



The Cathedral chimes

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From the Dean



Dear friends,

The invitation you see just to your right is a sign of forward momentum and health in the body-politic of the

Church. For although we always have concerns about the future, we also have moments of real joy, and getting to celebrate in Canon Jody Carroll's ordination to the priesthood will be one of those joys I know I will always hold fast. So I hope you can plan to be with us on Saturday, January 13th for the service that morning – or, if you are prevented by good cause, that you will join us in prayer from wherever you happen to be.

If you have not seen an ordination before, know that you are in for something of a feast for spirit, eyes, ears, and heart. As in a wedding or a baptism, Jody will take lifelong vows that will shape her ministry from now on, and we will vow to support her in the pursuit of those vows. She will be consecrated by Bishop Bascom, who will place her hands upon her head and ask God to ordain her through this prayer: "Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to Jody; fill her with grace and power, and make her a priest in your Church. May she exalt you, O Lord, in the midst of your people;

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Canon Jody Carroll to be ordained to
the priesthood at Grace Cathedral
January 13, 2024, 10:30 a.m.
Please join us in celebration!

By the Grace of God
The Right Reverend Cathleen Chittenden Bascom
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas
will ordain

Susan Jo Byler
to the Sacred Order of Deacons

and

Joann Grace Carroll (*for West Missouri*)
Caroline Katherine Howard
Martha Jean Lamoy
to the Sacred Order of Priests

in Christ's One Holy Catholic
and Apostolic Church

at half past ten o'clock in the morning
Saturday, the thirteenth of January
in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four

Grace Episcopal Cathedral
701 Southwest Eighth Avenue
Topeka, Kansas

Your prayers and presence are requested.
Clergy: red stoles
Reception to follow.

The service will also be broadcast live online:
episcopal-ks.org/1-13-24-ordination

From the Dean continued

offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you; boldly proclaim the gospel of salvation; and rightly administer the sacraments of the New Covenant. Make her a faithful pastor, a patient teacher, and a wise councilor. Grant that in all things she may serve without reproach, so that your people may be strengthened and your Name glorified in all the world.”

It will be, as I say, a good day for the Church – but I hope it won’t just be a passive matter. It’s my prayer that all of us who witness these acts will have our own vows strengthened and clarified – no matter who we are or what shape our ministry takes.

I realize I’ve been saying this a lot lately: that faith is not, cannot be, a passive affair. But it’s true: that messaging is by design, and the difference it makes is crucial. For if we merely consume the material of the faith but refuse to engage it in the world, then we are Christians in name only. We just have to look at the life of Jesus to see the very model of our faith – he is deeply engaged with what’s going on around him – and then pray for the discernment to know what to do with that information. The world is weary and in pain; the need is great; we need to ask ourselves how one ordination might be able to spur us on to greater heights in ministry.

I hope to see you on the 13th!

Torey+

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.

Dear friends,

It seems just days ago I served as deacon for the very first time, with all of you, and I remember being so wonderfully overwhelmed with your kind words and welcome. Six months later I am in my final days of preparation for ordination to the priesthood, and you have all continued to make a very special place for me here at Grace Cathedral. I am so grateful for you and the opportunity to learn from our shared worship.

So here we are, mid-Advent, and suddenly my ordination is not months away, but a couple of weeks; I am thrilled to share with you the official Diocesan invitation (see cover). If you are able, please attend my ordination on Saturday, January 13, 10:30 a.m., here at Grace Cathedral either in-person or online via the Diocese of Kansas YouTube channel. It’s going to be a day of unforgettable and joyful reverence!

—With joy and gladness,
Canon Jody



St. Nicholas Day celebration a success!

Thank you to all who participated in the December 3 St. Nicholas Day Celebration. Our Cathedral members hosted nearly 90 Ukrainian refugees, supported the Youth Group’s Holiday Market (who’ve raised about \$1,500 so far), and adopted 110 people through the Topeka Christmas Bureau. (See photos on the following page.)


Adult Christian Formation in January

- 7-21 “Genesis and Other Creation Stories from Different Traditions”
with Scott Shipman, *All Saints Hall*
Dean’s Bible Study, *Robyn Room*
- 28 No Adult Formation (Annual Meeting)

Senior Saints January luncheon

The Senior Saints will hold their monthly luncheon on Wednesday, January 10. Social time begins at 11 a.m. in All Saints Hall followed by a catered lunch at 11:30. The guest speaker will be Topeka Fire Chief Randy Phillips.

Please RSVP to the Cathedral office at 785-235-3457 no later than Monday, January 8. A free-will offering is appreciated for the lunch.



**ANNUAL
PARISH
MEETING**

**Sunday, January 28
9:30 a.m., All Saints Hall**

- Election of new vestry members, Endowment Trustees and Convention Delegates
- Presentation of the 2024 budget
- Report on the state of the parish by Dean Lightcap
- Continental breakfast to be served

St. Nicholas Celebration



January birthdays

- 1 David Porterfield
- 2 Robin Meinholdt
- 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
- 24 Ellen Warders
- 25 Dan Rice
- 26 Zachary Cope
- 27 Tammy King
- 30 Kevin McGillivary

Flower Memorials

- 3 Harold Harrington
- 6 James D. Waugh
Freda E. Shahan
- 9 Alice K. McFarland
Emily Jane Meade
- 12 Frances Gladden Irwin
- 14 Eleanore Odell Rost
Robert V. Wilcox
- 16 Margery Ridgeway
- 17 John Mills Neiswanger
Karen P. Welch
- 18 Robert Harold Callahan, Jr.
Jacob C. Mohler
- 19 George Thomas McDermott
Elizabeth Priest Stauffer
- 20 Margaret G. Patton
Mary Thomas
- 23 Lisa Ridgeway Vanatta
- 26 Augusta Wood Lescher
Taylor W. Hunter
- 27 Lizzie Brouard Crow
- 28 Belle Hatch Glenn
Hulda Christine Bell
- 30 Arline N. Baer
- 31 Jennie Lescher Ferry
Alyce I. Wilcox

Christmas Flowers:

Given in memory of Steve Horton, Bud & Margaret Horton, Wende Horton, Evelyn Sawyer, I. Wayne Sawyer and Tom Sawyer

by Bob and Nancy Horton family

Given in memory of Harold & Mary Elwood, Clem & Bernadine Werner; and in thanksgiving for Denise, J.P. Emma & Molly Walsh

by Phil and Darlene Elwood



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Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. – Holy Communion,
Rite I
9:30 a.m. – Adult Forum
(Sept.-May)
10:30 a.m. – Club Jesus
10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion,
Rite II

Morning Prayer

9 a.m. each Tuesday and
Thursday in St. Mary's Chapel

January
2024

GRACE CATHEDRAL CLERGY

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

CATHEDRAL STAFF

Kent Wingerson, *Cathedral Verger/Finance and Facilities Manager*
Connie Vosburgh, *Office Administrator*
Donald Livingston, *Organist*
Eduardo García-Novelli, *Choirmaster*
Zachary Cope, *Associate Choirmaster*
Kathy Smith, *Director of Youth and Children's Ministries*
Ruth Ohm, *Ministry Coordinator*
Michael Godfrey, *Sexton*

VESTRY OF GRACE CATHEDRAL

Marilyn Trubey, (Senior Warden), Dennis Weikel, Evelyn Wilson
Vanessa Hill, Alan Johnson (Junior Warden), Mark Quintana
LeRoy Dagg, Arceile Ridgeway, David Woods
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Cynthia Sheppard Langston, *Chancellor*