



The Cathedral chimes

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From the Dean



God places a claim on each and every one of us from the beginning. That claim has specific dimensions and purposes. It can be thought of as a “calling” or a “call.” Our job as God’s people is to find out what that is for us so that we can pursue it. It might evolve over the years and become different things, but throughout our lives, we’re meant to remain sensitive and responsive to what God is doing and what God is asking us to do.

Among the signs of a healthy congregation, you may find people in varying, active states of discernment about how they are called to serve God. Some are discerning a formal call to holy orders while others are asking themselves what they might be called to within their own lay vocations. But *all* are called – so the fact that others are pursuing the question does not mean there’s no room for you to do the same thing! If anything, it should be a sign of encouragement.

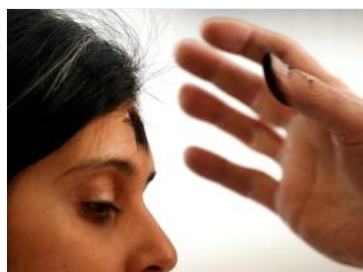
In the Episcopal tradition, the exploration of the question cannot occur in a vacuum. It necessarily requires the generous, compassionate talents of fellow Christians in one’s community in order to come to the clearest

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Ash Wednesday



*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*



**THE PROPER LITURGY FOR
ASH WEDNESDAY
and IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

Wednesday, February 22
12:10 and 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS in LENT

March 1 — March 29

5:30 p.m.

Worship (Cathedral)

6 p.m.

Simple supper (All Saints Hall)



From the Dean continued

possible understanding. We ask what God is up to in the Holy Spirit, and we do that together, being careful to use the wisdom of those around us who hold us gently as we discern. It is vulnerable work. Often the answer is not what we were expecting, and that might include the word “no.” That can be discouraging, but it’s not the end of the question – in fact, plenty of times it turns out to be simply the beginning of a new phase of discernment. It begs for deep patience.

When a sense of calling begins to articulate itself and others have affirmed it, we understandably respond by asking, “What now?” The answer is different for each circumstance, but usually the call is to something that’s a bit bigger than what we already know – so there may be training we need, or special relationships to cultivate, or books to read, or a time to retreat from our usual schedules and offer contemplation and prayer. We do whatever’s required.

To be sure, discernment is not just about people becoming deacons, priests, or bishops. That’s important and it has its place, but a big part of the reason why clergy exist in the first place is to help guide you to your own understanding of how you are called to serve Christ in his church, with or without a clerical collar.

Once more: You have a call. God has called you to *something*.

If you feel tugged in a certain direction, or if you just want to explore the question, I’m around and available for prayerful and confidential conversation.

—Torey+

Choral Evensong

Sunday, February 5 at 4 p.m.

Sung by
THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Sung at the close of day in cathedrals and churches throughout the world, Choral Evensong is a service of Evening Prayer. The choir sings the traditional evening prayers of the church, while the congregation listens, joins in the hymns, and adds their own prayers to those of the choir. It is an opportunity for peaceful meditation at the close of day.



Adult Forum in February and March, 9:30 a.m., All Saints Hall

- Feb. 5: Grace Cathedral’s Library Resources, led by LeRoy Dagg
- Feb. 12 & 19: Slavery and the Episcopal Church, led by Scott Shipman
- Feb. 26— March 26: Go Deeper in Lent, led by Dean Lightcap

February Senior Saints luncheon, Wednesday, February 8, 11:30 a.m.

Our Valentine-themed luncheon will be a catered affair this month. We ask that you make reservations by contacting the Cathedral office at 785-235-3457 or info@gracecathedraltopeka.org. A \$10 donation per person is appreciated. Guest Speaker George Webb will give a talk on Kansas Veterans’ Cemeteries, and a quartet will also make a special appearance!

Blessing Box Sunday, February 19

The third Sunday of the month is the day we take collections for the Grace Cathedral Blessing Box. You are invited to bring non-perishable food items for the Cathedral’s Blessing Box. We will have a grocery cart on the Cathedral’s west side where you can deposit your donations. You are also welcome to drop donations at the Cathedral office at any point during the month, or place them in the Blessing Box (located on the south side of All Saints Hall) after hours.

Suggested items include canned meats, vegetables, beans and fruit; pasta and sauce; canned or boxed soup, peanut butter and crackers; granola or protein bars; and canned or dry milk. Food that can be consumed on the go or without cooking is especially helpful. Thank you!

Sharing Table donations always welcome

Here’s a list of what is currently needed: can openers, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, body lotion, chapstick, bandaids, pain reliever, socks, shaving cream, razors.

These items are given away on the first Saturday of the month. Please place donations in the collection bin located in the back hallway between the restrooms. Thank you!

February Birthdays

- 5 Jeanette Collier
- 7 Jim Bertram
Ruthellen Saiya
- 8 Brent Hoyt
Amanda Weikel
- 9 Phil Dittmer
- 12 Dale Gallaway
Barbara Salyer
- 14 Kathy Lambert
- 15 Chris Lovett
Marianna Nothern
- 17 Dennis Nelson
Nancy Perry
- 18 Larry Brock
- 19 Larry Kampschroeder
Stan Wilch
- 21 Sam Todwong
- 23 Carol Bertram
Lynne Dillon
Marilyn Trubey
- 24 Kathy Slawson
- 25 Frank Smith
- 26 Kathy Hood
- 27 Michael Wilson

February Flower Memorials

- 2 Walter T. Coolidge
Margaret Lodge
- 4 Darlene W. Ross
- 6 F. Warren Hawks
- 8 Loren N. Maffet
- 9 Kristen Edmonston
- 14 Ruth M. Mohler
Martha Harrison Moser
Thelma Jeane Grimes
- 15 Nelle H. Carkhuff
- 19 Charles C. Harrison
- 20 Adelaide Hollis White
- 22 Saraleen Curtis
- 24 Judith Lynn Waugh
- 26 Nelle Clough
Annette T. Goodson Reed
- 27 Willard A. Monahan
- 29 Alice Lakin Curtis

LET'S TOAST THE RETURN OF

BITES & BEVERAGES!

*Friday, February 17, 2023, 6 pm
All Saints Hall, Grace Cathedral*

Bring your favorite appetizer, finger food or dip
and pair it with your favorite beverage.
Prizes will be awarded for the crowd favorite food and
beverage. Bring a friend and let's enjoy a long-time
February tradition at Grace Cathedral!

Non-alcoholic beverages will also be provided.

GREAT SPACES

Music & Arts Series

Sunday, February 19, 3 p.m.

HIDDEN GEMS BY WOMEN COMPOSERS

Described as a violinist with 'chops to burn, and rock solid musicianship' (The Whole Note, TORONTO), Canadian violinist **Véronique Mathieu** leads an eclectic new program celebrating 300 years of women composers. She is joined by colleagues oboist Margaret Marco and pianist Ellen Sommer in works by Grazya Bacewicz, Alex Shapiro, Anne Guzzo, and Elisabeth Jacquet de la Guerre.



Tickets: \$10 General | \$5 Student | 12 & under free

Actions speak loudly

Do not waste time bothering whether you "love" your neighbor; act as if you did. As soon as we do this, we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love him.

—C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*



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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

GRACE CATHEDRAL CLERGY

The Right Reverend Dr. Cathleen Chittenden Bascom,
Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas
The Very Reverend Torey Lightcap, *Dean*
The Reverend Donald Chubb, *Deacon*
The Reverend Carl Edwards, *Deacon*

CATHEDRAL STAFF

Kent Wingerson, *Cathedral Verger/Finance and Facilities Manager*
Connie Vosburgh, *Office Administrator*
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Zachary Cope, *Associate Choirmaster*
Kathy Smith, *Director of Youth and Children's Ministries*
Michael Godfrey, *Sexton*

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Lance Royer, *Treasurer*,
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