# THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

DECEMBER 24, 2021 5:30 AND 10 PM



# **GRACE CATHEDRAL**

# A House of Prayer for All People

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 a.m), 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 today.

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.

Also, 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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# Christmas Eve Prelude



"Noél, Grand Jeu et Duo"

Louis-Claude D'aquin (1694-1771)

Sylvia Hamilton, organ

"BRING A TORCH, JEANNETTE ISABELLA"

arr. Susann McDonald

Erin Wood, harp

"STILL, STILL, STILL"

Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

The Cathedral Choir

Still, still, still, Let all the world be still, For Mary lays her son to rest, Sings to him softly at her breast, Still, still, still, Let all the world be still.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, My dearest baby sleep, The angels all rejoice and sing, Heav'n for your delight shall ring, Sleep, sleep, sleep, My dearest baby sleep.

Joy, joy, joy, My heart is filled with joy, The God of love has left his throne, Made this humble world his own, Joy, joy, My heart is filled with joy!

"WHAT CHILD IS THIS" arr. Susann McDonald

Erin Wood, harp



### CHORAL WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSION HYMN 83: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (stand)

Tune: Adeste fideles



**A**CCLAMATION

Celebrant **People**  Alleluia! Christ is Born!

The Savior has Come! Alleluia!

Celebrant Let us pray.

### **CHRISTMAS COLLECT**

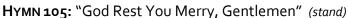
O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

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.

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





### 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. Thanks be to God. People



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 Brothers and sisters, 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, saying: "Lord, hear our prayer."

Leader 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.

Leader 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.

People 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** Congregation is seated.

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### THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

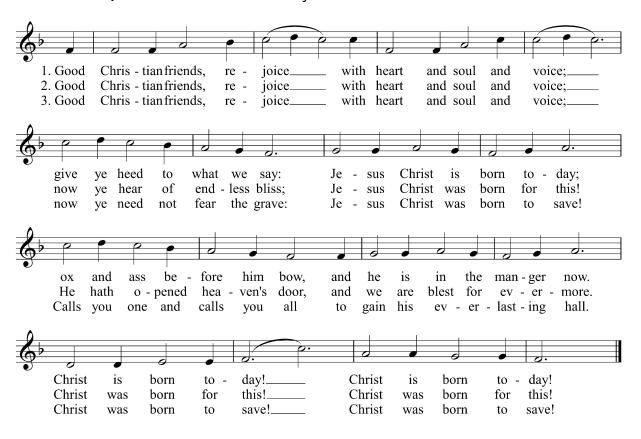
ANTHEM: "Nativity Carol"

John Rutter

### The Cathedral Choir

Born in a stable so bare, Born so long ago; Born 'neath light of star He who loved us so. Far away, silent he lay, Born today, your homage pay; For Christ is born for aye, Born on Christmas Day. Cradled by mother so fair, Tender her lullaby; Over her son so dear Angel hosts fill the sky. Far away, silent he lay, Born today, your homage pay; For Christ is born for aye, Born on Christmas Day. Wise men from distant far land, Shepherds from starry hills Worship this babe so rare, Hearts with his warmth he fills. Far away, silent he lay, Born today, your homage pay; For Christ is born for aye, Born on Christmas Day. Love in that stable was born Into our hearts to flow; Innocent dreaming babe, Make me thy love to know. Far away, silent he lay, Born today, your homage pay; For Christ is born for aye, Born on Christmas Day.





### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer B

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

### Celebrant

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:

Sanctus Franz Schubert



### The Celebrant continues:

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,

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

### The Celebrant continues:

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**.

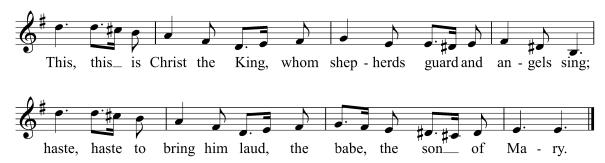
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Fraction Anthem: "What Child Is This?" (Refrain only)



The Congregation is seated.

### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

Music: "Le Sommeil de l'Enfant Jésus"

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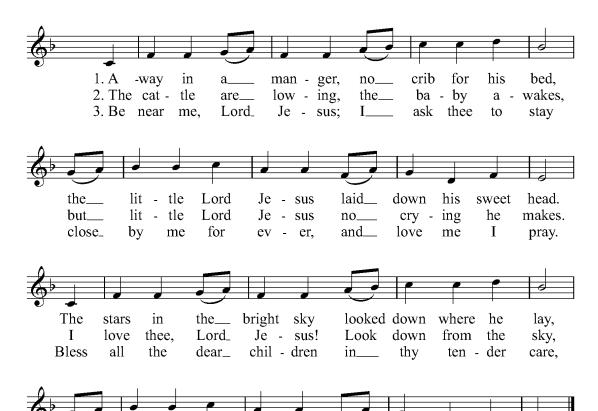
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Zachary Cope, violin; Erin Wood, harp; Sylvia Hamilton, organ

Henry Busser

Tune: Cradle Song

HYMN 101: "Away In A Manger"



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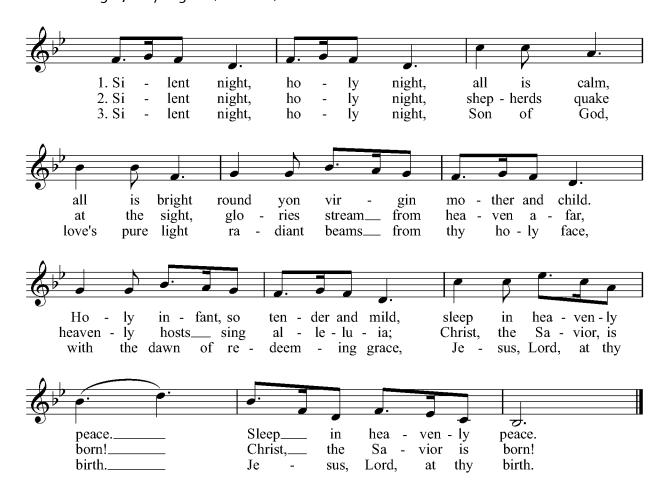
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### **POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER** (stand or kneel)

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)



THE DISMISSAL Deacon Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere:

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is born!

People The Savior is born! Alleluia!

Postlude: "In Dulci Jubilo"

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

Sylvia Hamilton, organ

J.S. Bach (1685-1750) Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

Hymnal S130, 83, 96, 100, 101, 105, 107, 111, 115 (Refrain) - Public Domain "Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella" - arr. by Susann McDonald @1982 Music Works - Harp Editions "Still, Still, Still" arr. by Philip Ledger from Christmastide: Twelve carols for mixed voices @1982 Oxford University Press "What Child is This" arr. By Susann McDonald

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### MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT The Very Reverend Torey Lightcap, Dean of Grace Cathedral (5:30 p.m.)

The Reverend John Bullock, Assistant Priest, Grace Cathedral (10 p.m.)

PREACHER The Very Reverend Torey Lightcap, Dean of Grace Cathedral

ASSISTING The Reverend John Bullock, Assistant Priest, Grace Cathedral (5:30 p.m.)

The Reverend Canon Patrick Funston, *Diocese of Kansas (10 p.m.)* 

DEACONS The Reverend Don Chubb, The Venerable Anne Flynn, Archdeacon

INTERIM CHOIRMASTER Zachary Cope
INTERIM ORGANIST Sylvia Hamilton

HARPIST Erin Wood

VERGER Kent Wingerson

THURIFER Elizabeth Massey (10 p.m.)

ACOLYTES Cathedral Acolytes: Nathan Adams, Emma Benson, Captains

LECTORS Jacqueline Lightcap (5:30 p.m.); Michael Massey (10 p.m.)

USHERS Ron Langston

ALTAR GUILD Group D, Bev Tilly, Captain

SOUND & LIGHT TECHNICIAN Jim Edmonston
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN Patrick Early

### THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

SOPRANOS	<u>Altos</u>	<u>TENORS</u>	BASSES
Tara Campbell	Sarah Baxter	Zack Devin	Dylan Ediger
Kathy Slawson	Kathy Chestnut	Stan Wilch	George Phelps
Kate Westhoven	Terran Homburg	Ted Yungclas	Bill Stelzner
	Cynthia Sheppeard Langston	-	Stuart Taylor

### 2021 Christmas Flower Memorials

Given in memory of Al Adams by Connie Adams

Given in memory of Jeannie Durst by Bob Durst

Given in memory of Merle & Lois VanVechten and Larry Raby by Susan Raby

Given in memory of Lloyd & Freda Synovec and Jean Arensdorf and in thanksgiving for our grandsons, Maddox & Miller by Dr Mark & Susan Synovec

Given in memory of Samuel R. Brooks, Jr & Samuel R. Brooks III by Wilma Brooks

Given in thanksgiving for our family by Alan & Kelly Johnson

Given in thanksgiving for family, and in memory of David Starr, Elmer Starr, Mary Legill, Wilbur and Mary Nolan, Al Hammons, Jim Starr and Virginia Nolan by Marilyn K. Starr

Given in memory of Henry & Irma Ohlemeier, The Rev. Canon Harold Weaver, Margaret Weaver, Barbara Knowlton, Joyce Pejakovich

by The Ohlemeier family

Given in memory of Gus & Herb Laing, Margaret & Monk Salisbury

Given in memory of Ruth, Earl, Norman, Eldon, Kevin Manning, Katie Pearson & Lauren Boulanger by Nancy Manning

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

Given in memory of Jim Starr. Loved and missed by your family always! Rita, Deborah, Melissa, K.C., Kevin, Mason, Rogan by Rita Starr

Given in memory of Nelle & Stacy Carkhuff, Rosemary & Bill Williamson and Bee Harding by Tim & Margaret Carkhuff

Given in thanksgiving for our children by Robin & Stephen Wolgast

Given in memory of Ethelda Wilch by Stanley Wilch

Given in memory of Harold & Margaret Jasperson, Leroy & Margaret Perry

by Ken & Nancy Perry

Given in memory of Howard & Miriam Morrow, Mildred Morrow, Boots Gale, Roll & Grace Shirley, Cherylene Lovett by Shirley D. Morrow

Given in memory of Lynn Lightcap and Jerry Whitney by Torey & Jacquie Lightcap

Given in memory of Evelyn Meade by Hurst Coffman

Given in memory of Cherylene Grace Lovett by Christopher C. Lovett

Given in memory of Major General William & Muriel Webb, Neil & Evelyn McCrary

by George & Rita Webb

Given in thanksgiving for our family, our friends, our faith by Michael & Shelle McCoy

Given in memory of Marilynne K. Wilcox, Robert V. Wilcox by Gregg Wilcox

Given in memory of Sheldon & Rovena Smith, John Becker Sr., John Becker Jr., Pearl McLaughlin, Bryce Becker by Phillip & Sonja Becker

Given in memory of Sam & Carolyn Alexander, Herk & Ann Russell, H. Wayne Powers, Jr. by Ken & Pam Alexander

Given in memory of Ron Mannoni by the Mannoni Family

Given in memory of Frank Dougan by Colleen Dougan, Jill Dykes, Skyler & Hannah Dykes

Given in memory of Brad Heyka by David & Liz Blakely

Given in memory of Patricia Porter McClain, Edith Firth Huffman by Gwen McClain & Steve Page

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

Given in memory of Rusty Addleman by Neta & Allen Jeffus

Given in memory of Charles Henson by Sally Henson, Meg Propes, Anne Casson and our family

Given in memory of Ruth, Carol & Jeannie by Marty & Jim Brewer

Given in memory of Edna & Jim Vass, Frank Saiya by Ruth Ellen Saiya

Given in thanksgiving for Suzanne, Stephanie, Kent, Katie, Jon, Kristin and Annie by Ron & Suzanne DeWeese

Given in memory of Raymond Brinton, Edith Brinton, Margaret Jutkins, Jackie Kisner, The Rev. Canon Harold J. Weaver, Margaret Weaver, Harold James Weaver, Jr., Barbara Knowlton, Joyce Pejakovich by Mary Florence Brinton

Given in memory of Ernest & Margaret Horton, Steve Horton, Wende Horton, Wayne & Evelyn Sawyer, Tom Sawyer by Bob & Nancy Horton & Family

Given in memory of Clayton & Amalia Sommers, Joe & Dorothy Rogers by Bob & Jackie Sommers

Given in memory of The Reverend Joe Thompson by Don & Janet Chubb

Given in memory of Phil & Ruby Edwards, Paula Luedke, Bonnie & Earl Weikel by The Weikel Family

Given in memory of Keith Akins, Bruce Akins by Reeta Akins

Given in memory of Elmer Denton Nail by Christopher C. Lovett

Given in memory of John Cairl, Darlene Lake Ross, Garnette Jones, Janet DeCicco, Sue Gaither by Judy Cairl

Given in memory of NaKupuna, Kupuna Kuhiko O Hawaii Nei

by Dan, Karol & Kristen Rice

Given in honor of Freda Nellis, and in memory of Paul Nellis, Louie and Electa Hale by Norman & Nancy Nellis

Given in memory of Amelia White, Helen Holmes, Virginia Ray, Mary Farr, Felicia Briggs & Ruth Briggs by Tami, Frank & Jirani Smith

Given in memory of Elizabeth Simpson & Lisa Vanatta by Roy Ridgeway

Given in memory of Stacy & Nelle Carkhuff and in thanksgiving for my children & grandchildren by Sam Carkhuff

Given in memory of Susan Bell and in thanksgiving for Sam, Ryan, Evan, Tyler and Jack by Jeanne & Steve Atha

Given in memory of Joseph Anthony McGillivary III, Kathleen Allison McGillivary Kati, Helena Beeman by Kevin McGillivary

Given in memory of Dick Tilly by all the Tillys