

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



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The First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024 • 10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

Thank you for joining us for worship today at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. If you are new to the Cathedral, we invite you to fill out our welcome card. Welcome cards are available in the pews or fill out the online form using the QR code.



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- Childcare for those 4 years old and younger is available in the nursery in Haden Hall.
- For elementary age children, 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.
- We observe *Family Worship* one Sunday of each month so there is no Cathedral Kids. Worship Boxes with resources for children are in the back cross aisle. Upcoming Family Worship Sundays: December 15.
- To get to Haden Hall: From the Tower entry, go up the stairs and straight ahead to the adjoining building. Follow signs or ask an usher for directions.

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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*.

Following the Service

Please join us for a cup of coffee or tea 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: *Rorate caeli*

Jeanne Demessieux

The Word of God

* ENTRANCE HYMN: 73 "The King shall come when morning dawns"

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

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* OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* S86 Kyrie eleison

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* COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Lector The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 25:1-9 *sung by the choir, chant by Matthew Camidge*

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To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
 let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
 let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, *
 and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
 for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
 for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
 remember me according to your love
 and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
 therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
 He guides the humble in doing right *
 and teaches his way to the lowly.
 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
 to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Lector How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL HYMN: 64 "O heavenly Word, eternal Light"



1 O heaven - ly Word, e - ter - nal Light, be - got - ten
 2 pour light up - on us from a - bove, and fire our
 3 and when, as judge, thou draw - est nigh the se - crets
 4 O let us not, for e - vil past, be driv - en
 * 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the



1 of the Fa - ther's might, who in these lat - ter days wast
 2 hearts with ar - dent love, that, as we hear thy truth to -
 3 of our hearts to try, to rec - om - pense each hid - den
 4 from thy face at last, but with thy saints for ev - er -
 5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry



1 born for bless - ing to a world for - lorn;
 2 day, all wrong de - sires may burn a - way;
 3 sin and bid the saints their reign be - gin;
 4 more be - hold thee, love thee, and a - doze.
 5 be from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

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* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

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

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

Gospeller Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

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All We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

from *Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People for the Revised Common Lectionary*

Intercessor Faithful God, we offer our prayers in hopeful anticipation of your response as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Your church waits in anticipation for the fulfillment of your promises, grant us perseverance and urgency to continue Christ's mission as we await His return.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Sow the seeds of your love throughout this nation, that our people and leaders might work towards building a society where all people have an equitable place and the opportunity to thrive.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor As we enter into this season of anticipation, grant this congregation a discerning spirit that we might confidently follow where you are leading us, be beacons of hope, and be a place of refuge for our neighbors.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Your creation cries out from the devastation wrought by our unsustainable use of its resources, show us how we might change and advocate for a holy stewardship of the natural world.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Open our hearts to know the suffering of those who are sick, afraid, alone or oppressed; grant them relief, healing, and wholeness and show us how to be present with them. We especially pray for those on our Cathedral prayer list, and for any others you wish to name either silently or aloud,

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Grant to the dying peace and rest in your loving care; and grant to us and them an entrance into the resurrected life of Christ. We especially pray for those we now name, either silently or aloud,

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider Hear the hopes and needs of your people and respond; keep your people in your grace just as you always have. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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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

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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.

PRAYER FOR THE TRANSITION OF OUR NEXT BISHOP

All Gracious and Loving God, we give thanks for the election of our next Bishop, Amy. Watch over Amy, her husband Jared, and her children Elise, Jacob, and Woodrow as they prepare to leave friends, colleagues, and neighbors to join us here in the Diocese of West Missouri. Open our hearts to receive your inspiration and wisdom so that we may joyfully welcome them into our life and ministry in You. This we ask in grateful thanksgiving. AMEN.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

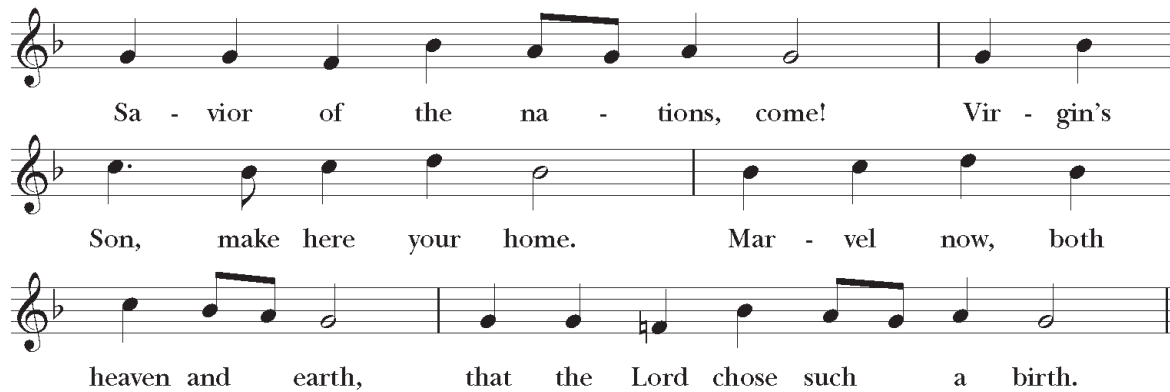
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Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

*Rorate coeli desuper
et nubes pluant justum.
Aperiatur terra
et germinet Salvatorem.*

Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness:
let the earth open,
and let it bring forth a Savior.

* PRESENTATION HYMN: 54 "Savior of the nations, come!" *verse 1*



Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546) after Ambrose of Milan (340-397); tr. William M. Reynolds (1812-1876) and James Waring McCrady (b. 1938). Music: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, melody from *Erfurt Enchiridia*, 1524; harm. Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616). Copyright: Words: Sts.3-4 © 1982, James Waring McCrady. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-710278.

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer B

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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.

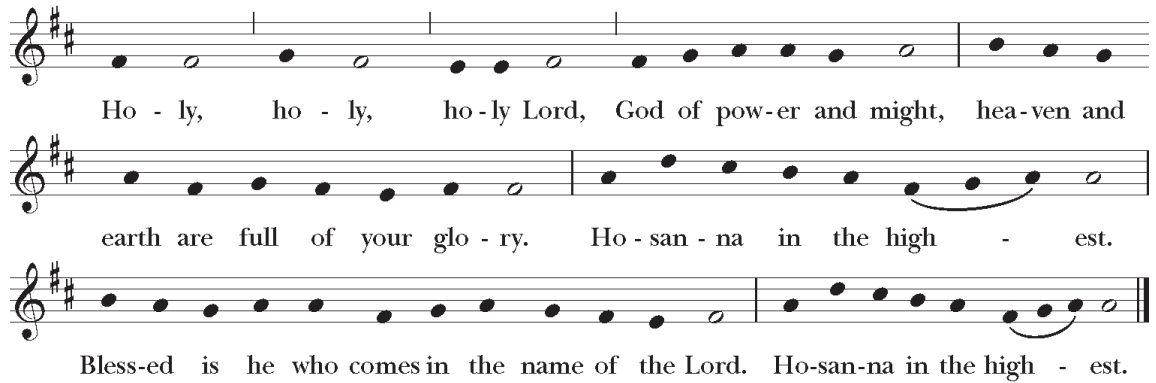
Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

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.

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 Anthem: *Ad te levavi*, Op. 176, No. 3

arr. Josef Rheinberger

text: Psalm 25:1-2

Ad te levavi animam meam, Deus meus, in te confido:

Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee:

non erubescam neque irrideant me inimici mei.

O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

Et enim universi qui te expectant non confundentur.

For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed.

Communion Hymn: 53 “Once he came in blessing”



1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;
 2 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us
 3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to claim him,
 4 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se - cur - eth.



came in like-ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;
 from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con - vert us:
 but wilt trust him bold - ly nor dost love him cold - ly,
 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;



bore the cross to save us, hope and free - dom gave us.
 not in tor - ment hold us, but in love en - fold us.
 he will then re - ceive thee, heal thee, and for - give thee.
 let us here con - fess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

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Presider Let us pray.

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

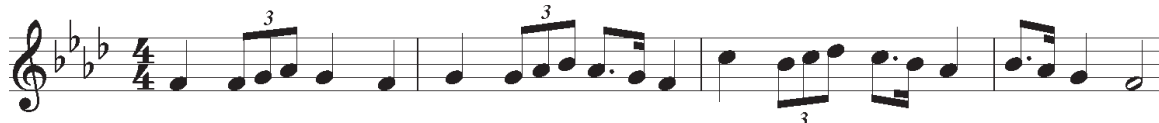
* THE BLESSING

* DISMISSAL

Following the dismissal,

People Thanks be to God.

* CLOSING HYMN: *Wonder, Love, and Praise* 721 “Signs of endings all around us”



1. Signs of end-ings all a - round us—dark - ness, death, and win - ter days
 2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?
 3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.



shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.
 Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?
 Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.



Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.
 Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:
 Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;



Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.
 Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.
 your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

Serving Today

Presider	The Rev. W. James Yazell
Preacher	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Deacon	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Musicians	The Trinity Choir, Dr. Lucas Fletcher
Lector	Mike Bennett
Intercessor	Deborah Buckner
Eucharistic Ministers	Charles Shipley, Christine Morrison
Acolytes	Jonah Fahnestock, Susan Ahn, Harrison Mattson
Ushers	Greg Smith, Denny Brisley, Ryan Thomas, Bob Bennett
Greeters	Bob Packett, Sheri Packett
Altar Guild	Phaedra Fahnestock, Paget Higgins, Claudia Risebig, Sharon Hudson
Sound/Livestreaming	Leticia Porter, Chris Morrison
Cathedral Kids	Julie Brogno, Sara Copeland
Healing Minister	Joan Bergstrom
Holy Hands Hospitality	Marcille McCandless, Betsy Chase, Don Chase, Mark Colburn
Oblation Bearers	Beth Keyse, Mary-Mullis Keyse
Healing Minister	Janet Sweeting

We come together as a family to worship, learn, grow, and love. It is here that we ask God to bless our family, formed in faith.

When we live together as a family, we experience many things, both good and bad. We rejoice together in times of celebration, and we mourn together in times of sadness.

It is in this spirit that I ask you to support our family, formed in faith, and pledge to the work and ministry of our Cathedral in 2025. It is through your love and support of this family that we are able to do much good in this place and in this community. Thank you for your support, and for being a wonderful part of this family.



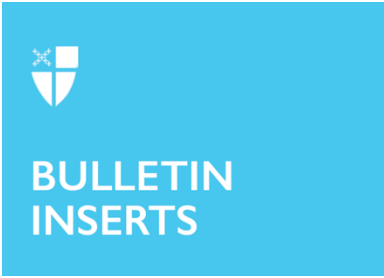
O God, our loving Creator and giver of all good gifts, you made us in your image and breathed in us a spirit of generosity.

Bless our family, formed in faith, strengthen us and grant us the spirit of Christian stewardship.

Move us, we pray, to give as we have received — abundantly, generously, and joyfully — that our common ministry may ever bear witness to your unfailing grace.

This we ask in the Name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Place your 2025 pledge online (kccathedral.org/stewardship) or by returning a pledge card in the offering or mail.



December 1, 2024 – Advent 1 (C)
First Week of Advent: Saying “Yes” to the Journey

As Advent begins this week, we invite you to orient yourself to the coming of Jesus at Christmas through the practices of *Journeying the Way of Love*. This journey begins by saying “yes” to God’s call to birth new life into the world—a call that is both powerful and gentle, a call that will, if fully embraced, grow beyond our imaginations, spilling out of ourselves and into our family, friends, community, and the whole world. Over the course of this holy season, we invite you to respond to that call using these daily practices, and encourage you to offer them to your friends, family, and neighbors.

For more Advent resources related to the Way of Love, visit episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove. There, you’ll find links to the full Advent curriculum *Journeying the Way of Love*, as well as *Living the Way of Love in Community*, a nine-session curriculum for use anytime.

Sunday, December 1
WORSHIP

Read Luke 21:25-36. How do the symbols of the Advent season help you understand the story of Jesus? Where do you see them in your worship today?

Monday, December 2
PRAY

Pray along with the Collect for Advent 1, found on page 211 of The Book of Common Prayer. Set a timer for three minutes to sit in silence and hear what God might be saying back to you.

Tuesday, December 3
TURN

Read Isaiah 58. How does this reading challenge you to think about feasts and festivals differently? How might this lesson change the way you celebrate or recognize this holy season?

Wednesday, December 4
BLESS

Call or write a letter to a family member with whom you would like to have a closer relationship. Make plans in the new year to chat on the phone or meet over Zoom or in person. Let them know how much you love them and look forward to knowing them better.

Thursday, December 5
REST

Put your phone on airplane mode and leave it in a dresser drawer for an hour or two. Whatever happens in that time, you can handle later. Give this time to yourself and Jesus, to rest and recharge for the week ahead.

Friday, December 6
GO

Go out into your neighborhood today. Where is God at work? Ask God to show you how you can celebrate that good work and name God’s presence in your community.

Saturday, December 7
LEARN

Read Luke 1:59-80. When Zechariah’s speech returns, he praises God. If you lost the power to speak for nine months like Zechariah did, what would be your first word of praise? Share this with your family, friends, and on social media.



Cathedral Prayer List

Pray for: Mary Sklar; Sherry and Randy Mueller; Melanie Boyd; Diego Garcia; Darvin Weaver; Ralph and Billie; D'angelo and Deondra; Kendal Van Scoyk; Kurt Brack; All impacted by recent hurricanes; Sally Livengood; Betty Loy; Phineas Gitta; LaGreta Gitta; Anne Huston Hayes; Sandra Fuhrman; All families affected by gun violence; Charlotte Colburn; Joyce Morrow; All those fighting cancer; Doyle White; Mike Barzee & Family; Jinny McCoy; Larry McMullen; Phyllis & James Shaffer; Bonita White; Gloria Stocks; Jim Royer; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; First Responders

Comfort and Peace: the family and friends of Donald Bradley; the family and friends of Robert Boehm; the family and friends of The Rev. Tim Murphy; the Welch and Immenschuh families; the family of Bennett Twenter; the family and friends of Judy Lafferty; the family and friends of Carl Schneider; the family and friends of Larry Kehoe; the family and friends of Lee McCaffree; all families affected by gun violence

Pray for the Departed: Donald Bradley; Gabriel Kney; Robert Boehm; The Rev. Tim Murphy; Joann Immenschuh; Bennett Twenter; Judy Lafferty; Carl Schneider; Jinny McCoy; Larry Kehoe; Lee McCaffree; for all those lost in war; for all who have died from gun violence

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, Noel—The Rev. Canon Jose Palma, Priest in Charge; Bishop's Shield Recipients

For the complete prayer list: kccathedral.org/prayers

To place a person on this prayer list, please contact Deacon Barbara Wegener, bwegener@kccathedral.org.

Requests are held in prayer for 90 days.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 1

Zachary Ryder

December 3

Shea Spoonhour

December 5

Bobby Brown
Brend Eichman

December 2

Doug Curran

December 4

Hampton Hubbard
Sarah Lagergren
Johnathan Michka

December 7

Gordon Hansen
Bill McCandless

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

Weekly Flower Donations

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

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



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Weekly Services

Sundays: 8 (in person) & 10:30 a.m. (in person/online)—Holy Eucharist; 5 p.m.—Order for Evening & Holy Eucharist/Choral Evensong (in person). Wednesdays: Noon—Noonday Prayer (online); 12:05 p.m. (in person)—Holy Eucharist.



Socks & Gloves Drive

During the months of November and December, Outreach will be collecting warm socks and gloves for both men and women. These will be donated to Shelter KC at both the men's and women's centers.



The Emergency Food Assistance PROGRAM

In partnership with St. Paul's on Main, we have been invited to a new volunteer opportunity once a month on Saturday mornings at St. Paul's from approximately 9:30 a.m. to noon. This is to assist with distribution of TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program).

Upcoming TEFAP dates are December 21 and January 18. For additional information on TEFAP, please visit kccathedral.org/outreach.

To volunteer or for more information, contact Deacon Barbara 816.739.8032 or bwegener@kccathedral.org.

Tackling hunger, one meal at a time



Nourish KC and The Prospect are continuing the fight against food insecurity in our community! Together, they are rescuing fresh food, and serving up nutritious meals, to create long-lasting change in KC. You can make a real difference, one meal at a time. Whether you donate, volunteer, or spread the word, YOU can help us tackle hunger in KC! Let's feed hope together.

Here's easy ways you can help:

- **Donate.** Every dollar counts in providing meals and education for our community
- **Volunteer.** Lend a helping hand at our community kitchen or events
- **Support the Nook.** Grab your favorite coffee and help us fuel change @thenook_kc
- **Catering Services.** Hosting a party? Let us do the cooking and your even becomes a force for good!

Learn more:

nourishkc.org • theprospectkc.org

Please support hurricane relief efforts



Episcopal Relief & Development is working with the Episcopal Church of Cuba to respond to Hurricane Oscar, and the mid-October power grid failure that continues to impact the entire island.

PLEASE SUPPORT HURRICANE HELENE RECOVERY EFFORTS



On October 18, following weeks of intermittent grid outages, ten million people lost power. On October 20, during the blackout, Hurricane Oscar made landfall, flooding and damaging the island's eastern side, and killing seven people. People in the Guantanamo and Baracoa areas had little warning that Oscar was coming because the ongoing power outages badly affected communication systems. Church leaders surveyed the impacted areas and found 82 homes had completely collapsed, 1300 had partially collapsed and over 100 families' appliances were destroyed or washed away.

In response to Hurricane Oscar and the ongoing power outages, Episcopal Relief & Development is working with the Episcopal Church of Cuba to provide food, hygiene products, fans, rechargeable lamps and supplies for home repairs. Find out more at episcopalrelief.org.

Youth

Weekly Youth Opportunities Sundays

Youth Formation at 9:15 a.m.

with light breakfast

Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Youth Group at 6 p.m.

Dinner is provided!

Questions? Contact Clare, cstern@kccathedral.org



No Youth Group

Dec. 1

Dec. 8 (Tree Lot at St. Andrew's for Ski Trip 3-6 p.m.)

Dec. 15

Dec. 22

Dec. 29

Jan. 5

Jan. 12

Merry Everything, Happy Always

Questions, Contact Clare (cstern@kccathedral.org)

Adult Formation

Sunday

The Path

Sundays • 9:15 a.m. • Common Room

New attendees welcome at any time!

In our Adult Formation this year we will take a journey using Forward Movement's *The Path*, an excerpted version of the Bible that covers most of the major stories chronologically. Through *The Path*, we will become familiar with the grand overarching narrative of the entire Bible. We will learn the story of God's extraordinary and unrelenting love for us in its many dimensions. Copies of *The Path* are available in the Cathedral Bookstore if you would like to own a personal copy. Each chapter will be printed out weekly and made available so that everyone can follow along.

Tuesday

GHTC's Virtual Cafe • 7:30 a.m.

Please join us for our weekly conversation in GHTC's Virtual Cafe! Tuesday mornings from 7:30-9 a.m. For details, visit kccathedral.org/other-activities.

Women's Bible Study • 12:30 p.m.

Conversation is lively, thought-provoking, and often irreverent. All are welcome. Visit the WBS page, kccathedral.org/adultformation/wbs for more information.

Lectionary Bible Study • 6:45 p.m.

We study the lessons for the upcoming Sunday. Join the Lectionary Bible Study group in Realm or visit the LBS page, kccathedral.org/adultformation/lbs for more details.

Children

Formation Class • 9:15 a.m.

Join us for formation hour and wonder about God with your friends and teachers and hear sacred stories as told with the help of Godly Play resources!

Cathedral Kids • 10:30 a.m.

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

Questions? Contact Clare, childrensformation@kccathedral.org for more information.

Family Worship Weekend December 15

In an effort to get more children comfortable and involved in worship services, we have implemented Family Worship Weekends. There are pew boxes at the back of the Nave that contain items to enhance the children's worship experience. Some items may be taken home and others should be left in the box.

If you have any questions, please contact Clare (cstern@kccathedral.org).

Announcements

Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination: "Special Text Treatment" (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)

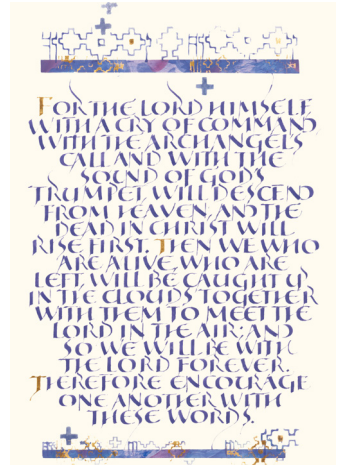
Ideally, the artwork from the Saint John's Bible used as our focus in this essay provides visual accompaniments (visio divina) to the liturgical texts for a given week. However, some weeks have no artwork specific to the selected lectionary texts. Today is one such occasion, so I will need to improvise a bit.

The theme drawn from today's liturgical texts is "waiting." Jeremiah 33:14-16 involves waiting for messianic fulfillment. Psalm 25:1-10 speaks of waiting for God's salvation. 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 offers a prayer for persistence in holy living while waiting for the Lord's coming. Luke 21:25-36 exhorts the faithful to watch and stay prepared for the coming of the Son of Man. Unfortunately, the Saint John's Bible has no artwork dealing directly with any of these texts.

The closest applicable artwork seems to be a special text treatment based on 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18, which deals with the subject of waiting for Christ's Second Coming. Advent involves a complex type of waiting, a waiting that looks both backwards and forward. It involves looking backwards to Jesus' birth, the accomplishment of the inauguration of God's redemptive promises. It also involves looking forward to the "second coming" when God completes what he has promised. We live in the interim between these actions and find ourselves waiting for their ultimate fulfillment. Three of today's lectionary readings speak of a future culmination of human history. Biblically, such waiting calls for patience and discipline.

Today's featured text treatment by Donald Jackson draws attention to the continuity of God's redemptive purpose and the encouragement we need to live as faithful followers of Christ despite the discouragement and confusing ambiguity endemic to daily life. The artwork of Saint John's Bible portrays a unifying theme woven throughout the New Testament Epistles. This theme is introduced in the illumination "Fulfillment of Creation" from Romans 8:1-39, "For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God." Selected text treatments in the Epistles that follow advance aspects of God's "fulfillment." The continuity of this purpose is announced in the stamped patterns used to accentuate these texts. Each text involves some dimension of waiting or expectancy. Today's highlighted text emphasizes the hope of "being with the Lord forever," the culminating fulfillment of creation's waiting.

What disciplines might you need to enhance while waiting on God this Advent season?



Advent Workshop

Sunday, December 1 • 11:45 a.m.

All are invited for fun, fellowship and crafts at our Advent Workshop. We gather in Founders' Hall after the 10:30 a.m. service. Contact Clare (cstern@kccathedral.org).



The Nativity Puppets

Friday, December 6

10 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 7

2 & 5 p.m.

Sunday, December 8

2 p.m.

The Nativity is comprised of over 40 volunteers, instrumentalists, vocalists and singers from the community. The annual production has been presented to thousands of Kansas City audiences and is a favorite tradition for many. You may purchase tickets at nativitypuppets.org. Use code **GHTKC** for discounted \$10 tickets.

Announcements

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 • 11:30 A.M.

CITY COME AGAIN



Since 1982, William Jewell College has partnered with Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral to present The City Come Again as a gift in music and word to Kansas City. This program features students and faculty presenting seasonal music, poetry, and more. This event is free.



Women's Lunch & Service Project

Saturday,
December 14 • 11 a.m.

The women of GHTC are invited to help pack up food for children to have over the holiday break and treat bags for local school children. RSVP at kccathedral.org/advent so we have a correct lunch count.

MINGLE AND MUNCH, SWEATERS AND SIPS!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 6-9 P.M.

You are invited to fellowship at the home of Kristen & Mathias Nichols in the KC northland. ALL ages welcome!

Bring a beverage and dish (appetizer or dessert) to share and wear your favorite fun holiday sweater/outfit.

RSVP at kccathedral.org/advent

Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 15 • 5 p.m.

The Cathedral will offer its seventh annual service of Advent Lessons and Carols. This service of Bible readings and music provides an opportunity for spiritual reflection and preparation as we anticipate the joy of Christmas and the hope of Christ's return. In the lessons, we begin with Adam and Eve, move through prophecies of the coming Messiah, and end with the Angel Gabriel visiting the Virgin Mary. The musical portions of the service are chosen to expand on the readings and on our longing for Christ's return. The music will include Advent congregational carols, choral pieces, and organ voluntaries. This event is free.

Youth Advent Party

AND WHITE ELEPHANT EXCHANGE

6-8 P.M.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

THIS IS A COMBINED EVENT WITH
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ALL YOUTH 6-12TH GRADE ARE WELCOME TO JOIN.

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