

# Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral



## The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024  
8 a.m.

## Welcome! We are glad you are here.

- If you are a visitor or new attendee, we invite you to fill out a welcome card, found in your pew, and place it in the offering plate or complete the form online. Use this QR code to access the form.
- If you need a hearing assistance device, please ask an usher. Instructions to connect via Bluetooth are on the back table.
- Gendered restrooms are available in Founders' Hall. A non-gendered, accessible restroom is available at west end (rear) of the Cathedral.



## Service Notes

- Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (\*).
- Donations may be placed in the offering, made through the Cathedral website: [kccathedral.org](http://kccathedral.org), by scanning the QR code to the right or by texting "GIVEtoGHTC" to 73256. *Thank you for your generosity.*



# HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY: Prelude on *Veni Emmanuel*

Philip Moore

## The Word of God

### \* OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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

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

### \* KYRIE ELEISON

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Presider Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Presider Lord, have mercy.

### \* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

Lector            You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
                              who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
                              one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
                              from ancient days.  
Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
                              when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
                              to the people of Israel.  
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
                              in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
                              to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.  
  
The Word of the Lord.

People            **Thanks be to God.**

### Canticle 15, The Song of Mary *Magnificat*, Luke 1:46-55 *read by alternating half verse*

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My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
                              **for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
                              **the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
                              **in every generation.**  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
                              **he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
                              **and has lifted up the lowly.**  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
                              **and the rich he has sent away empty.**  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
                              **for he has remembered his promise of mercy,**  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
                              **to Abraham and his children for ever.**

## Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:5-10

Lector            When Christ came into the world, he said,  
                          “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
                          but a body you have prepared for me;  
                          in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
                          you have taken no pleasure.  
                          Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’  
                          (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Word of the Lord

People            **Thanks be to God.**

### \* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45

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

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

Gospeller        In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

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

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

Intercessor     May our hearts leap for joy as we again assemble in prayer to await the Lord's coming. With Mary, may  
 our souls proclaim God's greatness as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the church: As the celebration of your incarnation draws near, we remember the many  
 ways your revelation is lifted up and we pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ throughout the  
 world, and especially for those whose very faith endangers their lives.

Lord in your mercy,

**People     Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor     For our next bishop, Amy. Watch over her and her family as they prepare to join us in our life and  
 ministry.

Lord in your mercy,

**People     Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor     For an end to violence, oppression, and injustice: As you lead us, Lord, from darkness to light, may we  
 be among those who exalt the lowly and fill the hungry with good things, rooting out the proud of  
 heart and drawing courage from the power of your arm.

Lord in your mercy,

**People     Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor     For our own spirits: May our hearts be magnified and may this season of Advent stir in us such faith  
 that we may be your light in a darkened world.

Lord in your mercy,

**People     Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor     For this community: May we welcome the stranger and be drawn to a bright future in service to you,  
 while also remembering and honoring those in the past who guided us into faith.

Lord in your mercy,

**People     Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the sick and suffering: May they find healing and peace. We especially pray for those we now name, either silently or aloud,  
Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the dead and those on the threshold of death. May they and we be welcomed into the place of glory our Lord has prepared for us. We especially pray for those we now name, either silently or aloud,  
Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider Lord, we gather up the prayers of this household, confident in your promise to be with us always. Guide us in wisdom and faith; that we might live into the life created for us, trusting in your will. All this we ask through your Son, our redeemer, Jesus Christ. **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.**

# The Holy Communion

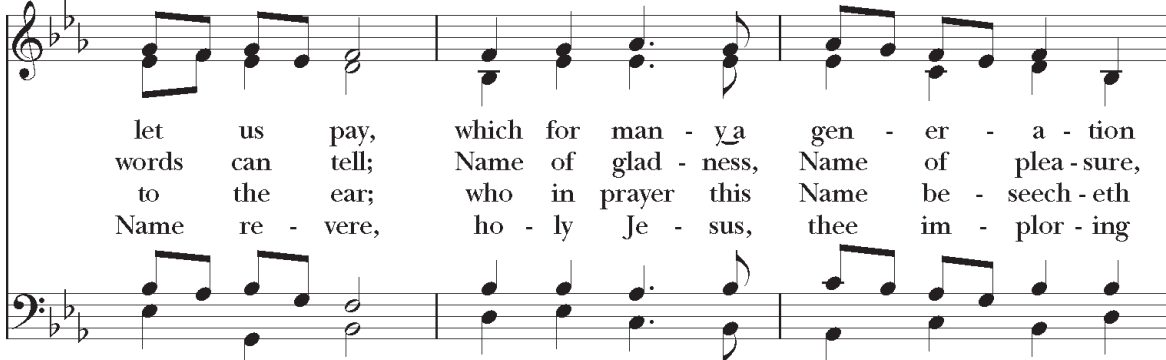
## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

## \* OFFERTORY HYMN: 249 "To the Name of our salvation"



1 To the Name of our sal - va - tion laud and hon - or  
2 Je - sus is the Name we trea - sure; Name be - yond what  
3 'Tis the Name that who - so preach - eth speaks like mu - sic  
4 There - fore we, in love a - dor - ing, this most bless - ed



let us pay, which for man - ya gen - er - a - tion  
words can tell; Name of glad - ness, Name of plea - sure,  
to the ear; who in prayer this Name be - seech - eth  
Name re - vere, ho - ly Je - sus, thee im - plor - ing



hid in God's fore - know - ledge lay; but with ho - ly  
ear and heart de - light - ing well; Name of sweet - ness,  
sweet - est com - fort find - eth near; who its per - fect  
so to write it in us here that here - af - ter,



ex - ul - ta - tion we may sing a - loud to - day.  
pass - ing mea - sure, sav - ing us from sin and hell.  
wis - dom reach - eth, heaven - ly joy pos - sess - eth here.  
heaven - ward soar - ing, we may sing with an - gels there.

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

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

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



All            Our Father, who art in heaven,  
                  hallowed be thy Name,  
                  thy kingdom come,  
                  thy will be done,  
                  on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
                  as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
                  but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
                  and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

\* BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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Presider        Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
People         Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.  
Presider        The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed  
                  on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.  
For gluten-free bread, cross your hands palms down.  
For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.  
On the first Sunday of each month, prayer for healing is offered at the prayer desk until the close of worship.*

\* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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

\* THE BLESSING

\* DISMISSAL

*Following the dismissal,*  
People         Thanks be to God.

\* CLOSING HYMN: 66 “Come, thou long-expected Jesus”

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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VOLUNTARY: *Magnificat*, BuxWV 204

Dietrich Buxtehude

### Serving Today

Presider	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Preacher	The Rev. W. James Yazell
Deacon	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Organist	Dr. Lucas Fletcher
Lector	Chuck Ritter
Eucharistic Minister	Jennifer Mason
Usher	Jim Crum
Altar Guild	Candy McDowell, Caroline John

### Year End Giving

We want to take a moment to express our gratitude for the generous gifts we receive this time of year. Your support throughout the year makes our work possible, but during the holidays, we are especially aware of your generosity and how it benefits our community. You may make your donations online through our website, by placing them in the Sunday offering or by mailing to the Cathedral office.

Donations received by mail must be postmarked by December 31 to be included on your 2024 contributions. *Please note that the Cathedral office will have limited hours between December 24-January 1.* If you have a question about your pledge or other giving, please contact Cathedral Administrator Julie Toma at [jtoma@kccathedral.org](mailto:jtoma@kccathedral.org) or 816.214.9936.



# Cathedral Prayer List

**Pray for:** Gail; Leesa Fanning; Lisa Helgenkamp; Mary Sklar; Sherry and Randy Mueller; Diego Garcia; Melanie Boyd; Darwin Weaver; Kendal Van Scoyk; D'angelo and Deondra; Ralph and Billie; Kurt Brack; All impacted by recent hurricanes; Holiday Travelers; Betty Loy; Sally Livengood; LaGreta Gitta; Phineas Gitta; Anne Huston Hayes; Isaiah Fanning; First Responders; Gloria Stocks; Jim Royer; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; Larry McMullen; All those fighting cancer; Doyle White; Mike Barzee & Family; Joyce Morrow; All families affected by gun violence; Charlotte Colburn

**Comfort and Peace:** the family and friends of Lynn Schneider; the family and friends of James Shaffer; the family and friends of Bonita White; 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; all families affected by gun violence

**Pray for the Departed:** Lynn Schneider; Bonita White; James Shaffer; Donald Bradley; Gabriel Kney; Robert Boehm; The Rev. Tim Murphy; Joann Immenschuh; for all those lost in war; for all who have died from gun violence

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Savannah—Mr. Greg Hall, Bishop's Warden; Episcopal Church Women

For the complete prayer list: [kccathedral.org/prayers](http://kccathedral.org/prayers)

To place a person on this prayer list, please contact Deacon Barbara Wegener, [bwegener@kccathedral.org](mailto:bwegener@kccathedral.org). Requests are held in prayer for 90 days.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### December 22

Tony Carrillo  
Sharon Hudson

### December 25

Michael John  
Dennis Meehan  
Arthur Mullies

### December 27

Doug & Terri  
Curran

### December 23

Miles Lewandowski  
George Nodler  
Lenette & Steve  
Johnson

### December 26

John Hornbeck  
Chuck & Marsy  
Gordon

### December 28

Dennis Morgan

Please contact the Cathedral office if we have omitted your birthday or anniversary:  
[jtoma@kccathedral.org](mailto: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](http://kccathedral.org/flowers) for more information or contact Julie Toma, [jtoma@kccathedral.org](mailto:jtoma@kccathedral.org).



**Cathedral Staff:** The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, *Dean*; The Rev. W. James Yazell, *Associate Priest*; The Rev. Barbara Wegener, *Deacon*; Dr. Lucas Fletcher, *Director of Music*; Clare Stern-Burbano, *College, Youth & Children's Minister*; Julie Toma, *Cathedral Administrator*; Melissa Kilpatrick, *Communications Coordinator*; Holly Campbell, *Events Coordinator*; Steve Berman, *Finance Coordinator*; Dr. Joan Bergstrom, *Sacristan & Volunteer Coordinator*; Angie Graham, *Facility Manager*; Bianca Jackson, *Assistant Facility Manager*; The Very Rev. Peter J. DeVeau, *Dean Emeritus*; Canon John Schaefer, *Canon Musician Emeritus*

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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.



## Christmas Services

### Tuesday, December 24, 5 p.m.—Christmas Eve (with Nativity Pageant)

Join us Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. and watch the Cathedral kids present the Nativity Pageant.

### Tuesday, December 24, 10 p.m.—Christmas Eve

Come celebrate the birth of Christ with us. Traditional, familiar carols and service music will be featured.

### Wednesday, December 25, 10 a.m.—Christmas Day

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



## 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.



### Winter Chili & Game Night: Friday, January 10, 6 p.m.

Warm up on a winter night with fun, food and fellowship as we share our favorite chili recipes and enjoy games for all ages. Bring your best chili, whether it's a secret family recipe or a creative twist. As we savor each bowl, engage in games that promise laughter and joy for everyone. You are invited for the chance to connect with friends, share stories, and create lasting memories in a warm atmosphere! Sign up at [kccathedral.org/upcoming-events](http://kccathedral.org/upcoming-events). All are welcome whether you sign up or not. Signups help with planning.

## Gifts of Flowers and Greens

Gifts of flowers and greens in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one help provide festive decorations from Christmas Eve through the Epiphany. You can:

- Give online (yellow give button at the top of [kccathedral.org](http://kccathedral.org)).
- Text "GIVETOHTC flowers" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.
- Mail a check to the Cathedral office.

Please contact the Cathedral office ([jtoma@kccathedral.org](mailto:jtoma@kccathedral.org)) with the following information:

- The names of those you wish honored or the blessing(s) you wish to name.
- Your name as donor (optional).
- Your name will appear in Epiphany bulletins and the next issue of *The Angelus*.

Thank you for your generous gift in celebration of Christmas!