



The Cathedral chimes

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From the Dean



It was seventeen years ago this month, on the eighth of January 2005, that I was ordained to the priesthood. Nine

weeks later, on Monday of the week before Holy Week, the rector of the parish I worked for suffered a transient ischemic attack that would put her out of commission, and me in charge, for the next eight months.

I didn't know much about churches then (I'm sure I *thought* I did) or about the many things that new priests usually have to learn about in their first few years. Instead, everything the rector had been thinking she was there to insulate me from came directly to my desk. I was handed a fire hose and told to drink.

Epiphany can have a similar feeling, especially during this liturgical year, Year C. No sooner has the Christ child come into the world and the Wise Men come and gone, than John the Baptist is a working adult (Epiphany 1). In short order the adult Jesus turns water into wine (Epiphany 2), makes declarations in the synagogue (Epiphany 3 and 4), teaches all who come to hear him (Epiphany 5-7), and is transfigured before his disciples (Last Sunday

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"When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

—Matthew 2:10-11



Sunday, January 23, 2022, 9:20-10:15 a.m.



Plan to take part in the parish's Annual Meeting, Sunday, Jan. 23, 9:20 a.m. in All Saints Hall. The 2022 budget will be presented, elections will be held*, and Dean Lightcap will give a general update on the state of the Cathedral. The Hospitality Committee will serve a continental breakfast during the

meeting as well. We hope to see you there!

**Check your EChimes prior to the meeting for information on the nominees for Vestry, Convention delegates and Endowment Trustees.*

From the Dean continued

After Epiphany, February 27). In other words, he grows up, quickly. And from that last point, we make the hard and sudden turn into Ash Wednesday.

For those with eyes to see, there is a restlessness to the Christian life, with Christ himself as the end point and an infinite array of ways to learn about him, love him, and serve him along the way. If you keep tuned, something new is always happening.

That's one way of putting it. But here's another. Another Epiphany means another chance to hear the Bible, have our hearts opened up, and respond to God. Another Epiphany is another opportunity to really stop and pray. Another chance to sit and rest in God. Another passage of enough time for the spaciousness of contemplation and what it means that God became a real person out of love for us.

Augustine, a theologian of the fourth and fifth centuries, wrote a book-length prayer to God which we call his *Confessions*. In it he reframed the question of the rush and chaos of the Christian life. "You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless, until they can find rest in you." He understood that no kind of human striving can fill the basic need we all have for God. Accordingly he desired to eliminate every distraction in the pursuit of that perfect, holy rest which was the aim of the Christian life.

This Christmas and Epiphany, I'm praying for the strength to just sit more with God and to be God's friend. It's okay to be restless, and it's okay to rest. It's all okay.

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- ◆ **Adult Forum in January: *Christianity in the Roman Empire***
This class will be led by Scott Shipman. The Adult Forum is held on Sundays, 9:45-10:15 a.m. in All Saints Hall.

Adult Forum will not be held on January 23 due to the Annual Meeting.

- ◆ **Offering envelopes for 2022** are available to be picked up. If you've made a pledge and have used envelopes in the past, you will find your box on the west side of the Cathedral's nave. If you do not have a set of envelopes and would like to use them, please contact Kent Wingerson in the Cathedral office.
- ◆ An update on the lightning damage of August 8, 2021: In January we expect work to begin on repairing the limestone pinnacle on the West tower. At the same time we will be replacing the large limestone cross between the towers. The original (circa 1917) was brought down for safety reasons a number of years ago. The two companies working with us are Mid-Continental Restoration of Ft. Scott, and Lardner Cut Stone of Topeka. Weather conditions of temperature, moisture and wind, may impact the speed of this work.

GREAT SPACES

Music & Arts Series

Te Deum Choral Ensemble

presents Music of the Sistine Chapel (Antiqua Series)



Sunday, January 23, 3 p.m., Grace Cathedral

Featuring Palestrina's beloved "Pope Marcellus Mass," motets of Josquin des Prez and Gregorian Chant, the listener will be transported to 16th century Rome to experience a Renaissance service of the Sistine Chapel, the Pope's private chapel for prayer and worship.

Te Deum is a choral ensemble bringing a diverse, international repertoire of sacred music to Kansas City and the surrounding area.

Tickets: \$10/adults; \$5 students/ 12 and younger, free available at www.GreatSpaces.org (credit card) or at the Cathedral office (cash/ check only)

December happenings



St. Nicholas visit



January Birthdays

- 1 David Porterfield
- 5 Steve Roth
- 9 Neta Jeffus
- 11 Marilyn Atchley
- 15 Jeanne Tucker
- 16 Dominique Shannon
- 21 Nancy Nellis
Anita Wolgast
- 23 Nancy Manning
Claire McCurdy
- 25 Dan Rice
- 26 Zachary Cope
- 27 Tammy King
- 30 Kevin McGillivray

*O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen. —Book of Common Prayer*

(Please contact the office if we have missed your birthday or have incorrect information.)



Spire Ensemble & Orchestra present The Messiah



Christmas Eve at Grace Cathedral



Sunday Service
LIVE STREAMING

Sundays, 10:30 a.m. at
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or on our YouTube channel





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About the window...

The stained glass window on this month's cover shows the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. (Matthew 3:13-17) This is the center of three large windows on the west side of the nave.

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Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. – Holy Communion,
Rite I
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
(Sept.-May)
10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion,
Rite II

**Masks are currently required
for all services and events at
Grace Cathedral.**

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The Right Reverend Dr. Cathleen Chittenden Bascom,
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The Reverend John Bullock, *Assistant Priest*
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