

# GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



"Shining Hope," by Lauren Wright Pittman

## The Second Sunday of Christmas

January 4, 2026 • 10:30 a.m.

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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*.

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Please join us for a cup of coffee or tea and lively conversation in Founders' Hall.

## 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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# HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY: Postlude on an old Irish church melody

C.V. Stanford (1852-1924)

## The Word of God

\* ENTRANCE 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 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

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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.**

\* SONG OF PRAISE: 96 "Angels we have heard on high" *verse 1*

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

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

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

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\* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Lector Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
"Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."  
See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.  
With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.  
Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."  
For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.  
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.  
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.  
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.  
The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.  
Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.  
Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.  
They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.  
Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.  
Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.  
For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.  
For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory;  
No good thing will the Lord withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.  
O Lord of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

## Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

**Lector** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

The Word of the Lord.

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

\* GOSPEL HYMN: 98 Unto us a boy is born!”



1 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -  
 2 Cra - dled in a stall was he with sleep - y cows and  
 3 He - rod then with fear was filled; “A prince,” he said, “in  
 4 Now may Ma - ry’s son, who came so long a - go to  
 \*5 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -



1 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the  
 2 ass - es; but the ve - ry beasts could see that  
 3 Jew - ry!” All the lit - tle boys he killed at  
 4 love us, lead us all with hearts a - flame un -  
 5 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the



1 Lord of ev - ery na - - - tion.  
 2 he all men sur - pass - - - es.  
 3 Beth - lehem in his fu - - - ry.  
 4 to the joys a - bove \_\_\_\_\_ us.  
 5 Lord of ev - ery na - - - tion.

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\* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

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

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

Gospeller After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

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    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. We pray especially for those on the Cathedral's Prayer List, and for those whom we now name silently or aloud. Let us pray to the Lord,
<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, especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud. Let us pray to the Lord.
<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.*

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 ANTHEM: "Bethlehem Down"

Peter Warlock (1894-1930)

text: Bruce Blunt

"When He is King we will give Him the King's gifts,  
Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown,  
Beautiful robes," said the young girl to Joseph,  
Fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight,  
Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,  
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music,  
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When He is King they will clothe Him in grave-sheets,  
Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown,  
He that lies now in the white arms of Mary  
Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Here He has peace and a short while for dreaming,  
Close-huddled oxen to keep Him from cold,  
Mary for love, and for lullaby music  
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

PRESENTATION HYMN: 709 "O God of Bethel, by whose hand"



I O God of Beth - el, by whose hand thy peo - ple still are fed;



I who through this earth - ly pil - grim - age hast all thine Is - rael led:

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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. **AMEN.**

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

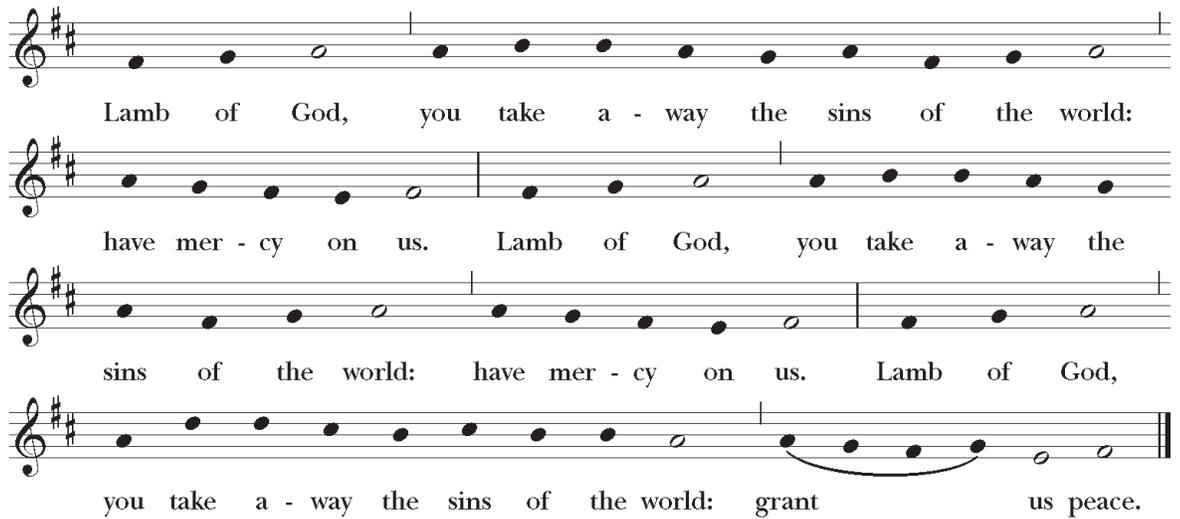
All **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from 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.**

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

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*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.*

*On the first Sunday of each month, prayer for healing is offered at the prayer desk until the close of worship.*

### 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.

— From *The Prayer Book for the Armed Services*

COMMUNION HYMN: 115 "What child is this, who, laid to rest"

*Unison or harmony*

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for  
peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

*Refrain*

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds  
guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to  
bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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COMMUNION HYMN: 247 "O sisters, too"

*Burden*

Lul - ly, lul - lay, thou lit - tle tin - y child, bye - bye, lul -

ly lul - lay. 1 O sis - ters, too, how may we do  
 2 He - rod the King, in his rag - ing  
 3 That woe is me, poor child for thee!

for to pre - serve this day this poor young - ling for  
 charg - ed he hath this day his men of might, in  
 And ev - ery morn and day, for thy part - ing nor

*Repeat Burden after verse 3*

whom we sing bye - bye, lul - ly lul - lay?  
 his own sight, all young chil - dren to slay.  
 say nor sing bye - bye, lul - ly lul - lay?

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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.

## \* THE BLESSING

## \* DISMISSAL

*Following the dismissal,*

People      Thanks be to God.

\* CLOSING HYMN: 92 “On this day earth shall ring”

*Introduction*



1 On this day earth shall ring  
 2 His the doom, ours the mirth;  
 3 God's bright star, o'er his head,  
 4 On this day an - gels sing;

with the song child - ren sing to the Lord, Christ our King,  
 when he came down to earth Beth - le - hem saw his birth;  
 Wise Men three to him led; kneel they low by his bed,  
 with their song earth shall ring, prais - ing Christ, hea - ven's King,

born on earth to save us; him the Fa - ther gave us.  
 ox and ass be - side him from the cold would hide him.  
 lay their gifts be - fore him, praise him and a - dore him.  
 born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us.

*Refrain*

Id - e - o - o - o, Id - e - o - o - o,

Id - e - o glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

“Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!” is Latin for “Therefore, glory to God in the highest!”

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**VOLUNTARY: Declamation on *Gloria***

Michael Bedford (b. 1949)

**Serving Today**

Presider	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Preacher	The Rev. Canon W. James Yazell
Deacon	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Musicians	The Trinity Choir; Zaheer Popo; Dr. Lucas Fletcher
Lector	Donna Knoell
Intercessor	Sarah Lagergren
Eucharistic Ministers	Curtis Hamilton, Steve King
Acolytes	Jonah Fahnestock, Brenda Colburn, Harrison Mattson, Athan Nichols
Ushers	Nigel Jones, Courtney Fletcher, Denny Brisley, Ryan Thomas
Greeters	Bob Packett, Sheri Packett
Altar Guild	Phaedra Fahnestock, Paget Higgins, Claudia Risebig, Sharon Hudson
Sound/Livestreaming	Christine Morrison, Leticia Porter
Cathedral Kids	Kelsey Leftwich-Yazell, Cliff Dubroc
Holy Hands Hospitality	Marcille McCandless, Mark Colburn
Healing Minister	Tiger Pennington

# This Week at GHTC

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## Sunday, January 4

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Formation: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices
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- 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, January 6

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

## Wednesday, January 7

- 10 a.m. Staff Gathering
- 12 p.m. Noonday Prayer\*
- 12 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

## Thursday, January 8

- 6 p.m. Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Meeting
- 7 p.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir

## Sunday, January 11

- 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
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+On Zoom

\*In person and streamed on YouTube @kccathedral

## Sponsor the Altar Flowers

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.

### Want to setup all of your 2026 flower reservations now?

Contact Julie Toma ([jtoma@kccathedral.org](mailto:jtoma@kccathedral.org)) to arrange the dates now; payment in advance not required.

# 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:** Janel Mosley; Charlotte Lipari; Osha; Carolyn McGlothen; Kimberly Bacchus; Ahmed al Ahmed; 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; Joan Bacchus; Marian Philip; The High Family; Elliott Oliver; Kim Heitzenrater; Jody Beck; Betty Ouverson; Mike Duloher; 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; Mike Barzee & Family; Iris Parsons; Larry McMullen; Gloria Stocks; Jim Royer; Joyce Morrow; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; Yvonne Kehoe Meier; Trish Lambert; Jeffrey and family; Charlotte Colburn; All those fighting chronic illness; All families affected by gun violence; First Responders; All Immigrants

**Pray for the Departed:** Ella Cook; Those lost in the Silver Lake Nursing Home Explosion; Joe Bacchus; Mukhammadaziz Umurzokov; Ella Cook; Those lost in the Bondi Beach Shootings; Maliyah Brown; Rev. Barbara Beam; LaGreta Gitta; Faye Brunner; Gayle Melton; those lost in war; those who have died from gun violence

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** Central States Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Kansas City—The Rev. Donna Simon, Bishop

Diocesan Secretary, The Rev. Donna Stanford

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

## January 4

Thomas Taylor  
Nick Bennett  
Brooklyn Fahnestock

## January 7

Kathleen Chaney  
Jerry Menefee

## January 5

Jason Munsell

## January 10

Charlotte Colburn

## January 6

Jan & Terry Duncan

# Diaper Drive

With your support, HappyBottoms, the KC metro area's diaper bank, is able to provide thousands of children each month with clean diapers.

*Sizes 4, 5, 6 needed most. Open packages accepted.*



Bring your diapers to the basket in the Tower or donate online at [kccathedral.org/outreach](http://kccathedral.org/outreach).

not having a clean diaper can really stink

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

## Incarnation, Restoration, and Divine Adoption

### "The Word Made Flesh" Illumination (John 1:1-18)

Today's lectionary readings might motivate us to pause and reflect on the meaning of time, an appropriate activity as we begin a new year. Both the Gospel and the Epistle readings reach back to the beginning of space and time, then catapult forward to their fulfillment in cosmic redemption. Today's focal illumination offers a visual depiction of Christ's role in this overarching work of God. This illumination is the subject of focal attention several times this season from differing perspectives.

Distinct from the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, John employs philosophical terms and metaphysical themes to describe Jesus, concepts like Logos, light and darkness, life and death, and time and eternity. John's very first sentence elicits strong parallels with the first words of Genesis: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis) and "In the beginning was the Word" (John). What do you think was John's purpose for doing this? What might he be communicating about the deeper connection between the Logos of John and the God of Genesis? In today's Gospel text two connections are made – creation and redemption. Jesus is the infinite and eternal Logos who entered time and became finite flesh. Through him God redeemed the world for a timeless eternity.

In "The Word Made Flesh" illumination, a relationship between John 1 and Genesis 1 is intimated visually. Note how the image of Christ is portrayed as emerging out of the darkness of a pre-creation and pre-time chaos on the left and advancing toward creation light and order on the right. An image of the cosmos based on a Hubble Space Telescope photo positioned behind Jesus' head further identifies him as God's agent of creation.

Paul declares that time is progressing toward a "fulfillment". The "mystery of God's will" which was hidden in eternity past is revealed in Jesus. Creation will reach its fulfillment when God brings all things in heaven and on earth together under one head – Christ.

In the Epistles of Romans, Colossians, Philippians, and Ephesians Paul articulates

an incredibly comprehensive vision of all space and time. The future redemption of the original creation is central to his thought. The ultimate destiny of all creation is adoption and redemption, freedom and reconciliation. As you reflect on this message from today's lectionary texts, what do you think it means to live out our new identity in Christ during these first days of the new year? In what ways does the *visio divina* of "The Word Made Flesh" illumination assist you in your reflection?



# Formation for All Ages

## Adults: Sundays

9:15 a.m. • Common Room

### Episcopal Beliefs & Practices: A Study of the Prayer Book

Through a weekly study of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer we will explore the beliefs and practices of the Episcopal Church. If you are curious about the Anglican way of Christianity, want to better understand familiar prayers and liturgies, or are seeking to engage more deeply in Christian practice and theology then this course is for you! No preparation needed, prayer books will be provided in class.

## Children: Sundays

10:30 a.m. • Haden Hall

### Cathedral Kids

Cathedral Kids meets during the first half of the 10:30 a.m. worship service and during this time we weave together our sacred stories and our Episcopal identity with the Weaving God's Promises curriculum. Children attending Cathedral Kids will meet their parents or guardians inside the tower doors during the passing of the peace.

Once a month, we observe **Family Worship Sundays**. These Sundays provide an opportunity for families to worship together. Worship Boxes with resources for children are in cabinet in the back cross aisle.

*Upcoming Family Worship Dates: Today, January 11*

## Youth

Youth in grades 6-12 meet Sundays at 9:15 a.m. for Formation and 6 p.m. for Youth Group.

*Youth group meetings resume January 18.*

## Adults: Tuesdays

### GHTC's Virtual Cafe • 7:30 a.m. • Zoom

The Virtual Café is open every Tuesday morning for Cathedral members and friends to connect; discuss current topics and activities happening at the Cathedral and in our community; and share what's on your mind. For details, visit [kccathedral.org/other-activities](http://kccathedral.org/other-activities).

### Women's Bible Study • 12:30 p.m. • Zoom

Conversation is lively, thought-provoking, and often irreverent. All are welcome. Visit our website, [kccathedral.org/adultformation](http://kccathedral.org/adultformation), for the Zoom link.

### Lectionary Bible Study • 6:45 p.m. • Zoom

Join us for a discussion of context which will, with God's grace, lead us to a discussion of how an understanding of scripture can restore us to fullness with God and each other in Christ. Join the Lectionary Bible Study group in Realm or on our website, [kccathedral.org/adultformation](http://kccathedral.org/adultformation), for more details.

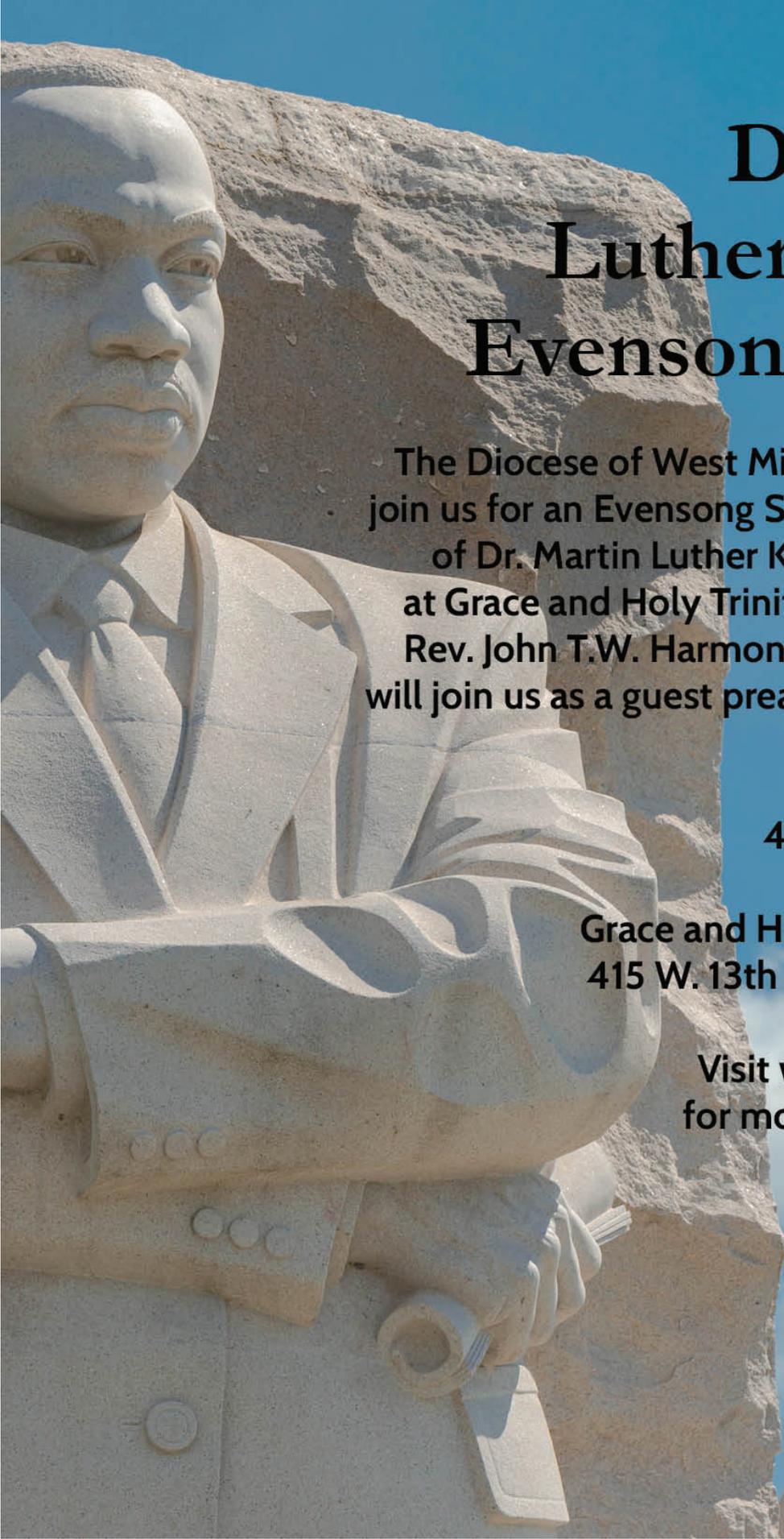


As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, consider participating in an ancient tradition known as "Chalking the Door." "Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and to (literally) mark the occasion of the Epiphany with God's blessing of our lives and homes with sacred signs and symbols to set our homes apart as places of Christian hospitality, as safe and peaceful outposts of the Kingdom of God in the world, as habitations of healing and rest. We again invite God's presence into our homes and ask His blessing upon all those who live, work, or visit throughout the coming year.

Chalk and prayers will be distributed on January 11.

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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. The Rt. Rev. John T.W. Harmon, Bishop of Arkansas will join us as a guest preacher for the service. Reception to follow.

4:00 p.m. | Evensong

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral  
415 W. 13th St., Kansas City, MO

Visit [www.diowestmo.org](http://www.diowestmo.org)  
for more info and to RSVP



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# Upcoming Events & Announcements

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



## CHILI & GAME NIGHT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16  
6-9 p.m.

**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.

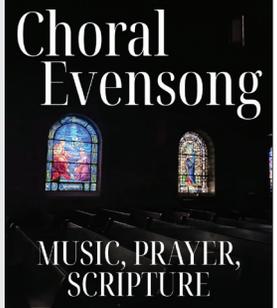
**Let us know you are coming:**

[kccathedral.org/events](http://kccathedral.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.



Celebrate 2025 and look ahead to 2026

You Are Invited

## Annual Meeting

following the 10:30 a.m. service

Sunday, January 25

no 8 a.m. & 5 p.m. service



Elect new Vestry members & honor outgoing members

### Vestry Nominations

We will elect four members of the congregation to the Vestry Class of 2029 at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 25. If you are interested in being nominated or have someone you would like to nominate, please contact Dean Keyse, [akeyse@kccathedral.org](mailto:akeyse@kccathedral.org), no later than January 18. Get more information at [kccathedral.org/vestry](http://kccathedral.org/vestry).

