# CHRISTMAS



The parish of Grace Episcopal Cathedral extends a most sincere welcome to this beautiful church, a house of prayer for all people. We are happy you are here with us to celebrate the night of Christ's birth.

We invite you to share with us in Holy Communion; all who love God are welcome at the Lord's table.

Please join us for one of our Sunday worship services (8:30 & 10:30 am), and if you have any questions about the Episcopal Church or would like more information about joining our community of faith, please contact the Cathedral office, or fill out a visitor information card from the pew rack and drop it in the collection box on your way out this evening, or you can use this QR code.

- † Prayer request cards are also available in the pew racks.
- † An unstaffed nursery is available for children and parents. You can ask an usher to assist you.
- † Before the service begins, we ask that you silence all cell phones.
- † Instructions to stand or kneel are intended only for those who are able.

We hope that you will experience the spirit of Christmas and the warmth and hospitality of our faith community.



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# Prelude

In the Bleak Midwinter / It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
Robert Banks, Donald Livingston, harps

O nata lux de lumine,

arr. Laurie Buchanan

Michael John Trotta (b.1978)

Cathedral Choir

O Light born of Light,

Jesu redemptor saeculi, Jesus, Redeemer of the world,
Dignare clemens supplicum Mercifully deign to receive

Laudes precesque sumere. the praises and prayers of your suppliants.

Qui carne quondam contegi You who once deigned to be clothed in flesh

Dignatus es pro perditis, for the sake of the lost,

Nos membra confer effici Tui beati corporis. Grant us to be made members Of Your blessed body.

Advent Carol Sir Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

Zachary Cope, countertenor

Advent Voices (5:30) arr. Kathleen Wissinger

Cathedral Ringers

A Baby So Small, A Message So Great

Alan Bullard (b. 1947)

The landscape was bare, The snowfall had come:
Glinting across the whiteness, A glimmer of sun.
The twilight drew on, The night was so calm;
Silent slept the sheep, Away from all harm.
Then suddenly shone A star in the sky:
Sparling with fire, A sign from on high.

A heavenly choir of angels did sing: 'God is come to earth; Joyful tidings we bring'.

A baby so small, A message so great: We kneel in breathless wonder, In hope, we shall wait. - AB

A Child Shall be Born

O Nata Lux

Mary E. Caldwell (1909-2003)

Be hold two strangers in a city of strangers, no welcome from Bethlehem in the cold chill of the night.

Behold, a child shall be born in a city of strangers, born in a lowly place soon to be sanctified,
for God sends us light for our darkness in the fragile heartbeat of his blessed Son.

Lord Jesus, come show us a way of life where we shall not turn away one from the other.

Speak to our loneliness, heal our pain, unlock our hearts!

With love show us a world where none shall ever be called stranger. - MEC

Before the Marvel of This Night (3:30)

Carl Schalk (1929-2021)

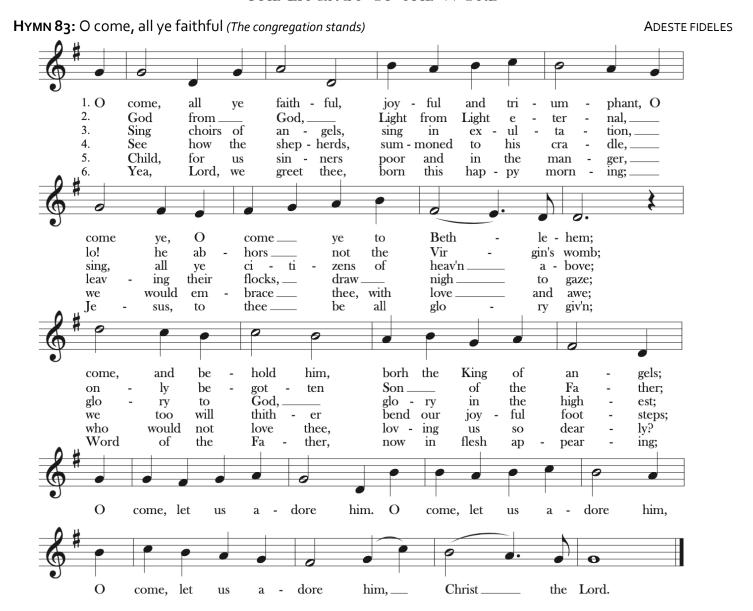
Before the marvel of this night, Adoring, fold your wings and bow,
Then tear the sky apart with light, And with your news the world endow.
Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace, That fear and death and sorrow cease:
Sing peace, sing peace, sing gift of peace!

Awake the sleeping world with song, This is the day the Lord has made.
Assemble here, celestial throng, In royal splendor come arrayed.
Give earth a glimpse of heav'nly bliss, A teasing taste of what they miss:
Sing bliss, sing bliss, sing endless bliss!

The love that we have always known, Our constant joy and endless light, Now to the loveless world be shown, Now break upon its deathly night. Into one song compress the love That rules our universe above:

Sing love, sing love, sing God is love! - Jaroslav J. Vajda

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



**ACCLAMATION:** Celebrant

elebrant Alleluia! Christ is born!

People The Savior has come! Alleluia!

GLORIA Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Paul Halley (b.1952)

The Cathedral Choir

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Glory to God in the highest!

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

### **CHRISTMAS COLLECT**

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born 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 forever. **Amen.** 

The congregation is seated.

# THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 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. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

# PSALM 96 Cantemus Domino

- Sing to the LORD a new song; \* sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \* proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \* and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \* he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \* but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \* Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \* ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \* bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \* let the whole earth tremble before him.
- Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! \* he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."
- Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \* let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, \*
  when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness \* and the peoples with his truth.

### THE SECOND LESSON: Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.





THE GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **THE NICENE CREED** (stand)

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

Leader

On this most holy night of our Lord's birth, that we may find peace, joy, and contentment in this holy season, let us pray for ourselves and all those in need of our prayers.

For the church of Christ, that it may faithfully proclaim the good news of salvation

and may care for the needs of God's people in all corners of the world,

we pray to you, O Lord.

People

Lord, hear our prayer.

For peace in our troubled world, that the darkness of war and injustice may be replaced by the light of peace and love, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader

For all those in need of our prayers: the homeless; the unemployed; the hungry;

those who are hospitalized; those who are imprisoned in body or soul; and all those for whom this season is one not of joy but of trial and sadness,

we pray to you, O Lord.

People

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For the sick, that their illnesses may be turned into health and their sorrow into rejoicing,

we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For those who labor this night on behalf of others and all those whose work prevents them

from sharing this evening with those they love, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader In thanksgiving we remember the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith.

That we, like them, may remain faithful to the end and live forever in the light

of your eternal glory, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

*Celebrant* All-loving and gracious God, we thank you for gracing us with the gift of your Son.

Confident of your continuing love for us, we have placed our needs before you. Hear and answer our prayers, through that same Christ, newly born this night,

our Lord and Savior, forever and ever. AMEN.

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

People And also with you.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (seated)** 

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# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

ANTHEM Hodie Christus Natus Est

The Cathedral Choir

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

Hodie Christus natus est, Born is a king for ever blessed,
Welcome we now our heavenly guest, Sing alleluia!
Loud we give praise this day of days;
Long may we sing our God and King,
Light of life, Lord of lords.
- Andrew Carter



"Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!" is Latin for "Therefore, glory to God in the highest!"

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

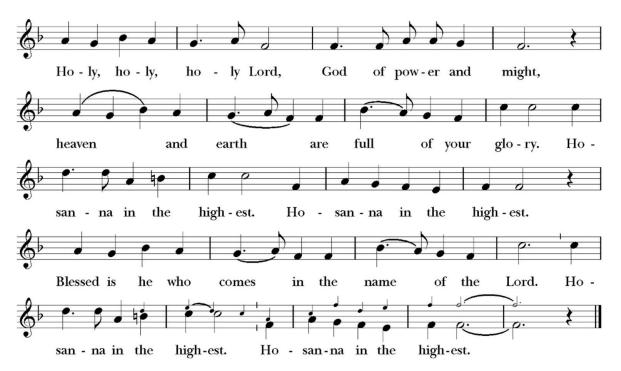
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:



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,

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

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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; 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.** 

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.

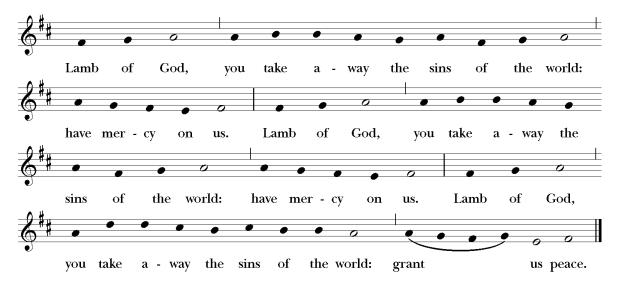
Give us this day our daily bread.

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.

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



The Congregation is seated.

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.

**COMMUNION MUSIC** 

Whence Is This Goodly Fragrance Flowing Robert Banks, harp James Bingham

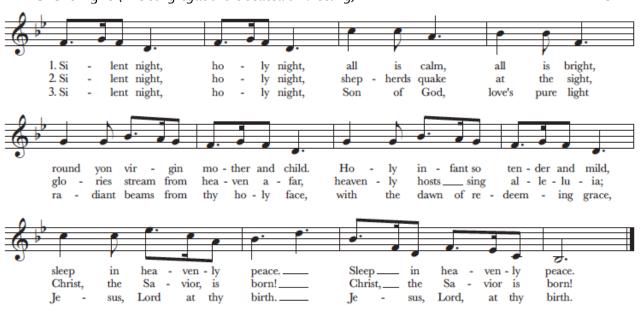






### **HYMN 111:** Silent night *(The congregations is seated or kneeling)*

STILLE NACHT



### **POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER** (Stand or kneel)

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 (Stand)

PROCESSION HYMN 87: Hark! the herald angels sing

MENDELSSOHN



**THE DISMISSAL** Deαcon The glory of the Lord has been revealed: Alleluia! Jesus Christ is born!

People And we beheld his glory! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Carillon-Sortie, 1911 Henri Mulet (1878-1967)

# MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT The Right Reverend Cathleen Bascom, Bishop of Kansas

BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN (6PM) The Reverend Sarah Shipman, *Priest Associate* 

BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN (10PM) The Reverend Canon Patrick Funston, Canon to the Ordinary

PREACHER The Very Reverend Torey Lightcap, Dean of Grace Cathedral

ASSISTING The Reverend Jody Carroll, Canon of Grace Cathedral

GOSPELER (6PM) / INTERCESSOR (10PM) The Reverend Don Chubb, *Deacon*INTERCESSOR (6PM) / GOSPELER (10PM) The Reverend Carl Edwards, *Deacon* 

Elizabeth Massey, George Webb, Kent Wingerson

THURIFER (10PM) Michael Massey

ACOLYTES Michael Wilson and Max McKibben, *Captains*LECTORS Steve Wolgast (6pm), Rick Backlund (10pm)

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Kitty Fapp, RuthEllen Saiya, Linda Park, Lynne Horne

ALTAR GUILD Group B, Linda Gallaway, Captain

USHERS Bob Horton, Captain

SOUND/LIGHTS Jim Edmonston (6pm), Adrian Horne (10pm)

LIVESTREAM OPERATOR (6PM) Michael Massey

**VERGERS** 

ORGANIST Donald Livingston

CHOIRMASTER Eduardo García-Novelli

CANTOR Zachary Cope
HARP Robert Banks

THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR – Tara Campbell, Kevin Cassidy, Kathy Chestnut, Zachary Cope, Steve Couch, Kent Cormack, Zachary Devin, Mitch Dziewior, Dylan Ediger, Vanessa Evans, Maria Fiocchi, Courtney Houston, Kailun Hu, Ted Inman, Tammy King, Jie Li, Betsy McGuire, George Phelps, Bill Pugh, London Roysden, Peter Seddon, Jake Shoemaker, Yue Shui, Kathy Slawson, Bill Stelzner, Mark Weber, Susan Weber, Stan Wilch, Marti Wright, Ted Yungclas, Shuqi Zhang

Flowers and decorations by Porterfield's Flowers.

Special Nativity window lighting provided by a gift from Sam Carkhuff.

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Given in memory of LaZelle Atkinson by Criss & Joan Schulz

Given in memory of Cora & Jeannie Durst by Bob Durst

Given in memory of David Armstrong by Jeanette Collier, John, Cloris & Brenden Armstrong

Given in thanksgiving for all of God's blessings. by Suzanne DeWeese

Given in memory of Lawrence & Joan Kunkle, Jerry Kunkle, Michael Cassaw, George & Georgia Park by Ken & Linda Park

Given in thanksgiving for the wonderful Clergy and Staff members of the Cathedral. We are blessed by your service and dedication.

by The Weikel Family

Given in memory of Peggy Cole and Ethelda Wilch by Susan & Stanley Wilch

Given in memory of Mona & Charles F. F. Cooper Jr., Mary Lou & Ben Neill Jr., Pam & Bob Nielsen, Dan Neill by Ben & Penny Neill

Given in memory of Jimmy Starr from his family: Rita, Deborah, Melissa, KC, Kevin, Mason and Rogan. by Rita Starr

Given in memory of Charles Henson and Mary Francis Counter

by their family (Sally Henson)

Given in memory of John & Marcia Laing Golden, Herb & Augusta Laing, Monk & Margaret Salisbury by John & Alicia Laing Salisbury

Given in memory of Stacy & Nelle Carkhuff, Rosemary & Bill Williamson, Bee Harding, Kelsey Apt, Janet Nelson and Mark Lahr

by Tim & Margaret Carkhuff

Given in memory of Larry & Dorothy Thomas and daughter Amy by Art & Carolyn Glassman

Given in thanksgiving for our children by Robin & Stephen Wolgast

Given in memory of Allen W. Jeffus (AJ) by Neta Jeffus

Given in memory of Brent Nothern by Austin & Marianna Nothern

Given in memory of Margaret B. McGillivary by Kevin McGillivary

Given in memory of Bud & Margaret Horton, Jill Colin Horton, Steve Horton, Wende Horton, Wayne & Evelyn Sawyer and Tom Sawyer by Bob & Nancy Horton

Given in memory of Charles & Edna Greene by Russ, Richard & Julianne Greene

Given in memory of The Rev. Canon Harold Weaver, Margaret Weaver, Irma & Henry Ohlemeier, Ray & Mary Florence Brinton, Mary Ohlemeier, Elisa Baker, Allen Jeffus and Shirley Moses.

by The Ohlemeier Family

Given in memory of Charles Cole, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Riotto, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Couch, Isabella Hartz by Kay Cole, Kathy Couch, Stephen Couch

Given in memory of Martha Smith, Mary & E.E. Newcomb, Anna & Clayton Smith by Paul Smith, Sheryl & Mark Kingman

Given in thanksgiving for Jason, Aaron and Christina. by Dale & Linda Gallway

Given in memory of James & Marie Burrell, Harvey Gallaway and Charlotte Roose Gallaway by Dale & Linda Gallaway

Given in memory of my granddaughter Ashley by Marilyn Hines

Given In memory of, and thanksgiving for the life of Janet Nelson.

by Dennis, Kathy, John, Madeline, George, Bennett & Lauren Given in memory of David Starr, and in thanksgiving for our family.

by Marylin Starr

Given in memory of Mae Trubey by Marilyn Trubey

Given in memory of Roll & Grace Shirley, Howard & Miriam Morrow, Mildred Morrow, Boots Gale, Jennie Chinn, Tom Reid, and Sam Crow by Michael & Shirley Morrow

Given in memory of Ruth, Earl, Rodney, Norman, Eldon, Martha, Kevin Manning, Katie Pearson, Lauran Boulanger

by Nancy Manning

Given in thanksgiving for family and friends, and the sweet memories for those we lost this year by Michael & Shelle McCoy

Given in memory of Robert Sommers by Jackie Sommers

Given in memory of our family, both near and far By Kent & Kelly Wingerson Given in memory of Amelia White, Helen Holmes, Virginia Ray, Mary Farr, Elester Farr & Ruth Briggs by Tami, Frank & Jirani Smith

Given in memory of Al Adams by Connie Adams

Given in memory of our parents and in thanksgiving for our granddaughter, Braelyn by Ken & Pam Alexander

Given in memory of Cherylene Grace Lovett, Elmer Denton Nail, Crosby LeRoy Nail by Chris Lovett

Given in memory of our mom's dear friends, Barb Moritz and Beau McCoy by Brian & Anne Wilson

Given in thanksgiving for our children by Brian & Anne Wilson