



## THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

DECEMBER 28, 2025, 10:30 A.M.

**Welcome to Grace Episcopal Cathedral!**

If you're new here, there's more information for you on the back of this service bulletin.

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**PRELUDE:** Noël VI

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

**PROCESSION HYMN 93:** Angels From the Realms of Glory

REGENTS SQUARE

*The service begins on page 355 in the red Book of Common Prayer.*

### **OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**GLORIA 96:** Angels We Have Heard On High

GLORIA

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**People** And also with you.

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### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**A**lmighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Congregation is seated.*

**THE FIRST READING:** Isaiah 61:10—62:3

**I** will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*After the reading, Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM 147:13-21, *Prayed by the congregation***

- 13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

**THE SECOND READING:** Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

**N**ow before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*After the reading, Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand as able.*

**HYMN 497:** How Bright Appears the Morning Star

WIE SCHON LEUCHTET

**THE GOSPEL:** John 1:1-18

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

**I**n 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. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*After the Gospel, Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**THE SERMON**

**THE NICENE CREED** BCP 358 *Standing as able.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form IV, BCP 388

### CATHEDRAL PRAYER LIST

**Cathedral prayer requests:** Kay D., Kitty, Arceile, Mike, Evelyn, Alicia, Nancy, Kay C., Channing, Cindy, Patrick, Marvin, Jim, Isaac, Wim and Shanti, Bob, Colleen, Bob D, Cyla, Kathy, and Michele.

**Diocese of Kansas:** St. Stephen's Church, Wichita

**Episcopal Cathedrals:** St. Peter's Cathedral, St. Petersburg, Florida

**Permanent Altar Flower Memorials:** Adam A. Lucas, Lester M. Weaver Jr., Harold Harrington

### CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION *BCP 360, kneeling if able*

<b>THE PEACE</b>	<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
	<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>

### ANNOUNCEMENTS *Congregation is seated.*

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE:** Through Jesus Christ, we have been adopted as children of God, and as such, we are also heirs of God's kingdom receiving all God's fullness, grace upon grace.

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:** Three Versets on 'Away in a manger' Mark Blatchly (b. 1960)  
*Donald Livingston, organ*



## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:** Eucharistic Prayer C, *BCP 369, Standing as able.*

**The Santus:** S 125 Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE FRACTION:** S 161 David Hurd ((b. 1950)

## 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 81:** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN ROSE

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

Let us pray.

**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.**

**PROCESSION HYMN 100:** Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

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

**POSTLUDE:** In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 729

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

You are invited to All Saints Hall for coffee, refreshments, and fellowship.

### **MINISTERS TODAY**

**Celebrant:** The Very Reverend Torey Lightcap, *Dean*

**Preacher:** The Reverend Jody Carroll, *Canon*

**Deacon:** The Reverend Carl Edwards

**Vergers:** Elizabeth Massey, Kent Wingerson

**Acolytes:** Team 2, Max McKibben, *Capt.*

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lynne Horne,  
Michael Massey, Linda Park

**Lector:** Melissa Weikel

**Altar Guild:** Group C, Kelly Wingerson, *Capt.*

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

**Organist:** Donald Livingston

**Choirmaster:** Dr. Eduardo García-Novelli

**Associate Choirmaster:** Zachary Cope

**Sound/Lights:** Mason Vosburgh

**Livestream:** Connie Vosburgh

### **CATHEDRAL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Adult Forum, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in All Saints Hall:**

**Today and January 4** – No Adult Forum

**January 11, 18, and 25** – We will engage in a three-part series on the Beatitudes led by your fellow parishioners.

**The Cathedral office** will be closed on January 1 for New Years Day.

**New offering envelopes are here:** If you use offering envelopes to pay your pledge, we have a set for you. They are available on the west side of the Cathedral nave. Please begin using the envelopes the first Sunday of 2026. You should discard any envelopes from previous years since the numbers change each year.

If you don't see a box for you, please contact Kent Wingerson or Cassie Carlson in the Cathedral office.

**Current Year's Pledge:** Please check the status of your 2025 pledge. Wednesday, December 31 will be the last day that your payments will count for the 2025 tax year. However, please make every effort to get your payments in before Christmas as the last week of the year is very busy for our Finance Administrator. You can call Kent in the Cathedral office (785-235-3457) if you are not sure where you are on this year's pledge. Thank you!

**Annual Parish Meeting: Sunday, January 25, 9:30 a.m., All Saints Hall:** Election of new vestry members, Endowment Trustees and Convention Delegates; presentation of the 2026 budget; and report on the state of the parish by Dean Lightcap. A continental breakfast will be served. (No Adult Education that morning.)

**Sharing Table Donations:** Thank you to everyone who is supplying the necessary, daily items that most of us take for granted. Please know that your gifts, which we distribute each first Saturday, are helping our neighbors in need. They are so thankful for your generosity.

Current needs include: EVERYTHING!, lotion, reusable bags, wipes, tampons, bandaids, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, chapstick, razors, shaving cream, and bar soap. No clothing donations, please.

With winter now here, we are temporarily accepting the following clothing items: gloves, coats, and NEW socks, underwear, and thermal underwear.

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](http://www.gracecathedraltopeka.org).

To make a gift, visit [www.GiveToGrace.org](http://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 Reverend Sarah Shipman, *Priest Associate*

The Reverends Donald Chubb and Carl Edwards, *Deacons*

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

Cassie Carlson, *Office and Communications Manager*

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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