

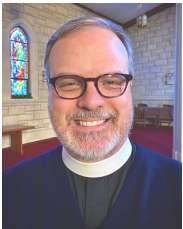


The Cathedral chimes

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From the Dean



Dear friends,

Newcomers often ask how we determine what lessons from the Bible we are going to read on or preach from on Sundays. It's

a good question since many of us come from traditions where that is simply decided on by the individual pastor and there's often no way to know until you show up at church.

And that's the first thing to know: that these decisions are not happening in a vacuum, or just within the pastor's office. They're made at a broad level and disseminated so that Episcopalians churchwide can hear the same lessons being read and preached on. You can know far in advance what's coming up and be better prepared for it, and you can go into just about any Episcopal church on any Sunday and know what to expect.

If you look at page 888 of the *Book of Common Prayer*, you'll find an explanation of how all this works. In a nutshell, we divide our Sunday readings into cycles that last three years. There's no mystery here: we refer to them as years A, B, and C. Within each of these, the most important readings (think Easter, Christmas, Pentecost) are repeated every year. On pages 889-92 of the BCP, you'll see the lessons laid out year by year.

Each of the years A, B, and C has a different Gospel focus, with an order familiar to you if you ever had to learn

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The Day of Pentecost *May 19, 2024*



**ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10 a.m.
followed by a parish picnic.
Wear the color of the day—RED!**



Parish-wide Pentecost Picnic



following the 10 a.m. service in All Saints Hall.

Hot dogs, drinks and table service will be provided.
Please bring a side dish or dessert and a lawn chair
if you'd like to move your picnic outside!

From the Dean continued

the books of the Bible. Year A is centered around the Gospel According to Matthew; Year B is heavy on the Gospel According to Mark; and the focus of Year C is the Gospel According to Luke. That just leaves the Gospel According to John, which is read during the seasons of Lent and Easter in all three years, and in Year B since Mark is shorter.

On Sundays we have a reading from the Old Testament, a Psalm, an Epistle, and a Gospel. Quite often the first three things on that list are chosen to accentuate or illuminate something about the chosen Gospel readings. But sometimes (and particularly with Epistles) we read serially from particular books of the Bible in chunks of a few weeks or even a month. This allows us to pray and preach on consistent content over a longer period.

I mentioned above that The Episcopal Church has decided on this concept, but the idea of listing out scriptures to be read on a given day goes back to at least the fifth century. “Lectionaries,” as these lists are called, have been in use across many traditions and religions, often being used on a daily basis. In our own time (2006 to be exact), The Episcopal Church voted at its General Convention to adopt the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), a widely-used resource favored by traditions such as Methodist, Lutheran, Reformed, American Baptist, and Nazarene. It put us into better conversation with these expressions of Christianity. The RCL tends to track pretty closely with what’s already in our Prayer Book.

If you’d like to see all this in action, I invite you to check out www.lectionarypage.net. It’s my primary resource for this end of worship planning. There you can also see the Reverse Lectionary where you can find out when your favorite passage of Scripture will be read.

Yours faithfully,
Dean Lightcap

Sarah Shipman to be ordained transitional deacon

You are invited and encouraged to attend the ordination of our own Sarah Shipman as a transitional deacon on Saturday, June 15, 10:30 a.m. at Grace Cathedral. Sarah will be ordained along with three others by Bishop Cathleen Bascom.

“As I prepare for ordination, I am humbled by the enormity of what God has been doing in my life. This has been an act of faith that began at least six years ago as a call to work with the most vulnerable in our community and, later, (as a complete surprise to me!) ordination. I have also been able to engage in the ministry of the Episcopal Church through the work of Episcopal Migration Ministries. I now feel called to offer a sacramental presence both in the church and in the larger world around me, most especially to those who do not feel welcome. The support and encouragement from the Cathedral has uplifted me throughout this journey and I look forward to the new ministry opportunities to come!”

Sarah will be graduating from the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry after a three-year program of study. After she serves six months as a deacon, Sarah will be ordained to the priesthood in January of 2025. Congratulations Sarah!



Josiah Todwong, our newest graduate!

We offer our congratulations to Cathedral member Josiah Todwong on his graduation from Hayden High School. He plans to attend Washburn University to study actuarial science as well as to continue his passion to play football. Josiah has faithfully served as an acolyte for Grace Cathedral since September of 2016, serving several terms as a team captain. Josiah is the son of Sam Todwong and Janet Todwong. Best wishes Josiah!



May 5, 2024: Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation was Julius Inman (pictured second from right). Those who reaffirmed their faith were (bottom row L-R) Bill Pugh, Kent Cormack, Donald Livingston and Wendy Longsine.

The missing handbell ringer

At the April 20th memorial service for Darlene Elwood, the Cathedral Ringers Handbell Choir played a special arrangement of *Amazing Grace* in honor of the many years Darlene spent as a handbell ringer at the Cathedral. Her last time to play with this group was last month on Palm Sunday. This memorial was set up in her place at the handbell table.

Well done, good and faithful servant. — Matthew 25:23



May Birthdays

- 2 Konnie Kyle
Ruth Ohm
- 3 Clyde Kensinger
- 6 Nancy Horton
- 10 Becky Stottlemire
- 11 Jim Brewer
Marilyn Starr
- 14 Allen Jeffus
Mike Wilson
- 15 Lee Glaze
- 16 Jack Dicus
- 17 Nathan Adams
Sue Wilch
- 18 Sera Todwong
- 19 Bess Mannoni
- 21 Debbie Benson
- 24 Suzanne DeWeese
Ken Perry
- 25 Kevin Cassidy
Sylvia Hamilton
- 26 Julie McKibben
Mike Miller
- 27 Mark Quintana
- 30 Sharon Highberger
- 31 Gabriel Lightcap

May Flower Memorials

- 1 Gregory Mason McGrew
- 2 Georgia Ann Gibbs
- 4 Josephine I. Neff
- 7 Frank C. Cairl
Cordelia A. Coolidge
Mary Bellamy Neiswanger
Bernice Arlene Wingerson
- 8 Dorothy S. Burgess
- 9 Thomas B. Frost, Jr.
Clara Elizabeth Reuter
- 11 Anne D. Wegner
- 14 Sara "Sally" Soden
- 16 Peggy Russell
- 18 Dr. R. Dale Dickson
- 20 Grace D.M. Wheeler
- 21 Charles and Pauline Snyder
- 22 Blanche I. Geiger
- 23 Cora Viola Walker
- 26 Rosemary H. Williamson
- 27 May Reed Price
Carl W. and
Beatrice C. Hempstead
David M. Neiswanger
- 29 Martha W. Carithers
- 30 Mary Ann Gould
- 31 Elmer E. Starr
Mary W. Pratt
Estelle C. Burkholder
John N. Meade

Daughters of the King Spring Assembly

Practicing The Way of Love was the theme of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas Daughters of the King Spring Assembly on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at Grace Cathedral. Our Assembly guest speakers shared how we can practice love in our community. We concluded our lovely day in Grace's St. Mary's Chapel with Holy Eucharist. Music was provided by Dr. Livingston, organist.

It was a wonderful day! Thank you to all who made it so!



Pictured clockwise from top left: Sharon Highberger (DOK Chaplain and Speaker), Assembly attendees, Dr. Donald Livingston (Assembly organist), LeRoy Dagg (Guest Speaker), Jackie Sommers (Cathedral DOK President), and DOK members Barbara Salyer and Vanessa Hill



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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

**May
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*

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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*

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