



The Cathedral chimes

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From the Dean



It seems the crocuses come earlier each year. Here we are, minding our own business, still bent by winter winds,

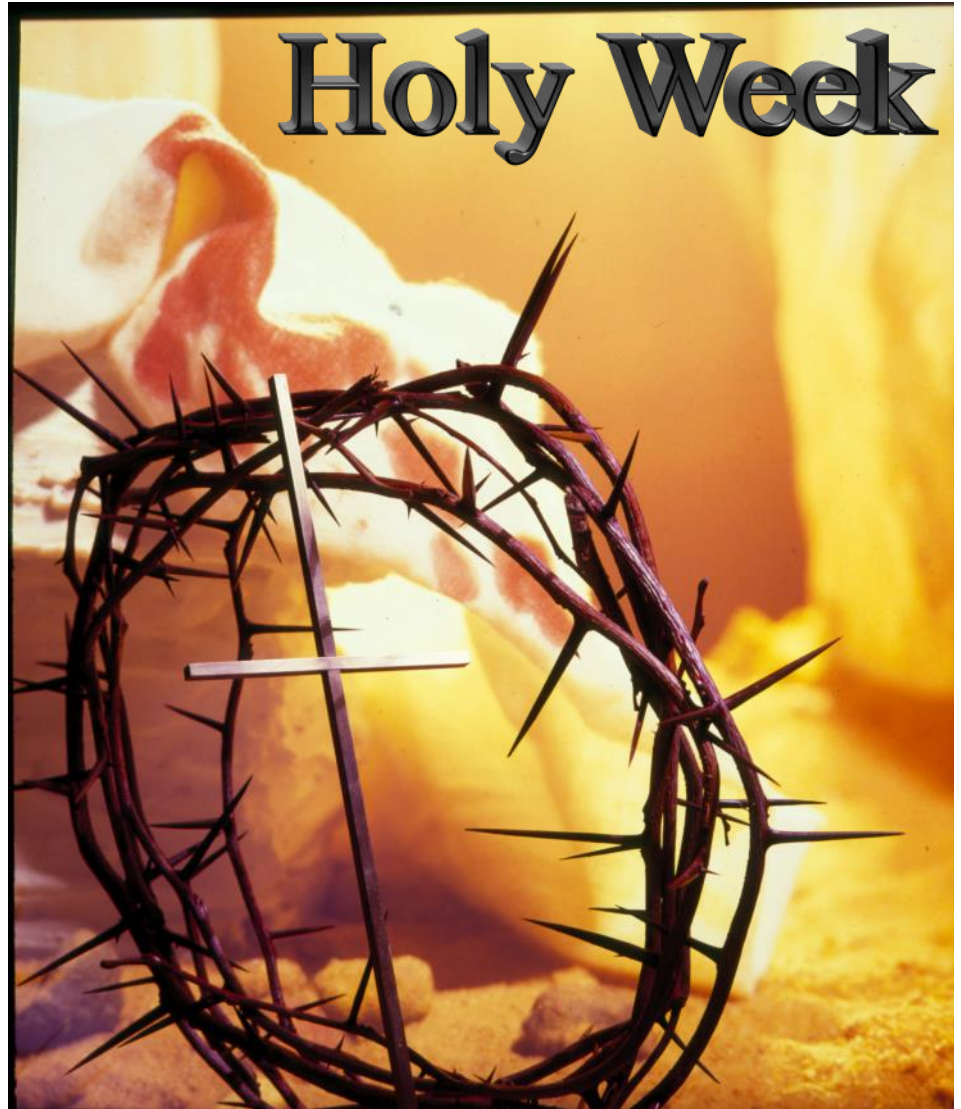
and that perennial, purple sign of spring pops out. The fact that it's too cold to enjoy the outdoors doesn't really occur to them. They just come on out and play.

The prophet Isaiah has something to say about the crocus as a harbinger. In chapter 35, he likens it to the desert wasteland: "The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and shouting."

Scholars date that consoling passage to a period of about 2,500 years ago, when the people of Judah were in exile in Babylon and dreaming of being able to return to their homeland someday soon. With the idea of return within sight, the better poets of the day were provoked. Something was about to happen.

Christians are a people who live in the tension of "the now and the not-yet." We straddle the line between what we can see and know now, and what is up ahead, beyond our ability to divine. We are also a people who, with respect to the future, exercise virtuous hope and

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Holy Week

**MAKE THE JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK
AT GRACE CATHEDRAL.**

Palm Sunday, April 2—Easter Sunday, April 9
See our Holy Week Service Schedule inside.

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anticipation. This means our thoughts of the future are not to be blinded by poisonous pessimism. As God inspires the writer of the Letter of James to express, so might we concur: “the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.”

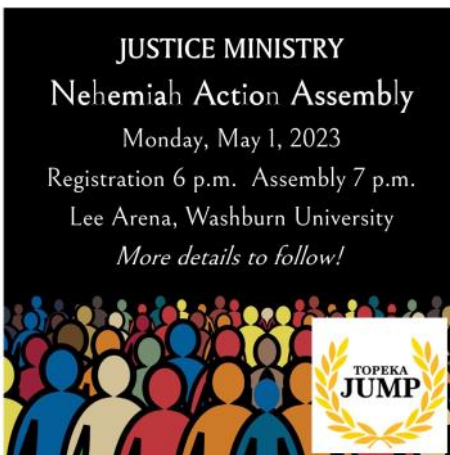
What happened to you this year when you walked out of the desert of Lent and into the promised fulfillment of Easter? Has something blossomed for you? What does it look like? What has God done for you?

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Justice Ministers Gather

The Justice Ministry at Grace met recently (*see photos on page 3*) to hear updates on issues affecting our community, including statewide Payday Loan Reform, work on behalf of individuals experiencing a mental health crisis, Group Violence Intervention, and affordable housing in Topeka.

Preparations are also underway for the Nehemiah Action Assembly scheduled for Monday, May 1. Everyone from the Cathedral is invited to attend. Our Cathedral goal is 60 people in attendance.



Adult Forum, April 23, 30, May 7, Sundays, 9:30 a.m., All Saints Hall

For as long as people have been writing books there have been other people trying to ban and even burn books. In the history of book banning, the Bible holds the record as the book most targeted for suppression, manipulation and outright banning even as it also holds the record for the book most widely distributed in the world.

If you find yourself wondering how and why these two facts can be true at the same time then join in with us at the Adult Forum on April 23, 30 and May 7 as we discuss, *The History of the Bible as a Banned Book*, presented by Steven Roth. Bring your Bible to class; matches, however, are not allowed!

The Adult Forum will take an Easter break, so no class on April 2, 9 or 16.

April Senior Saints luncheon, Wednesday, April 12

Join us for social time at 11 a.m., followed by a catered lunch at 11:30. Please make reservations by contacting the Cathedral office at 785-235-3457 or info@gracecathedraltopeka.org. A \$10 donation per person is appreciated. Featured entertainment will be the Barbershop Quartet, “Young at Heart.”

Leap of Faith Dance Ministry

Have you ever considered dancing as a way for you to worship God? Join Susan Weber and the Grace Cathedral’s *Leap of Faith* Worship Dance Ministry as they share the joy of movement and deepen their relationship to God and to each other through liturgical dance.

The class will take place on Saturdays, 9-10:45 a.m., beginning April 1. Attendees will gather at the Cloister door and begin with reflection and prayer. They will then move to a second location for a compassionate warm-up, technique, and choreography.

Take a *Leap of Faith* and join us, 9-10:45 a.m., April 1, for an introduction to this beautiful Dance Ministry. Please call Susan at 785-221-2022 for information.

Blessing Box Sunday, April 16

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 any time during business hours, or place them in the Blessing Box (located on the south side of All Saints Hall) after hours.

Sharing Table donations always welcome

Here’s a list of what is currently needed: can openers, deodorant, bandaids, body wash, shampoo, body lotion, lip balm, pain reliever, socks, shaving cream, razors and nail clippers.

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!

Graduates anyone?

We would like to recognize Cathedral members who will be high school or college graduates in May. Please call or e-mail us with their names.

Happenings in March



Members of the Justice Ministry at Grace gather to discuss issues of community importance.



GREAT SPACES Music and Arts Series hosts the Concordia Choir from Moorhead Minnesota.



Members of the Daughters of the King provided one of our Wednesday Lenten suppers.

April Birthdays

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

April Flower Memorials

- 1 Annie Blower Patten
John C. Harmon
Margaret P. Smith
- 2 William Goodson Reed
- 3 Heather Kristen Jaynes
- 4 John S. Hopkins, Sr.
- 5 Virginia Meade Cave
Elizabeth Dorsey Jones
Marie H. Cummings Wyker
- 6 Howel Jones
Herbert Bolyard
Ada A. Bolyard
- 8 Doris Everada Clarke Starr
- 9 Stacy G. Carkhuff, Jr.
- 11 Jessie Swan Sinel
- 13 Louis Frank Dougan
- 16 Frank C. Thompson
William A.L. Thompson
- 17 Meliora H. Abrahams
Ralph Abbott Covey
- 18 Wilamina Marie Gordon Starr
- 19 William Joseph Batten
Hilda Ingalls Burrow
Cora Hoefner Holloway
Olive Amanda Robinson
Lucie Gibbs Vernon
- 20 Charles H. Everett
- 22 William Thomas Crosby
- 23 Ray Price McClintock
- 24 William Randolph Carpenter
Martha Jo Nicol
- 26 Rebecca U. Bellamy
Otto Austin Nance, Jr.
- 28 E. Lloyd Sugg
Bowman Russell
- 29 Mary B. George



Holy Week Journey Together

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 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 3 & 4, 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 5, 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 6, 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.** (please bring a dish to share for this dinner) 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 7, 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 8, 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 9, 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. Breakfast will be served in All Saints Hall between the 8:30 and 10:30 services. *Childcare available at 10:30.*

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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*

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