



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

DECEMBER 8, 2024, 10:30 A.M.



Welcome to Grace Episcopal Cathedral!

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Silent procession. Please stand as able.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Alexander Kastalsky (1856-1926)

Trisagion sung three times, the first time by the choir.



Ho - ly, God, — Ho-ly and migh - ty, Ho-lyand im-mor-tal, have mer-cy on us

The Cathedral Choir: You spoke to the prophets of old of a Savior, you helped spread the message of his kingdom. Help us share the good news of the coming Christ, the light that is coming into the world. *(repeat Trisagion)*

ACCLAMATION AND SALUTATION

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Congregation is seated.

THE FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

After the reading, Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 16: S 248 *The Song of Zechariah*

Sung by the congregation

THE SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced

the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

After the reading, Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

HYMN 75: There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying

ASCENSION

THE GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

After the Gospel, Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED *BCP 358 Standing as able.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Today, we gather in expectation. We look in earnest for the Savior of the nations to be born in humble glory.

Make us ready, Holy One, to hear the words of the prophets in their time, rolling down through the ages. May we turn and heed the voices in the wilderness, and change our ways, until more and more we reflect your will for us.

Lord Jesus Christ, **come quickly.**

Give to your Church the power to cast off the garment of affliction, as the Good News she proclaims pierces every human heart. Remember, O Christ, those given authority in your Church, and those they serve. Remember Calvary Church in Yates Center, and Christ Church Cathedral, Indianapolis, Indiana. May your Church's members know that in serving others at the lowest place, they are serving you.

Son of David and Son of God, **come quickly.**

Help us, in our many Christian callings, to create a better world. Work through our tiredness to offer praise to you through loving others: feeding, advocacy, education, visitation, and friendship. In our Cathedral cycle of prayer today, we lift up Kay, Kitty, Janet, Arceile, Judy, Mike, Jenny, Austin, Connie Adams, and Tom.

Savior of the nations, **come quickly.**

Enfold the departed in the sure knowledge of your eternal presence. We remember especially Tracy Thompson, Helen Burton, Alice Metcalf, Albert Patten, Mrs. George Reed, James McKinney, Bernice Kritser, Helen McClintock, John Bellamy, Anna Marshall, Patricia Waugh, Adelaide Mills, Dick Reed, and every soul known to you.

Lamb of God, **come quickly.**

The Celebrant concludes: Lord Jesus Christ, light of the world, may your appearing brighten our lives and make us glad. May we never forget how much you love us. For your sake we pray. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN *BCP 360, kneeling if able*

THE PEACE *Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Congregation is seated.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE: Beloved, take heart, for the one who began a good work in you will see it to completion; for all of you share in God's grace, and as witnesses of the gospel of Christ.

OFFERTORY: Song of Mary

Harold Friedell (1905-58)

The Cathedral Choir

Bring not a crown to wear, upon His head so fair, He needs no gold upon His shining hair,
Place not a sceptre in His hands, for This my babe no glory understands,
Nor shall He reign o'er earthly lands.
Bring not your incense sweet, to lay before His feet,
For thrones shall pass and kingly joys are fleet, Greet not my babe in homage deep,
Let praise break upon His sleep, like guarding angels, silence Keep.
Bring Him your hearts alone, to God such gifts are known,
The poor and meek the father calls His own,
Only your love and service bring, At gifts so sweet the Heavens sing,
O enter now and greet your King!

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer D, *BCP 372, Standing as able.*

THE SANCTUS S 127

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

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. —

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: Fraction Anthem (S 166)

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on
us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

COMMUNION

All are welcome! Communion is available at the altar rail or at the crossing. To receive a blessing from the priest, 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.

Please stand as you are able.

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN 63: O Heavenly Word

VERBUM SUPERNUM PRODIENS

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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.

THE BLESSING

PROCESSION HYMN 67: Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

PSALM 42

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

POSTLUDE: HELMSLEY—Rhapsody

William Lloyd Webber (1914-82)

MINISTERS TODAY

Celebrant: The Reverend Jody Carroll, *Canon*

Preacher: The Reverend David Jenkins

Assisting: The Very Reverend Torey Lightcap, *Dean*

Deacon: The Reverend Carl Edwards

Vergers: George Webb, Kent Wingerson

Acolytes: Team 1, Michael Wilson, *Capt.*

Eucharistic Ministers: Kitty Fapp,
Lynne Horne, Alan Johnson

Lector: Lawton Nuss

Altar Guild: Group D, Tami Smith, *Capt.*

Ushers: Team 6, Bob Horton, *Capt.*

Organist: Donald Livingston

Choirmaster: Dr. Eduardo García-Novelli

Associate Choirmaster: Zachary Cope

Sound/Lights: Sam Carkhkuff

Livestream: Connie Vosburgh

CATHEDRAL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Favorite Christmas Carol: If you haven't yet voted for the Christmas Carol you'd most like to hear at Communion this Christmas Eve, there are ballots by the clear boxes on each side of the Cathedral Nave.

Senior Saints Christmas luncheon: The Senior Saints will hold a special Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 11, featuring the *Young at Heart* Barbershop Quartet singing Christmas favorites. People of all ages are invited. Social time begins at 11 a.m. in All Saints Hall followed by a catered lunch at 11:30. Please RSVP to the Cathedral office at 785-235-3457 no later than noon on Monday, December 9. There is also a sign-up sheet on the west side table in the Cathedral. A \$10 donation is appreciated for the lunch.

Adult Forum, December 15: *Reimagining Advent* with The Reverend Jody Carroll
The Adult Forum meets at 9:30 a.m. in All Saints Hall.

GREAT SPACES CONCERT: *Christmas at the Cathedral, Sunday, December 15, 7:30 p.m.*
A unique musical program of baroque music, including selections from Bach cantatas, Charpentier noels, Handel's *Messiah*, carols, Italian canzonettas, and instrumental works for baroque ensemble.

Tickets are \$20 at the door, \$18 online at GreatSpaces.org.

Advent Service of Hope and Healing, Wednesday, December 18, 5:30 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. The 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.

Christmas Flower Memorials: Donations are being accepted for Christmas Flowers. If you would like to have someone remembered with flowers used to decorate the Cathedral this Christmas, please use the form on the west-side table in the Cathedral. **The deadline to have names included in the Christmas service bulletins is Wednesday, December 18.**

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.

Sharing Table items needed: Shampoo, deodorant, band-aids, lip balm, can openers, pain reliever, razors, shaving cream, body lotion. Donations can be left in the Sharing Table donation box on the coat rack shelf in the back hallway at the Cathedral. These donations are distributed on the first Saturday of each month.

NO clothing, please. We ask you to direct your donations of clothing to Doorstep, Let's Help or the Rescue Mission. Thank you.

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.

To make a gift, visit www.GiveToGrace.org.



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

GRACE CATHEDRAL CLERGY and STAFF

The Right Reverend Dr. Cathleen Chittenden Bascom, *Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas*

The Very Reverend Torey Lightcap, *Dean*

The Reverend Jody Carroll, *Canon*

The Reverends Donald Chubb, Carl Edwards, and Sarah Shipman, *Deacons*

Kent Wingerson, *Cathedral Verger/Finance and Facilities Manager*

Connie Vosburgh, *Office Administrator*

Donald Livingston, *Organist*

Eduardo García-Novelli, *Choirmaster*

Zachary Cope, *Associate Choirmaster*

Kathy Smith, *Director of Youth and Children's Ministries*

Ruth Ohm, *Ministry Coordinator*

Michael Godfrey, *Sexton*

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