



The Cathedral chimes

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From the Dean



In Lent we look to pray more intentionally, but we do not always know what to pray or how to commit ourselves to prayer. The

services we hold each week can be of great assistance. For example, in our service of Eucharist, we use what's called the memorial acclamation.

The words will be quite familiar to you:

... "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again." (Prayer A)

... "We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory." (Prayer B)

... "We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming." (Prayer C)

It is the whole congregation's job to say these words together, and not just the priest's job. The priest simply asks the congregation to the "proclaim the mystery of faith" (a phrase modeled after 1 Timothy 3:9), and all respond. So we know there is special meaning to this moment. But have you ever given much thought to the weight of these words and ideas?

There is, first, a kind of remembering taking place here. A lot of liturgy is about remembering something important, or being reminded, or at any rate not

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Election of church officers



At its March meeting, the Grace Cathedral Vestry elected officers to serve during the coming year. Rick Backlund and Linda Ditch were chosen as Senior Warden and Junior Warden respectively.

Reappointed were Lance Royer as Treasurer, Cynthia Sheppard Langston as

Chancellor and Connie Vosburgh as Recorder.

Special thanks to our newly retired Senior Warden, Chris Shermoen, and to our other retired Vestry members, Suzanne DeWeese and Ron Langston.

Finally, delegates to the Diocesan Convention and Northwest Convocation were selected in a special parish election. Dominique Shannon will serve two years as a delegate, and Chris Shermoen will serve a one-year term as alternate.

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allowing ourselves to forget. As its name implies, the memorial acclamation brings into concrete words the memory of the powerful experience of the Easter story: Jesus dead, Jesus resurrected, Jesus promising to return. Saying some different version of this acclamation week by week, over a course of many years, will ingrain it within you to even a subconscious degree, until finally it would be impossible to forget.

Second, the memorial acclamation is intentionally easy to remember. It's tidy. It comes in three parts. It is perfectly suited to our desire to proclaim faith in a way that is portable outside of church

and liturgy. So it is there for us to recite in our daily lives, not just on Sundays.

Third and most importantly is the content of the message: the **death** of Jesus is the culminating moment of Good Friday. We believe that through a miracle beyond human understanding, Jesus was returned to **life** after a few days. Before he left his disciples, he promised them that they would **see him again**. This promise is extended to the whole Church with the apostles as its representatives.

That last movement – looking to the future with hope and expectation – reappears within our liturgy. In Prayer A, we ask God,

“bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.” Similarly, in Prayer B, we ask God, “put all things in subjection under your Christ.” These are heightened ways of acknowledging that the future is in the Lord's hands, and that finally, under Christ and because of Christ, we have no reason to fear. We can look ahead and not succumb to worry because we know God's peace and security will ultimately be there for us.

Listen for the memorial acclamation next time you're in a service, and seize on the hope it offers. Then offer it as your own prayer as you move about your daily rounds.

—Torey+

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

Food writer Linda Ditch will host another Adult Forum series featuring Foods from Biblical Times. The focus is on the ingredients and meals from the New Testament, which gives insight into food traditions during Jesus's lifetime. The discussion topics will be:

- March 13—The Family Meal
- March 20—Olives and Olive Oil
- March 27—Milk and Cheese
- April 3—Foods of the Last Supper

Those in attendance will receive recipes based on the foods discussed in each class.

Tower repairs and addition coming soon!

Work to repair a West tower pinnacle is about to get underway. Getting worker access is a challenge at 100 feet above the ground. At this point we are looking at the second week of March for the crane and workers to arrive. The unsecured stones will be removed, and another solid pinnacle will come down as a pattern for fabricating the new one. Once this has occurred, we will be able to resume use of the narthex by the usher teams, and as a worshipper exit following each service.

At the time the limestone pieces are ready to go back up on the West tower, we will be installing a new six foot tall limestone cross between the towers. The former cross was removed for safety concerns many years ago.

We have kept the narthex closed since August 8, 2021, when a direct lightning strike blew the pinnacle apart. There should not be an interruption of narthex use when the crane comes back to complete the job.

Registration open for the Diocese of Kansas Youth Happening Weekend and Summer Mega Camp

Happening, a Christian experience by youth for youth, is a weekend retreat, focusing on Jesus and what he taught. There are games, music, great food, and a chance to talk with peers about things that really matter. It will be held April 8-10, 2022 at Camp Wood YMCA.

This year's **Mega Camp**, for those currently in grades 3-12, will be June 5-11, 2022. Episcopalians have been attending Summer Camp the first week in June at Camp Wood YMCA since 1937. The Diocese holds three separate sessions during a single week at the same facility, offering separate lodging, meal times, activities, worship, schedule, and staff for each age group.

More information can be found on the Diocesan youth website at: edokformation.wordpress.com.

Cathedral's Outreach programs grow



In coordination with the first Saturday Blessing Bag distribution, a "Sharing Table" is set up with personal care items that people can take as needed. These items are provided by members of the Daughters of the King; however, anyone interested in donating products such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, etc. can do so by bringing them to the Cathedral.

In addition to providing free sack lunches on Saturday mornings at Grace Cathedral, the Outreach Ministry has also

purchased socks, hats and gloves that are distributed to those coming by for the lunches.

Anyone interested in volunteering to distribute items may contact Melissa Weikel, 785-215-0501. The need is great in our community and a special shout-out goes to all those who are generously giving of their time and treasure by providing these essentials to our neighbors. Thank you!

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"LEGACY: CATHEDRAL CLASSICS AND THE MUSIC OF THE
AFRICAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE"

Sunday, March 13, 2022, 3 p.m., Grace Cathedral
Freewill Offering

March Birthdays

- 1 Marcy Cassidy
- 2 Anne Flynn
- 5 Paul Seddon
- 8 Susan Turner
- 10 Shirley Morrow
Rita Starr
- 11 Marilyn Kidd
- 12 Scott Hamilton
- 14 Sonja Becker
Mary Hoard
Bev Menninger
- 15 Clay Meininger
- 16 Ruth Tessorndorf
Mishelle Wilcox
- 17 Pat McGuire
Tom Seddon
- 18 Wilma Brooks
- 20 Kahlan Garrison
- 21 Sue Synovec
- 22 Connie Adams
Ed Carter
- 23 Sally Henson
- 25 Phillip Becker
- 27 Jan Richter
- 28 Josh Dittmer
Linda McWilliams
- 29 Jim Edmonston
Max McKibben
Bob Sommers
George Webb
- 31 Ted Yungclas

*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.)





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About the window...

Each month, we feature a small portion of a Cathedral stained glass window on the front cover of *The Chimes*. Jesus' temptation by Satan (Matthew 4:1-13) is depicted in this window, located on the west center aisle of the Cathedral's 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.**

GRACE CATHEDRAL CLERGY

The Right Reverend Dr. Cathleen Chittenden Bascom,
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas
The Very Reverend Torey Lightcap, *Dean*
The Reverend John Bullock, *Assistant Priest*
The Reverend Donald Chubb, *Deacon*
The Venerable Anne Flynn, *Archdeacon*

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Kent Wingerson, *Cathedral Verger/Finance & Facilities Manager*
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Zachary Cope, *Interim Choirmaster*
Kathy Smith, *Director of Youth and Children's Ministries*
And Interim Music Administrator
Michael Godfrey, *Sexton*

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John Finch, Vanessa Hill, Alan Johnson
Lance Royer, *Treasurer*;
Cynthia Sheppeard Langston, *Chancellor*