



The Cathedral chimes

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From the Dean



This finds you just on the cusp of (or knee-deep in) Holy Week 2022. This time is about the transition from Jesus' entry into

Jerusalem through Holy Saturday. With solemn prayer and procession, each day we mark the narrative of those days. But be open to surprise.

Holy Week is inherently difficult. Much is demanded. Can we keep our eyes open, our minds fresh, our hearts supple and ready? Can we get out of our own way and let the Holy Spirit show us something? Can we release our previous expectations and subvert the programs we automatically run that help us to feel happiness, power, or pleasure? Can we see beyond the traditional trappings and strip things down to their essential core while also letting the liturgy do its work upon us?

Can we be vulnerable, humble, and teachable? When, if not during Holy Week?

In an old story, a Hasidic leader asks his disciples, "Where does God exist?" Shocked, they respond, "Everywhere." "No," he says, "God exists only where man lets him in."

I don't tell that story to make a theological point about where God is to be found. (I'm far more

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**Make the journey through Holy Week
at Grace Cathedral**

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sympathetic to the students in this case). I tell it so that you might hear the forcefulness of the teacher. If we don't make room for God – if pride, willfulness, or busy-ness get in the way – it means we are turning down opportunities for transformation in God, and friendship and union with God. It's something you don't want to miss; but even if you show up, you still have to "show up."

If Easter Sunday is the victorious announcement of holy triumph over death, Holy Week is the short course explaining why Easter was necessary in the first place. Between the two, Holy Week will always be far less popular; but without Holy Week, Easter Sunday arrives as vacuous, generalized good news adorned with a few extra flowers.

My prayer for you today is simple. Allow yourself to be confronted and edified by Holy Week no matter what it holds for you. Get out of God's way into you. Give thanks for new insights. Don't just go through the motions on this one. At the end of it will be something much richer than any of us can imagine from this point in time.

—Torey+

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

April 10, 17 & 24 - Easter Break

May 1 & May 8 - "History of the End of the World" led by Steve Roth

May 15 - "What Happened to the 12 Apostles After Pentecost?" led by Dean Torey & Linda Ditch

Coffee Hour Returns to All Saints' Hall

Please join us for Coffee Hour after both 8:30am and 10:30am services.

Please sign up to be one of our fabulous Coffee Hour Hosts.

A host prepares coffee and provides treats to be consumed by parishioners directly after our church services. Information may be found at the Coffee Hour sign-up sheet located just outside of the All Saints' doors. A big "Thank You" goes out to Nicole Nielsen and our Hospitality Committee and to Jackie Sommers and Suzanne DeWeese and Daughters of the King for their continued commitment to Coffee Hour. We appreciate your generous gifts of time and treats.

Return of the Cloister Gallery artwork!

The Great Spaces Music & Arts Series is delighted to once again brighten the Cloister Gallery with beautiful artwork!

For April & May, we are pleased to feature the work of John Van Sickel, a fine artist whose bright, colorful paintings will brighten the Cathedral.



**Easter Egg Hunt
at the Kansas Capitol**

**Saturday, April 9th
10 a.m. to noon
817 SW Harrison, Topeka KS**

Children of all ages welcome!

- food
- games
- activities
- photo booth
- Easter fun!

Presented by First Presbyterian, Grace Cathedral, & Topeka First UMC



**Sunday Service
LIVE STREAMING**

Sundays, 10:30 a.m. at
GraceCathedralTopeka.org,
on our YouTube channel
or FaceBook Live

April Birthdays

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| 2 Marilyn Hines | 13 Melinda Schneider |
| 3 Bob Hoard | 15 Betsy McGuire |
| 5 Ingrid Garrison | 17 Jack Vogelsberg |
| 7 Kay Hemmingway | 18 Rita Webb |
| Susan Raby | 20 Andrea Evans |
| 8 Margaret La Rue | 21 Diane Harrington |
| 9 Shantini Gunasegaram | 23 Emma Benson |
| Doug Sheafor | 29 Phyllis Hoyt |
| 11 Kiera Garrison | |
| Daniel Richter | |

(Please call the office if we've missed your birthday or have incorrect information.)

Why Justice?

By Archdeacon Anne Flynn

At the beginning of 2020 the Outreach Committee of Grace Cathedral held several meetings with Dean Torey to reflect on Grace's outreach efforts. After prayerful thought and discussion, the Outreach Committee members voted to adopt this Statement of Purpose: The Outreach Committee of Grace Cathedral exists to further the mission of the Gospel in Topeka and beyond. It takes as its charge the text of Jesus' summation of ministry as found in Matthew chapter 25:

Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

The committee helps the congregation to live out the imperatives in this text in five important and interrelated ways:

1. **Praying over and identifying opportunities** for members of Grace Cathedral to become directly involved in changing society for the better in the name of God.
2. **Supporting hands-on, face-to-face engagement** whenever possible.
3. **Speaking out on issues** where potential exists to impact the quality of life for those we are called to serve and leveraging our voice by joining it with those of other concerned citizens.
4. **Modeling participation and discernment**, both in helping move big projects forward and in assisting the desires of others in our Grace Cathedral community to pursue their own individual avenues of ministry.
5. **Prioritizing giving to worthy organizations** out of those resources annually allotted by the Grace Cathedral budget.

This Statement of Purpose challenged committee members to widen their interpretation of outreach. Members participated in a Topeka High School initiative to distribute food to families in the 501 school district. Grace's response to some of our neighbor's needs that were revealed during the pandemic called us to become part of Operation Food Secure funded by USDA to provide fresh fruit, vegetables, and meat to families in need. When Operation Food Secure ended in August 2021, Grace began the Grace Blessing Bags initiative and applied for and received an Alleluia Grant from the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas to support this effort through 2022. Getting to know our neighbors revealed another need and the Sharing Table was initiated which

provides toiletries and miscellaneous care items to our neighbors who come for the Blessings Bags each month. This is supported by the women of the Daughters of the King from Grace. As other needs surfaced, blankets, hats, gloves, and socks were made available during the winter months. These efforts in addition to Grace's Saturday Sack Lunch distribution engage many Grace members in answering God's call for mercy and fulfilling a portion of the Statement of Purpose.

God calls us to be merciful. God also calls us to do justice. Grace became part of the Justice Unity Ministry Project in 2016 in fulfillment of the third imperative – to speak out on issues which have an impact on the quality of life for those we serve. We started our affiliation with three members of the congregation. That group has now expanded to 18 active Justice Ministers, and it grows every year. Justice Ministers of Grace work with members of the 30 other congregations to identify issues, research solutions and propose change. When we join our voices together, we can affect local policy and funding changes that make people's lives better. Our work includes violence reduction strategies, services for mental health and addiction, and increased availability of safe and affordable housing. Justice ministers commit time, talent, and treasure to this effort. Grace Cathedral, together with 30 other member congregations, make financial investments in this justice work. Grace fulfills the fifth imperative with its annual investment in the Justice Unity Ministry Project.

If you would like to know more about Outreach and how we do justice through the Justice Ministry, contact Deacon Anne, Melissa Weikel or Debbie Sesler.



2015 Nehemiah Action meeting held at Grace Cathedral

Save the date...
Topeka JUMP Nehemiah Action
Monday, May 9, 2022
Lee Arena at Washburn University
Registration is at 6:15p.m



THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 8:30 & 10:30 A.M.

On **Palm Sunday**, we'll mark the first day of Holy Week focusing on Jesus' triumphal entry in to Jerusalem. A dramatic reading of the Passion narrative will follow. *Childcare at 10:30.*

MONDAY AND TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK, APRIL 11 & 12, 5:30 P.M.

On **Monday and Tuesday**, we will gather in St. Mary's Chapel for Evening Prayer at **5:30**. The service will include a homily.

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK, APRIL 13, 7:30 P.M.

Wednesday in Holy Week is Tenebrae (the service of shadows). The most conspicuous feature of this service is the gradual extinguishing of candles and other lights in the church until only a single candle (the light of Christ) remains. The service is at **7:30 p.m.**

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 6 P.M. AGAPE MEAL, 7 P.M. SERVICE

The beginning of what the church calls the *Triduum Sacrum* (the "sacred three days" of Holy Week: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday). Our tradition is an "Agape Meal"—a covered dish supper—on **Thursday at 6 p.m.** followed by a Eucharist at **7 p.m.** Foot-washing and the stripping of the altar are part of this dramatic service. The all-night Prayer Watch begins after the Maundy Thursday service and ends at noon on Good Friday. People are asked to keep vigil for one hour during that time period. A sign-up sheet will be located in the Cathedral. More than one person can sign up for the same hour. There will be building security during the night.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 12:10 AND 7 P.M.

The Proper Liturgy for Good Friday is celebrated on **Friday at 12:10 and 7 p.m.** The noon service will be followed by the Stations of the Cross.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 9 A.M.

Holy Saturday is a day we rest and reflect on Christ's sacrifice and saving work, even as he rests in the tomb. We gather in the garden at **9 a.m.**, where the blessed sacrament (the body of Christ) has been placed until his resurrection on Easter Day morning. This brief service (about 15 minutes) recalls the ancient tradition of mourning called sitting *Shiva*, or sitting with the dead.

EASTER DAY, APRIL 17, 6:45, 8:30 & 10:30 A.M.

On **Easter Morning**, we will have three services: a Sunrise Service at 6:45 a.m., a spoken service of Holy Communion at 8:30 and a Festal Celebration of Easter Day at 10:30 with the Cathedral choir and organ. Incense will be used at the 10:30 service. *Childcare available at 10:30.*

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About the window...

The stained glass window on the cover of The Chimes depicts Jesus in prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane while his Disciples sleep (Matthew 26:36-44). This window is located in the east aisle of the Cathedral nave.

April 2022

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 optional
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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