

# THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

10 p.m.



"Ordinary Glory" by Lauren Wright Pittman

## GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

# 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.



## Welcome!

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## Service Notes

Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (\*). Page numbers listed are from red The Book of Common Prayer and hymn numbers are from *The Hymnal 1982*.

## Our Mission

As the Episcopal Cathedral Church in the heart of Kansas City we seek and serve Christ in all people, loving our neighbors as ourselves while striving for justice, peace and respect for every human being. Our worship, prayer and formation support the restorative strength of our community, reconciling all people to God and one another through Christ.



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# Christmas Offering

Fifty percent of the Christmas offering is always donated to one or more organizations that are doing good in our world. This year the offering for outreach will be donated to the Harvesters: The Community Food Network. Please consider making a generous and sacrificial gift. The remainder of the offering is used for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral.

Offerings may be placed in the offering plate, made securely [online](https://kccathedral.org) (kccathedral.org, click on “Give” or scan the QR code), by texting “GIVETOGHTC christmas” to 73256.

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## Harvesters: The Community Food Network

*Harvesters mobilizes the power of our community to create equitable access to nutritious food and address the root causes and impact of hunger.*

Harvesters provides food and related household products to more than 900 nonprofit agencies including emergency food pantries, community kitchens, homeless shelters, children’s homes and others. They also offer education programs to increase community awareness of hunger and teach about good nutrition.

As a food bank, they do not provide direct services to families and seniors. They acquire, store and distribute food and household items to their network.

Their network is made up of a variety of organizations including food pantries, community kitchens, shelters, children’s homes, schools, churches, community centers, health clinics, libraries and others. These agencies distribute groceries and meals directly to those in need.

During fiscal year 2023, Harvesters’ agencies helped Harvesters distribute more than 63 million pounds of food, providing more than 52.5 million meals.

Harvesters is a certified member of Feeding America, a nationwide network of more than 200 food banks.

For every dollar donated, you can help Harvesters provide two meals to those in need. These meals make it possible for a child to focus in school, for a mom to make it through her night shift and pay her family’s bills and for a senior citizen to avoid life-threatening illnesses. Your generosity transforms lives!



**HARVESTERS**  
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# FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST

## Prelude

VOLUNTARY: "Carol Rhapsody"

Richard Purvis (1913-1994)

HYMN: 102 "Once in royal David's city" verses 1, 2, 5, 6

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a  
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is  
\*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his  
6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her  
2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a  
5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so  
6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in

1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry  
2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the  
5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he  
6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —  
2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.  
5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —  
6 veiled to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

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ANTHEM: "A spotless Rose"

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

text: 16th century; trans. Catherine Winkworth

A spotless Rose is blowing,  
Sprung from a tender root,  
Of ancient seers' foreshowing,  
Of Jesse promised fruit;  
Its fairest bud unfolds to light  
Amid the cold, cold winter,  
And in the dark midnight.

The Rose which I am singing,  
Whereof Isaiah said,  
Is from its sweet root springing  
In Mary, purest Maid;  
For through our God's great love and might,  
The Blessed Babe she bare us  
In a cold, cold winter's night.

ANTHEM: "Angelus ad Virginem"

arr. Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

Text: late 13th century English

*Angelus ad Virginem sub intrans in conclave,  
Virginis formidinem demulcens, inquit: "Ave!  
Ave, Regina Virginum; coeli terraeque Dominum  
Concipies et paries intacta salutem hominum;  
Tu porta coeli facta, Medela Criminum."*

The angel, coming secretly to the Virgin, calming the Virgin's fear, said: "Hail! Hail, Mary, Queen of Virgins! You shall conceive the Lord of Heaven and Earth and give birth, remaining a virgin, to the Salvation of mankind; you, made the Gateway of Heaven, the cure for sin."

*"Quomodo conciperem quae virum non cognovi?  
Qualiter infringerem quod firma mente vovi?"  
"Spiritus Sancti gratia perficiet haec omnia;  
Ne timeas, sed gaudeas, segura quod castimonia  
Manebit in te pura Dei potentia."*

"How shall I conceive, since I know not a man?  
How shall I break what I have resolutely vowed?"  
"The grace of the Holy Spirit shall perform all this.  
Fear not, but rejoice, confident that chastity  
will remain pure in you by the power of God."

*Ad haec Virgo nobilis respondens inquit ei:  
"Ancilla sum humilis omnipotentis Dei.  
Tibi coelesti nuntio, tanti secreti conscio,  
Consentiens, et cupiens videre factum quod audio;  
Parata sum parere, Dei consilio."*

At this, the noble Virgin, replying, said to him:  
"I am the humble servant of almighty God.  
To you, heavenly messenger, who know so great a secret,  
I give my assent and desire to see done what I hear,  
and am ready to obey God's will."

*Eia Mater Domini, quae pacem redidisti  
Angelis et homini, cum Christum genuisti;  
Tuum exora Filium ut se nobis propitium  
Exhibeat, et deleat peccata: praestans auxilium  
Vita frui beata post hoc exsilium.  
Deo Gracias!*

O Mother of the Lord, who restored peace  
to angels and men when you have birth to Christ,  
beg of your Son that he may show himself favorable to us  
and wipe away our sins, offering help  
to enjoy the blessed life after this exile.  
Thanks be to God!

HYMN: 114 "Twas in the moon of wintertime"



1 'Twas in the moon of win - ter - time, when all the birds had  
 2 (With - in a lodge of) bro - ken bark the ten - der babe was  
 3 (The ear - liest moon of) win - ter - time is not so round and  
 4 (O chil - dren of the) for - est free, the an - gel song is



fled, that God the Lord of all the earth sent  
 found, a rag - ged robe of rab - bit skin en -  
 fair as was the ring of glo - ry on the  
 true; the ho - ly child of earth and heaven is



an - gel - choirs in - stead; be - fore their light the  
 wrapped his beau - ty round; but as the hunt - er  
 help - less in - fant there. The chiefs from far be -  
 born to - day for you. Come kneel be - fore the

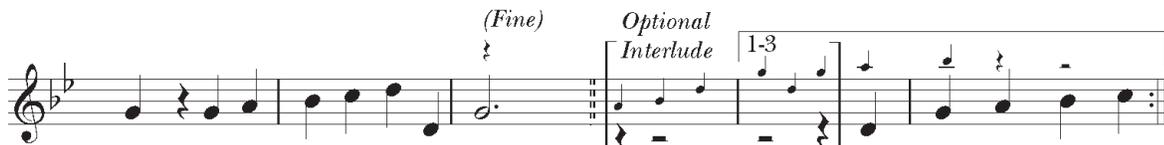


stars grew dim, and won - dering hunt - ers heard the hymn:  
 braves drew nigh, the an - gel - song rang loud and high:  
 fore him knelt with gifts of fox and bea - ver - pelt.  
 ra - diant boy, who brings you beau - ty, peace, and joy.



*Refrain*

Je - sus your King is born, Je - sus is



born, in ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a.

*(Fine)*

*Optional Interlude*

2 With - in a lodge of  
 3 The ear - liest moon of  
 4 O chil - dren of the

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“The cherry tree carol”

arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)  
text: English traditional

Joseph was an old man and an old man was he,  
When he married Mary in the land of Galilee.

And as they were walking through an orchard so good,  
Where were cherries and berries as red as any blood.

O then bespoke Mary, with words both meek and mild,  
“Pluck me one cherry, Joseph, for that I am with Child.”

“Go to the tree then Mary and it shall bow to thee,  
And you shall gather cherries, by one, by two, by three!”

Then bowed down the highest tree unto our lady’s hand,  
“See,” Mary cried, “see, Joseph, I have cherries at command.”

“O, eat your cherries, Mary. O, eat your cherries now.  
O, eat your cherries, Mary, that grow upon the bough.”

Then Mary plucked a cherry as red as any blood,  
Then Mary went she homewards all with her heavy load.

ANTHEM: “The holly and the ivy”

arr. Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)  
text: English traditional

The holly and the ivy when they are both full grown;  
of all the trees that are in the wood the holly bears the crown. *Refrain*

The holly bears a blossom, as white as any flower;  
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet Saviour. *Refrain*

The holly bears a berry as red as any blood;  
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good. *Refrain*

The holly bears a prickle as sharp as any thorn;  
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas Day in the morn. *Refrain*

The holly bears a bark as bitter as any gall;  
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all. *Refrain*

*Refrain:*  
O the rising of the sun and the running of the deer,  
the playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

VOLUNTARY: “O Holy Night”

Adolphe Adam (1803-1856) arr. Antti Hakkarainen  
Mary-Mullis Keyse, alto saxophone

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!

Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *In dulci jubilo*, German carol, 14th cent.; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944).

ANTHEM: "Ding dong! merrily on high"

arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

text: G.R. Woodward

Ding dong! merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing;  
Ding dong! verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing.  
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,  
And io, io, io, by priest and people sungen.  
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers;  
may you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers.  
Gloria, hosannah in excelsis!

ANTHEM: "Sir Christèmas"

William Mathias (1934-1992)

text: anon, c. 1500

Nowell, nowell.  
Who is there that singeth so, Nowell?  
I am here, Sir Christémas.  
Welcome, my lord Sir Christémas!  
Welcome to all, both more and less, come near. Nowell.

*Dieu vous garde, beaux sieurs*, tidings I you bring:  
A maid hath born a child full young,  
Which causeth you to sing: Nowell.

Christ is now born of a pure maid;  
In an ox-stall he is laid,  
Wherefore sing we at a brayde: Nowell.

*Buvez bien par toute la compagnie.*  
Make good cheer and be right merry,  
And sing with us now joyfully: Nowell!

INTROIT: "Of the Father's love begotten"

Plainsong

text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius; Translation: John Mason Neale

Of the Father's love begotten  
ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega;  
He the source, the ending He,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see  
evermore and evermore!

\* 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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# The Word of God

## \* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider      The Lord be with you.

People        **And also with you.**

Presider      Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

Lector        The people who walked in darkness  
                  have seen a great light;  
                  those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
                  on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

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.

His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

People        **Thanks be to God.**

Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
 sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.  
 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; \*  
 proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.  
 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
 and his wonders among all peoples.  
 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
 he is more to be feared than all gods.  
 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
 but it is the Lord who made the heavens.  
 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
 Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!  
 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; \*  
 ascribe to the Lord honor and power.  
 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; \*  
 bring offerings and come into his courts.  
 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
 let the whole earth tremble before him.  
 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King!" \*  
 he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."  
 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
 let the field be joyful and all that is therein.  
 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, \*  
 when he comes to judge the earth.  
 He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
 and the peoples with his truth.

Second Lesson: Titus 2:11-14

**Lector** For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

\* GOSPEL HYMN: 89 "It came upon the midnight clear"

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that  
 2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with  
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the  
 4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by

glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing  
 peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly  
 world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly  
 pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -

near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;  
 hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;  
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from  
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they  
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the  
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its

heaven's all - gra - cious King." The world in sol - emn  
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its  
 tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and  
 an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give

still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
 Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!  
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Words: Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876), alt. Music: Carol, Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900).

\* ANTHEM: "Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light"

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

text: Johann Rist; Translation: John Troutbeck

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light, and usher in the morning;  
 Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright, but hear the angel's warning.  
 This Child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be;  
 the pow'r of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.

\* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

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

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

Deacon In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that 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. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; 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. 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 heaven,  
 and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So

they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

Deacon Good and gracious God, on this holy night 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 night 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 night 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 Sean our Presiding Bishop, Amy our Bishop; 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 night.

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 night. 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 night. 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 night.

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 night.

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 night.

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 night.

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 join with the hosts of heaven in singing the praises of this holy night.

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.**

Presider        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People         **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## The Holy Communion

*We invite you to donate to the Christmas Offering today. Checks may be made out to GHTC with "Christmas Offering" in the memo line or use the Christmas offering envelope. You can also give online (link/QR code on page 3). Fifty percent of the Christmas offering will go to Harvesters, The Community Food Network . Thank you for your generosity.*

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 ANTHEM: "Joys Seven"

arr. Stephen Cleobury (1948-2019)  
text: English traditional

The first good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of one;  
To see the blessed Jesus Christ when he was first her son:  
When he was first her son, good man: and blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of two;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to make the lame to go:  
To make the lame to go, good man: and blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of three;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to make the blind to see:  
To make the blind to see, good man: and blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of four;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to read the Bible o'er:  
To read the Bible o'er, good man: and blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of five;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to bring the dead alive:  
To bring the dead alive, good man: and blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of six;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, upon the crucifix:  
Upon the crucifix, good man: and blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of seven;  
 To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to wear the crown of heaven,  
 To wear the crown of heaven, good man: and blessed may he be,  
 Both Father, Son and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

\* OFFERTORY HYMN: 93 "Angels, from the realms of glory"

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions  
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;  
 beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;  
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

*Refrain*  
 now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,  
 ye have seen his na - tal star:  
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879).



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**

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: 78 "O little town of Bethlehem"

*Unison or harmony*

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
\*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,  
5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;  
5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,  
5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.  
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

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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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COMMUNION HYMN: 112 "In the bleak midwinter"

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
 2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor — earth sus - tain;  
 3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,  
 4 What — can I give him, poor — as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;  
 cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim throng - ed the air;  
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow — on — snow,  
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed  
 but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,  
 if I were a wise — man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
 the Lord — God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.  
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.  
 yet what I can I give him — give my heart.

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## \* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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.

## \* CANDLE LIGHTING

*Please pass the flame to your neighbor.*

## \* ANTHEM: "Sleeps Judea Fair"

Hugh A. MacKinnon (1891-1981)  
 text: Hugh A. MacKinnon

Sleeps Judea fair,  
 Bides the Christ Child there:  
 Shepherds, haste ye! flocks forsaking,  
 swift your way to Him be taking,  
 Babe, of Israel's prayer.

Christ from God is come,  
 Choosing earthly home:  
 Royal pomp and splendor never,  
 But with love which naught can sever,  
 He will heal the dumb;  
 Christ from God is come.

Lowly bend the knee,  
 Thou from sin set free:  
 Let the Christ Child, meekly smiling,  
 Infantwise all woe beguiling,  
 Grant His grace to thee!

## \* BLESSING OF A CRÈCHE

Presider The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

People **And we beheld his glory.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God our Creator, to restore our fallen race you spoke the effectual word, and the Eternal Word became flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary: be pleased to bless and hallow this image of his sacred birth, so that those who gaze upon it may behold this mystery, whereby humanity shares in your very nature; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\* HYMN: 111 "Silent night, holy night"

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
 heaven - ly hosts—sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885). Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910).

*Please extinguish your candle. Following the service, place your candle in one of the baskets near the exits.*

\* CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Presider

May Almighty God, whose Son was sent to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **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!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915).

## Serving Today

Presider and Preacher	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Assisting	The Rev. Canon W. James Yazell
Deacon of the Word	The Rev. Clare Stern-Burbano
Deacon of the Table	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Musicians	The Trinity Choir, Mary-Mullis Keyse, Dr. Lucas Fletcher, Zaheer Popo
Lector	Deborah Buckner
Intercessor	Bob Johnson
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Johnson, Charles Shipley
Acolytes	Harrison Mattson, Victoria Porter, Curtis Hamilton
Ushers	Nigel Jones, Mariah Kettler, Elijah Southwick, Oreste Minme, Troy Sorbo
Altar Guild	Becky Johnson, Mariah Kettler, Elijah Southwick, Leticia Porter
Verger	Glen Wesner
Livestreaming/Sound	Chris Morrison, Christine Morrison

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

## Thanksgivings and Memorials for Flowers and Greens



- in memory of Lillian and John Knoell, Marie Knoell, Ethel B Woodley, and Florence and Merritt Royer, and in thanksgiving for our many blessings by Donna Knoell & Jim Royer
- in thanksgiving for our children by Beth and Andy Keyse
- in celebration and loving memory of our family by Ric & Janet Sweeting
- in thanksgiving for my family by Sharon Hudson
- in memory of John L. Cipolla by Barbara Cipolla
- In thanksgiving for the Cathedral Clergy and Staff: James, Clare, Barbara, Julie, Lucas, Zaheer, Joan, Steve, Angie, Bianca, Brian, John, and Farzana by Dean Andy
- in thanksgiving for Luke & Hannah Woolley and Emmy & Ashby Lane by Pat & Kay Woolley
- in thanksgiving for our children, Theo & Nora by Eric Elisabeth & Julie Brogno
- in thanksgiving by Steve King & Cliff Dubroc
- in thanksgiving for Dr. Lucas Fletcher, Director of Music; and in memory of our parents, Clarence & Dorothy Risebig by Meribeth & Claudia Risebig
- in thanksgiving for my son Thaddeus Samuel Withers & family by Joyce Gillespie
- in thanksgiving for our family by Whitney & Day Kerr
- in thanksgiving for my family by Carolyn McLeroy
- in thanksgiving for Melanie Boyd and in memory of Reginald & Fleeda Franklin by Muriel Boyd
- in thanksgiving for our children Elvarea, Ryan and Nick by Bob & Tara Bennett
- in honor of the GHTC Trinity Choir by Nigel Jones
- in thanksgiving for my children and grandchildren, and in memory of my parents by Paget Higgins
- In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Keyse, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Grauer, Mr. and Mrs. Siras A. Stocks, Dr. S. Allan Stocks by Beth and Andy Keyse
- in memory of Paula Morgan Fritschen by Dr. Dennis Morgan
- in memory of Barbara J. Buckner by Wm. Robert Buckner
- in loving memory of Alice Lindquist, Gertrude Lewandowski, Jesse Hockett, and Jerry Bugh by The Lewandowski family
- in thanksgiving for our parents' direction: *not what you have but who you are*; in memory of Howard & Ruby Weaver and Gordon & Thelma Wesner by Terri & Glen Wesner
- in thanksgiving for my family & friends and in memory of Willie Joe Finnie Jr. by Jackye Finnie
- in thanksgiving by Bruce & Lill Weekes