miles Lewandowski  
George Nodler  
Oreste Minme

### December 24

Michael John  
Arthur Mullies  
Dennis Meehan

### December 26

Chuck & Marsy Gordon  
John Hornbeck  
Hayden Conley

### December 27

Doug & Terri Curran

## This Week at GHTC

Learn more about our weekly services & opportunities for study and fellowship: [kccathedral.org](http://kccathedral.org)

### Sunday, December 21

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9 a.m. Coffee Hour  
9:15 a.m. Adult Formation: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices  
9:30 a.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist\*  
10:30 a.m. Cathedral Kids  
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour  
5 p.m. Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist

### Tuesday, December 23

7:30 a.m. GHTC's Virtual Cafe+  
12:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study+  
6:45 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study+

### Wednesday, December 24

12 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting  
5 p.m. Christmas Eve Eucharist with Pageant\*  
10 p.m. Christmas Eve Eucharist, *prelude begins at 9:30 a.m.\**

### Thursday, December 25

10 a.m. Christmas Day Eucharist

### Sunday, December 28

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9 a.m. Coffee Hour  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist\*  
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour  
5 p.m. Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist

+On Zoom

\*In person and streamed on YouTube @kccathedral

## Holiday Office Closures

The Cathedral office is closed December 24-26 and December 31-January 1.

If you have a pastoral emergency, contact Dean Andy at 256.762.5889, Father James at 816.739.2930 or Deacon Barbara at 816.739.8032.

# Today's flowers

Today's flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in thanksgiving of the anniversary of Andrew's ordination to the priesthood by Mrs. Mary Keyse.

Altar flowers are a great way to commemorate an event near a specific date, or honor/remember someone close to your heart. Donations of any amount toward the weekly flowers can be given by anyone who wants to acknowledge special events or people in their lives. See [kccathedral.org/flowers](http://kccathedral.org/flowers) for more information or contact Julie Toma.



**GLOVES  
&  
WARM SOCKS**

For men & women at  **Shelter KC**  
A Kansas City Rescue Mission

Bring donations of gloves  
and socks for men or  
women to the Tower  
entrance during  
November & December

# Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

## Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love, Obedience, & Anticipation

### "The Genealogy of Jesus" Illumination (Matthew Frontispiece)

Today's liturgical theme is love – love that is divine and boundless; love that becomes incarnate; love that compels obedience and faith; love that elicits eager anticipation and life preparation. The Old Testament reading remembers Isaiah's prophecy of the virgin (young woman) giving birth to a son named Emmanuel (God with us). The Psalm reading recounts the Shepherd of Israel's plea for God to "restore us ... let your face shine, that we may be saved" (80:7). The Epistle reading emphasizes Jesus Christ as the promised Son of God, through whom grace and apostleship are received. The Gospel reading recounts Joseph's struggles over Mary's pregnancy and his obedience to God in spite of his concerns, confusion, and questions. God's love for humanity and for all creation finds expression amid the messiness, complications, and scandals of life.

Matthew's gospel opens with Jesus' genealogy – a lineage that not only informs us regarding Jesus' heritage but also reminds us of the surprising ways of God. God could have chosen a genealogy of pristine perfection for his Son. Instead, he chose a lineage of brokenness, imperfection, disrepute, and scandal – a lineage much like our own. This rather messy lineage becomes the context for his divine work of restoration, healing, hope, and new beginning.

"The Genealogy of Jesus" was the first illumination that Artistic Director, Donald Jackson prepared for the Saint John's Bible project. It was completed before many important decisions about the project had been made and furnished vital motivation and vision for the work. It was significant, therefore, that the ultimate intent of this illumination was to suggest "the essential connectedness of all seekers of enlightenment." He did this in part by including symbols from several major

faith traditions representing a large portion of the human race. These seekers contribute to the enlightenment to be found through Jesus Christ, the focus of this genealogy.

"The Genealogy of Jesus" includes women as well as men, and contains many individuals with less than stellar credentials. Names are written in Hebrew along with English translations, and in the case of Hagar also includes her Arabic name. Illustrative features include illuminations from the Koran, a mandala (a sign of cosmic unity and wholeness found in many religious traditions), and the menorah (a reminder of Jesus' Jewish heritage). Images of the swirling bands of color and churning water appearing behind the menorah remind us of God's work in creation bringing order from chaos. Finally, this lineage also includes double helix symbols of DNA suggesting ties that all people from all epochs have to the work of God through the incarnate and resurrected Christ.

This illumination invites us to reflect on life, creation, history, redemption, and identity. As happened with Joseph and many other persons in Jesus' lineage, God sometimes leads us beyond our secure and reputable religious frameworks into doubt, scandal, and messy controversy. Joseph had to reorder everything he believed he knew about righteousness, purity, and justice to embrace a complex and messy situation he had not created. Emmanuel – God with us – is likely to be more complicated than we imagine. This last Sunday of Advent encourages us to embrace faith when God's work in our lives seems disturbingly different than what we had expected. As Jesus genealogy reminds us, the messiness of human history is where God is born.



# Upcoming Events & Announcements

For more info and signup links: [kccathedral.org/events](http://kccathedral.org/events)

## Epiphany House Blessing

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 on January 11.



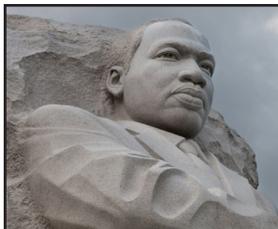
## You are Invited

Warm up on a winter night with food, fun, and fellowship while sharing chili recipes and enjoying games for all ages.

Bring your best chili, whether it's a secret family recipe or a creative twist, and your favorite board game.

Let us know you are coming:

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## Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Evensong Service

The Diocese of West Missouri invites you to join us for an Evensong Service in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 17 at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral at 4 p.m. The Rt. Rev. John T.W. Harmon will join us as a guest speaker for the service. A reception will follow. Register at [diowestmo.org/events](http://diowestmo.org/events).

## Choral Evensong

Sunday, January 18 | 5 p.m.

Choral Evensong is a centuries-old Anglican musical service of sung Evening Prayer that combines music, prayer, and scripture into a contemplative experience. It features The Trinity Choir singing composed settings of the psalms, responses, and canticles, providing a peaceful and reflective pause as the day closes. Following the service, all are welcome to take communion in the Chapel.

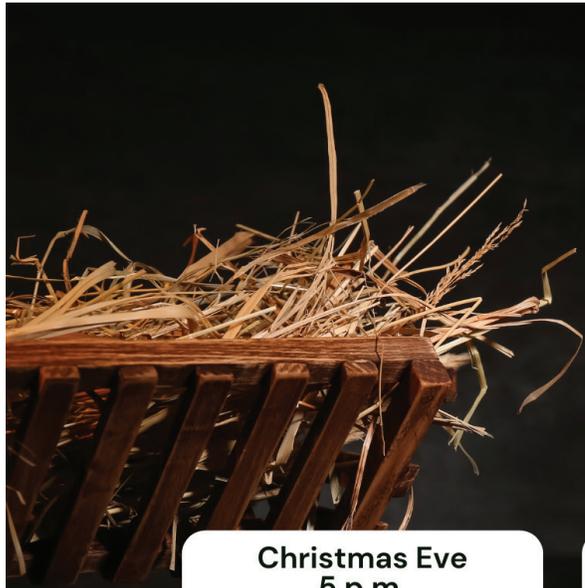
## Choral Evensong



MUSIC, PRAYER,  
SCRIPTURE

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## Christmas at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral

### Christmas Eve 5 p.m.

Our children tell the Christmas Gospel story through their pageant. After the service, all are invited to Haden Hall for a Cookies and Cocoa reception.

### Christmas Eve 10 p.m.

Traditional, familiar carols and service music will be featured. Choral Prelude of Christmas music begins at 9:30 p.m. Incense is used at this service.

### Christmas Day 10 a.m.

Greet the Incarnate Lord on Christmas morning with a celebration of Holy Eucharist with carols and organ music.

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## Year End Giving

We want to thank you for your generous gifts this season. Your support throughout the year enables our work, and we appreciate how your generosity benefits our community.

You may make your donations online through our website, by placing them in the Sunday offering or by mailing to the Cathedral office. Donations received by mail must be postmarked by December 31 to be included on your 2025 contributions. *Please note that the Cathedral office will have limited hours between December 24-January 2.* 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.



Today | 9:15 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

## Help at Pete's Garden

Volunteer with fellow parishioners during coffee hour to put labels on the containers that will be used to package meals for families in need by Pete's Garden. We will label upstairs in Founders' Hall at coffee hour.

Please no food or drink at the labeling tables and wash your hands before helping.

This is a great opportunity to help at Pete's Garden. All ages are welcome; younger children should have a parent present.

