



A House of Prayer for All People

Grace Cathedral

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**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 28, 2021 AT 10:30 A.M.**



Welcome! We're glad you're here.

At Grace Cathedral, we require masks to be worn indoors at all services or at any other gatherings taking place here. If you do not have a mask, you can find them on the table near the west wall, as well as at the Cathedral Cloister door.

If you're new here, 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.

Take a minute to peruse our guide to worship in the pew rack. Want to connect with us and learn more? Go to www.gracecathedraltopeka.org.

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Book of Common Prayer (BCP) = red book

Hymnal = blue book

THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE TWO) AT 10:30 A.M.

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.

Special Note: Please be aware that this service will be live-streamed on YouTube.
Please silence your phone.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE: "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" BWV 645

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Cathedral Choir: Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory for ever! 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. Blessed be God for ever.

The musical notation is arranged in three systems. The first system shows the Cantor's part (treble clef, key signature of one sharp) with the lyrics "Bless-ed are you, _____ Sov-reign Lord, God _____ of _____ our _____". The second system continues the Cantor's part with the lyrics "an-ces-tors: to you_ be praise_ and glo - ry for_ ev - er!". The third system shows the Congregation's part (treble clef, key signature of one sharp) with the lyrics "for you are our light and our sal - va - tion. Bless-ed be God _____ for_ ev - er.".

BIDDING PRAYER FOR ADVENT

HYMN 56: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (*Blue Book*) **Verses 1 & 2**

Tune: Veni, veni, Emmanuel

ACCLAMATION	<i>Celebrant</i>	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
	People	And blessed be his kingdom, now, and for ever. Amen.
	<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
	People	And also with you.
	<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Congregation is seated.

THE FIRST READING: Jeremiah 43:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

After the reading, Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 25:1-9

John Goss

Anglican chant sung by the Cathedral Choir

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

After the reading, Thanks be to God.

HYMN 66: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (*Blue Book*) *Standing as able* *Tune: Stuttgart*

THE GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

Before the Gospel, Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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. James' Church, Wichita; and St. Mark's Cathedral, Shreveport, Louisiana. 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 Millspaugh Zanner, Mary Elizabeth Bearman, Lucy Snead and John Crow, 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 LIST

Cathedral prayer requests: Boyd Fetterolf, Judy Gilliland, Scott Green, Richard Greene, Steve Holt, Karen Madison, Fernando Martinez, Georgia McCurdy, Kim Miller, Nancy Nellis, Jack Seddon, Paul Seddon, Jackie Sommers

CONFESSION OF SIN, BCP 360 (Red Book)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Congregation is seated.*

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Thank you!



OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "E'en so, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come"
The Cathedral Choir

Paul O. Manz

Peace be to you and grace from Him Who freed us from our sins, Who loved us all and shed His blood That we might saved be. Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, The Lord, Almighty God, Who was and is and is to come; Sing Holy, Holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, For Christ is coming, is coming soon, For Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, And night shall be no more; They need no light nor lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their All.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361 (Red Book) *Standing as able.*

The Sanctus: Hymnal S127

Calvin Hampton

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, BCP 364 (Red Book)

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.

Holy Communion will be distributed from any of three places as you feel comfortable receiving it: the altar rail, a Communion station in front of the pulpit, or by standing in place and it will be brought to you.

After receiving communion, Prayer Ministers will be in St. Mary's Chapel for private prayer with you if you so desire.

COMMUNION ANTHEM: "Creator Of The Stars Of Night" *Text: Hymnal 60* arr. Michael McCabe
The Cathedral Choir

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN 601: "O Day Of God, Draw Nigh" (*Blue Book*)

Tune: St. Michael

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 57: "Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending" (*Blue Book*) *Tune: Helmsley*

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland" BWV 599

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

You are invited to join us for coffee hour this morning in All Saints Hall.

MINISTERS TODAY

Celebrant: The Very Rev. Torey Lightcap, Dean

Preacher: The Rev. John Bullock, Asst. Priest

Deacon: The Ven. Anne Flynn

Vergers: Kent Wingerson

Acolyte: Team 2, Emma Benson, *Capt.*

Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth Massey

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

Interim Organist: Sylvia Hamilton

Interim Choirmaster: Zachary Cope

Lector: Sam Carkhuff

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

Sound/Lights: Mason Vosburgh

Livestream: Connie Vosburgh

CATHEDRAL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Nicholas Tree: This year's St. Nicholas Tree, a project of the Cathedral's Youth Group, is located in the Common Room. You are invited to take an ornament off the tree and donate the gift listed. All gifts this year are going to the Topeka Public Schools Community Cupboard. The Cupboard, located in the old Quinton Heights Elementary School, provides food, clothing and hygiene items for all USD 501 families in need.

You can stop by any time before December 5 to get your ornament (or more than one). Each ornament will have an item, or a group of items. You simply make the purchase and return the item(s) to the Cathedral on or before Sunday, December 5.

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.

Adult Forum in December (9:30 Sundays in All Saints Hall): As we celebrate the holiday season with many beloved traditional foods and beverages, learn about the many beloved traditional foods and beverages that played an important role in the lives and nourishment of people during Jesus's lifetime. Food writer and vestry member Linda Ditch will do presentations on bread for Dec. 5, wine for Dec. 12, and fish for Dec. 19.

Advent Service of Hope and Healing, Tuesday, December 7, 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. It will be held Tuesday, Dec. 7, 6 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel at Grace Cathedral. You are invited to join us in this safe and sacred space. If you are unable to attend, the service will be livestreamed on the Cathedral's YouTube channel.