



**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 27, 2022 AT 10:30 A.M.**



Welcome to Grace Episcopal Cathedral!

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A PENITENTIAL ORDER

PRELUDE: Wake, Awake, for Night is flying

Jacobus Kloppers (b. 1937)

HYMN 61: Sleepers, Wake!

WACHET AUF

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION, BCP 352

LITURGY OF THE WORD

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Cantor *Congregation*

Bless-ed are you, Sov-reign Lord, God of our
an-ces-tors: to you be praise and glo-ry for ev-er!

The Cathedral Choir: You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment. May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation.

Cantor *Congregation*

for you are our light and our sal-va-tion. Bless-ed be God for ev-er.

SALUTATION AND THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

Congregation is seated.

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

After the reading, Thanks be to God.

Anglican chant sung by the Cathedral Choir

THE SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

After the reading, Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

HYMN 59: Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

MERTON

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

Before the Gospel, ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

On the Mount of Olives, Jesus said to his disciples privately about his coming, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

After the Gospel, Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED, BCP 358 (Red Book) Standing as able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

That this season of Advent may be good, holy, and charitable, let us gather our concerns and joys, and together offer them to God.

Silence

When it seems that things are ending, give us the courage to see them as renewing. Let our hearts be lightened by the promise of your Word soon to come and abide among us for ever.

Silence

Help us always to be the Church you intend. Gather, instruct, and feed us; and then send us out in your Name. We remember today St. Andrew's Church, Derby; and St. Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo, New York. Bless every member of this congregation as well as those in positions of leadership within it. Bless those who discern your will for their lives. Bless those in the midst of being formed to serve you.

Silence

Send good news into every heart and life – that a righteous branch is springing forth. Let it ease the suffering of the world. Make this community a haven of peace and refuge, and keep us mindful of its needs.

Silence

Bless the dying. Take into your loving arms those who have gone before us. May they be as precious to you as their memories are to us. We remember especially this day with flowers on the altar: Fred Gibson, Katherine Clough, Adelaide Zanner, Mary Elizabeth Bearman, Lucy Snead, and all the saints we still cherish.

Silence

Help us, when life is at its busiest, to be still so that we can see and hear your gracious Spirit at work around us.

Silence

We make our prayer in the name of the One who was and is and is to come: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Cathedral prayer requests: Judy, Mick, Shelley, Roger, Curtis, Clyde, Diane, Brandy Nicole

THE LORD'S PRAYER, BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: Fraction Anthem (S161)

David Hurd

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.

Communion is available at the altar rail (bread / intinction / drinking from cup) or at the crossing (bread or intinction only). To receive a blessing, come forward and cross your arms over your chest. Signal a server if you need to remain in your pew but wish to partake.

After receiving communion, Prayer Ministers will be in St. Mary's Chapel for private prayer.

MUSIC: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, II., Op. 8 No. 2

Hugo Distler (1908-42)

Please stand as you are able.

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN 57: Lo! He Comes, With Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PROCESSION HYMN 640: Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

ABERSTWYTH

THE DISMISSAL Let us go forth in the name of Christ!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Rhapsody on Helmsley

Lloyd Webber (1914-82)

MINISTERS TODAY

Celebrant/Preacher: The Very Rev. Torey Lightcap, *Dean*

Deacon: The Rev. Don Chubb

Vergers: Kent Wingerson, Elizabeth Massey

Acolytes: Team 1, Josiah Todwong, *Capt.*

Eucharistic Ministers: Kitty Fapp,

Tom Seddon, Sam Todwong

Lector: Karla Denton

Altar Guild: Group A, Nancy Perry, *Capt.*

Ushers: Team 5, Dick Edington, *Capt.*

Organist: Donald Livingston

Choirmaster: Eduardo García-Novelli

Associate Choirmaster: Zachary Cope

Sound/Lights: Mason Vosburgh

Livestream: Michael Massey

CATHEDRAL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This year's St. Nicholas Tree, a project of the Cathedral's Youth Group, is in the Common Room through December 11. You are invited to take an ornament off the tree and donate the gift listed. All gifts will be going to families and individuals adopted through the Topeka Christmas Bureau.

Each ornament on the tree will have an item, or a group of items. You simply make the purchase and return the wrapped item(s) to the Cathedral on or before December 11.

Volunteers to help deliver the gifts are also appreciated. Please contact Kathy Smith, knsmith@gracecathedraltopeka.org, if you can help.

Sunday School children to receive St. Nick visit! Next Sunday, December 4, 9:30 a.m., Sloan Hall (2nd floor) Kids of all ages- Come join us for Gingerbread House decorating and a visit from St. Nicholas!

Adult Forum in December: Sarah Shipman, Director of Episcopal Migration Ministries, will lead a discussion of migration issues in the U.S. and the historic role of the church in responding. Dean Lightcap will continue the conversation and explore ways Grace currently assists migrant populations in our community as well as think about what we have to offer individually and as a parish. Sarah will then return to provide information about the work of The Episcopal Church today and opportunities to participate in a variety current programs.

These classes will be held December 4, 11 and 18 at 9:30 a.m. in All Saints Hall.

Advent Mitten Tree: Throughout December, you'll see our "Mitten Tree" on the Cathedral's east side. All Cathedral members are invited to help decorate the tree with new mittens, gloves, hats and scarves. After Christmas, the items will be given to those who could use the extra warmth this winter.

Advent Devotional Guide available today: *Holy Is His Name* as a daily devotions guide for Advent. This book by Elis Hiu-Mei Lui (a youth minister in the Diocese of New York) uses the four canticles (hymns of praise) found in the Gospel of Luke as a framework. Copies are available in the Common Room for a suggested donation of \$5.

Stephen Ministry Training Session: The Stephen Ministry at Grace Cathedral, in cooperation with four other Stephen Ministry congregations, will hold a training session for new Stephen Ministers. An informational meeting is scheduled in the Bubb Room at Grace on Sunday, December 4, 9:45 a.m. If you are interested in this caring ministry, please attend this meeting or call one of our Stephen Ministry leaders: Gwen McClain 785-506-6929 or Karel Ramsey, 785-232-1452.

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Special presentation by the Grace Reader's Theatre: On December 11, after the 10:30 service, Grace Readers Theatre will present "The Christmas Truce of 1914." This dramatic reading is based on a true event when, during the First World War, British and German soldiers lay down their arms and celebrated Christmas together. This is an original program by our Readers and is based on actual letters both German and English soldiers sent home to report this miracle. Zachary Cope will join the Grace Readers to provide a musical background. You won't want to miss this short but powerful presentation.

Advent Service of Hope and Healing, Tuesday, December 6, 6 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel: The holidays are a time when most everyone seems to be happy and having a good time, but it can be a challenging season for those who are experiencing loss or grief. Stephen Ministry is offering an Advent Service of Hope and Healing for those who are feeling sadness or stress. You are invited to join us in this safe and sacred space.

Upcoming GREAT SPACES concert: The Spire Ensemble presents Handel's MESSIAH, Tuesday, December 20, 7 p.m. The Spire Chamber Ensemble and Baroque Orchestra from Kansas City performs this masterpiece under candlelight with period instruments like you have never heard before...inspiring, dazzling, joyous. This is a Christmastime concert experience not to be missed!

Tickets: \$20/adults; \$5 students/ 12 and younger, free available at www.GreatSpaces.org (credit card) or at the Cathedral office (cash/check only)

In the interest of creating a peaceful and prayerful space for worship, at five minutes before worship begins, or just before the prelude, a bell will ring. This is the signal to refrain from conversation so that you and others may prepare for worship through prayer, meditation and thoughtful silence.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) = red book Hymnal = blue book

We'd love to connect with you. Please fill out a visitor information card from the pew rack and drop it in the collection box on your way out today.

Sound equipment for the hearing-impaired is available. Inquire with an usher.

Restrooms are located in the hallway to the west. Next to the nursery you will find a family restroom with a changing table.

A staffed nursery is available today, down the hallway to your right. You can ask an usher to assist you.

Connect with us and learn more about who we are at www.gracecathedraltopeka.org.

Special Note: Please be aware that this service will be live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.