

# Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral



## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

10 a.m.

# Welcome to Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral!

*"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

The celebration of the Nativity of our Lord is such a wonderful time to give thanks for our family and friends. This time of year is so special and sacred, and a time that we, as Christians, hold dear for remembering our salvation through the birth of Jesus. God gave us a great gift on that quiet night in Bethlehem, and we continue to enjoy it as we receive it over and over each year. God's love for us is beyond anything we can imagine, and the best way we can respond to it is to love back. As Christ loves us, we are called to love one another. At this most sacred time of year I wish you peace, happiness, good health and great joy throughout this season and the New Year. May this season be a blessed one for all of you, and may the warmth of Christ's light fill you with all hope.

## Welcome!

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.



Welcome Card or  
Email Sign Up

## Subscribe to Our Newsletter

Sign up for email news about special events, worship and ways to connect with our community.

## Children

Children are welcome in all our services and activities for them are available on a shelf in the back aisle.

## Restrooms

Gendered restrooms are available in Founders' Hall. A non-gendered and accessible restroom is available at west end (rear) of the Cathedral.

## Hearing Assist Devices

Connect your Bluetooth enabled devices through the Listen Everywhere app. Detailed instructions are available on the table near the entrance. Other (not Bluetooth) hearing assist devices are also available on the table near the entrance.

## 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

All are invited to Haden Hall for hot chocolate and cookies. *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.

**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.



*Please be advised that our services are livestreamed to YouTube. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.*

# Christmas Offering

Fifty percent of the Christmas offering is always donated to one or more organizations that are doing good in our world. This year the offering for outreach will be donated to the Global Birthing Home Foundation and Nourish KC. Please consider making a generous and sacrificial gift. The remainder of the offering is used for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral.

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

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## Global Birthing Home Foundation’s Maison de Naissance

### *Reducing Maternal and Infant Mortality Rates in Haiti One Community at a Time*

Maison de Naissance, “Home of Birth,” sponsored by Global Birthing Home Foundation, is a modern maternal health center supporting healthy mothers and healthy babies in Haiti. Their 100% Haitian staff provides high quality medical care in a welcoming and culturally appropriate environment, coupled with ongoing community oriented support, to ensure that patients receive the best care possible.

Please donate generously so Maison de Naissance maternal and infant health center can continue to provide respectful, affordable, culturally appropriate care and emergency relief supplies to thousands of women and infants in the Torbeck region of southwest Haiti, regardless of their background and circumstances.

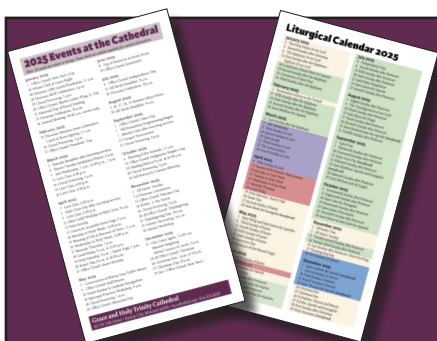


## Nourish KC

### *Empowering Communities Through Food*

Started in the basement of the Cathedral as the “hot food program,” the Kansas City Community Kitchen is still feeding the hungry in Kansas City as Nourish KC.

At Nourish KC, they believe in the power of food to transform lives, empower individuals, and create thriving communities. For 35 years, they have been a cornerstone of Kansas City, working to eliminate hunger and improve nutrition. Their mission goes beyond food distribution—it is about building connections, fostering hope, and driving meaningful change. Through innovative programs, strategic partnerships, and the efforts of our dedicated volunteers, Nourish KC addresses hunger while tackling its root causes. Every meal prepared and every pantry item distributed reflects our commitment to a future where everyone, regardless of their circumstances, has access to nutritious food.



## Take home a 2025 calendar today.

Keep up to date with Cathedral events and service. The calendar features the liturgical calendar on one side and major Cathedral events on the other side.


# FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY: *In dulci jubilo*

Johann Michael Bach

## The Word of God

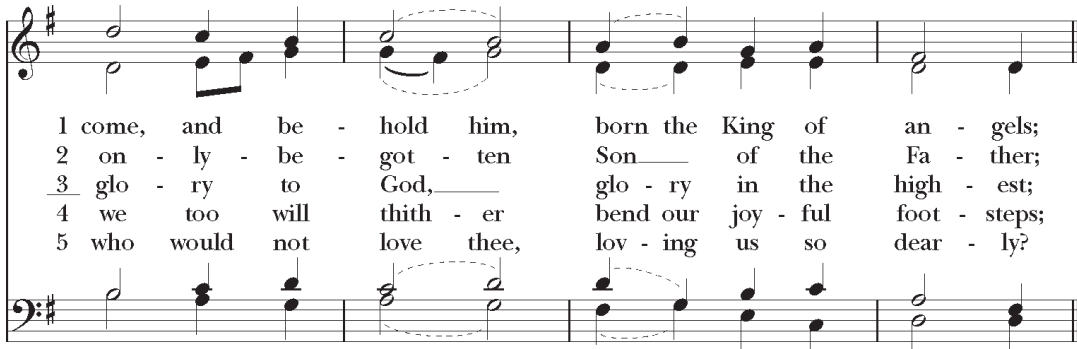
\* ENTRANCE HYMN: 83 "O come, all ye faithful"



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
\*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,  
\*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,



1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;  
4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;



1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;  
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;  
4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;  
5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

*Refrain*



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -



dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord. 6

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing;

*Refrain*

\* OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Alleluia. Unto us a child is born.  
 People Unto us a Son is given. Alleluia.

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

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

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

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

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\* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider      The Lord be with you.

People        **And also with you.**

Presider      Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Isaiah 52:7-10

Lector        How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,  
together they sing for joy;  
for in plain sight they see  
the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the Lord has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations;  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.

People        **Thanks be to God.**

Sing to the Lord a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.  
With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.  
The Lord has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.  
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.  
Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.  
Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.  
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.  
Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.  
In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

## Second Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-12

Lector Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,

“You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be his Father,  
and he will be my Son”?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God's angels worship him.”

Of the angels he says,

“He makes his angels winds,  
and his servants flames of fire.”

But of the Son he says,

“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,  
and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom.  
You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;  
therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

And,

“In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

they will perish, but you remain;  
they will all wear out like clothing;

like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed.

But you are the same,  
and your years will never end.”

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

\* GOSPEL HYMN: 88 “Sing, O sing, this blessed morn”

1 Sing, O sing, this bless - ed morn, un - to us a child is born,  
2 God from God, and Light from Light, comes with mer - cies in - fi - nite,  
3 God with us, Em - man - u - el, deigns for ev - er now to dwell;  
4 God comes down that we may rise, lift - ed by him to the skies;  
5 O re - new us, Lord, we pray, with thy Spi - rit day by day,

1 un - to us a son is given, God him - self comes down from heaven.  
2 from high heaven he comes to earth, one with us in hu - man birth.  
3 he on Ad - am's fall - en race sheds the full - ness of his grace.  
4 Christ is born for us that we born a - gain in him may be.  
5 that we ev - er one may be with the Fa - ther and with thee.

*Refrain*

Sing, O sing, this bless - ed morn, Je - sus Christ to - day is born.

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\* THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:1-14

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

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

Gospeller      In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

Presider	<p>Good and gracious God, on this holy day you gave us your Son, the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Savior of all, lying in a manger.</p> <p>On this holy day draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host, that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds, that we may find the one for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God forever and ever. <b>Amen.</b></p>
Intercessor	<p>On this holy day in which God joins heaven and earth, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all those in need.</p> <p>Let us pray for the Church around the world as it celebrates the birth of Christ. Bless all those who are entrusted with Christian ministry that your Word might be proclaimed with truth and courage across our world. We pray especially for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Diane our Bishop Provisional, Amy our Bishop Elect; and for all bishops and other ministers.</p> <p>Lord in your mercy,</p>
<b>People</b>	<b>Hear our prayer.</b>
Intercessor	<p>Bestow your wisdom on all who govern, that in honoring the earth and its diverse races, cultures, and religions, we may celebrate the light of this holy day.</p> <p>Lord in your mercy,</p>
<b>People</b>	<b>Hear our prayer.</b>
Intercessor	<p>Grant reconciliation to those besought with conflict and violence, that they may live in the peace of this holy day. We pray especially for those affected by war or gun violence.</p> <p>Lord in your mercy,</p>
<b>People</b>	<b>Hear our prayer.</b>
Intercessor	<p>Let us pray for all who are cold, hungry, or alone this day. Embrace with your tender care all who wander or have no place to lay their head, that they may experience the hope of this holy day.</p> <p>Lord in your mercy,</p>
<b>People</b>	<b>Hear our prayer.</b>
Intercessor	<p>Let us pray for all who are anxious, depressed, or ill. Draw near to those who find this season a source of pain or grief, and to all who are suffering or sick, especially those we mention now, either silently or aloud, that they may feel the comfort of this holy day.</p> <p>Lord in your mercy,</p>
<b>People</b>	<b>Hear our prayer.</b>
Intercessor	<p>Let us pray for parents, families, and newborn infants. Strengthen families in the bonds of love and commitment, that they may delight in the joy of this holy day.</p> <p>Lord in your mercy,</p>
<b>People</b>	<b>Hear our prayer.</b>

Intercessor Let us pray for ourselves and for the blessings of Christmas. Open our hearts to your presence, that we may be transformed by the new birth of this holy day.  
Lord in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Let us give thanks for all the faithful departed who have been bearers of the Word made flesh. Give us grace to follow your holy ones in lives of faith and commitment, that we may we join with the hosts of heaven in singing the praises of this holy day.  
Lord in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor O God, grant us all these things for the sake of him who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People Amen.**

Presider O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

\* THE PEACE

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Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## The Holy Communion

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

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: "Christ was born on Christmas Day"

David Willcocks

Christ was born on Christmas Day; wreath the holly, twine the bay. Christus natus hodie: the Babe, the Son, the Holy One of Mary.

He is born to set us free, He is born our Lord to be, Ex Maria Virgine: the God, the Lord, by all ador'd for ever.

Let the bright red berries glow, ev'rywhere in goodly show; Christus natus hodie: the Babe, the Son, the Holy One of Mary.

Christian men, rejoice and sing; 'tis the birthday of a King, Ex Maria Virgine: the God, the Lord, by all ador'd for ever.

Night of sadness, morn of gladness evermore: ever, ever: after many troubles sore, morn of gladness evermore and evermore.

Midnight scarcely past and over, drawing to this holy morn: very early Christ was born.

Sing out with bliss, his name is this: Emmanuel: as was foretold in days of old by Gabriel.

—Text: John Mason Neale

\* OFFERTORY HYMN: 107 "Good Christian friends, rejoice"

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;  
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;  
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
 He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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*Celebrant*                      *People*  
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
 Lift up your hearts. 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

S125: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*

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

S161: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

Intinction of wafers is offered, if desired. For gluten-free bread, cross your hands palms down.

For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.

### Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

### COMMUNION HYMN: 84 "Love came down at Christmas"

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Love came down at Christmas". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn. The music is in a simple, folk-like style with a clear melody and accompaniment.

1 Love came down at Christ - mas, love all love - ly, love di - vine;  
2 Wor - ship we the God - head, love in - car - nate, love di - vine;  
3 Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and love be mine,

love was born at Christ - mas: star and an - gels gave the sign.  
wor - ship we our Je - sus, but where-with for sa - cred sign?  
love to God and neigh - bor, love for plea and gift and sign.

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COMMUNION HYMN: 115 "What child is this"

*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.



\* 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.

\* CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Presider May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy  
and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you,  
and remain with you always. Amen.

\* DISMISSAL

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*The Deacon dismisses the people.*

People Thanks be to God.

\* SENDING HYMN: 87 "Hark! the herald angels sing"

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!  
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.  
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

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## Serving Today

Presider	The Rev. W. James Yazell
Preacher	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Musicians	Trinity Choir, Dr. Lucas Fletcher
Lector	Ed Miller
Intercessor	LeeAnne Hays
Eucharistic Minister	Charles Shipley, Kay Woolley
Acolyte	Siras Keyse
Ushers	John Braum, Richard Fanolio
Altar Guild	Michelle Ritter, Peg Brown
Sound/Livestreaming	Leticia Porter, Julie Toma

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

## Thanksgivings and Memorials for Flowers and Greens



- in celebration of our families by Janet & Ric Sweeting
- in memory of Lillian & John Knoell, Marie Knoell and Florence & Merritt Royer by Donna Knoell & Jim Royer
- in thanksgiving for our children Siras & Mary Mullis by Beth & Andy Keyse by Andy & Beth Keyse
- in memory of Ira & Josephine Morgan by Rev. Dr. Dennis B. Morgan
- in thanksgiving for family – past, present & future by Page & Bruce Reed
- in thanksgiving for my family by Carolyn McLeroy
- in memory of Rich & Minnie Denny by Denny, Kent & Denny Brisley
- in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren and Barbara Liming by Michael & Cathy Thomas
- in memory of Charles & Mary Thomas and Lloyd Liming by Michael & Cathy Thomas
- in memory of John M. Brown by Peg Brown
- in thanksgiving for the Cathedral Staff: Julie, Steve B., James, Melissa, Clare, Holly, Joan, Barbara, Lucas, Angie, Bianca, Mike, Brian, Farzana and John by Dean Andy
- in thanksgiving for my family by Sharon Hudson
- in memory of Liza Townsend and Landon Rowland by Guy Townsend
- in thanksgiving for the Trinity Choir by Jan Duncan
- in memory of Charles, Leona & Warren by Jan Duncan
- in memory of Harley Miller and my parents by Pat Miller
- in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Howard W. Keyse, Mr. & Mrs. Siras A. Stocks, Mr. & Mrs. Carl F. Grauer, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph L. Johnson, Dr. S. Allan Stocks by Beth & Andy Keyse
- in memory of Willie Joe Finnie Jr. by Jackye Finnie
- in thanksgiving for my family and in memory of Jinny McCoy by
- in memory of Jeri Bugh, Jesse Hockett, Gretrude Lewandowski and Alice Lindquist by the Lewandowski family
- in thanksgiving for our families by Sheila Denton and Patti Ryder
- in thanksgiving for our grandchildren Ryan and Brooke by Dr. and Mrs. John Nelson




**WINTER Chili & GAME Night**  
 Friday, Jan 10  
 6 PM

Let's play!

**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. Sign ups help with planning.



**MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration**  
**January 18**

**Luncheon & Fundraiser**  
 11 a.m. • Founders' Hall  
**Evensong Service**  
 4 p.m. • Cathedral Nave

The Diocese of West Missouri invites you to join us for luncheon fundraiser and Evensong Service in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The luncheon and fundraiser supports The Reverend Canon Edward L. Warner Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians of West Missouri. Tickets are available for the luncheon fundraiser at \$40.


The Most Rev. Michael Curry is the guest preacher for the service of Evensong.

Buy your lunch tickets or RSVP to the service here: [diowestmo.org/events](http://diowestmo.org/events)

**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.



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