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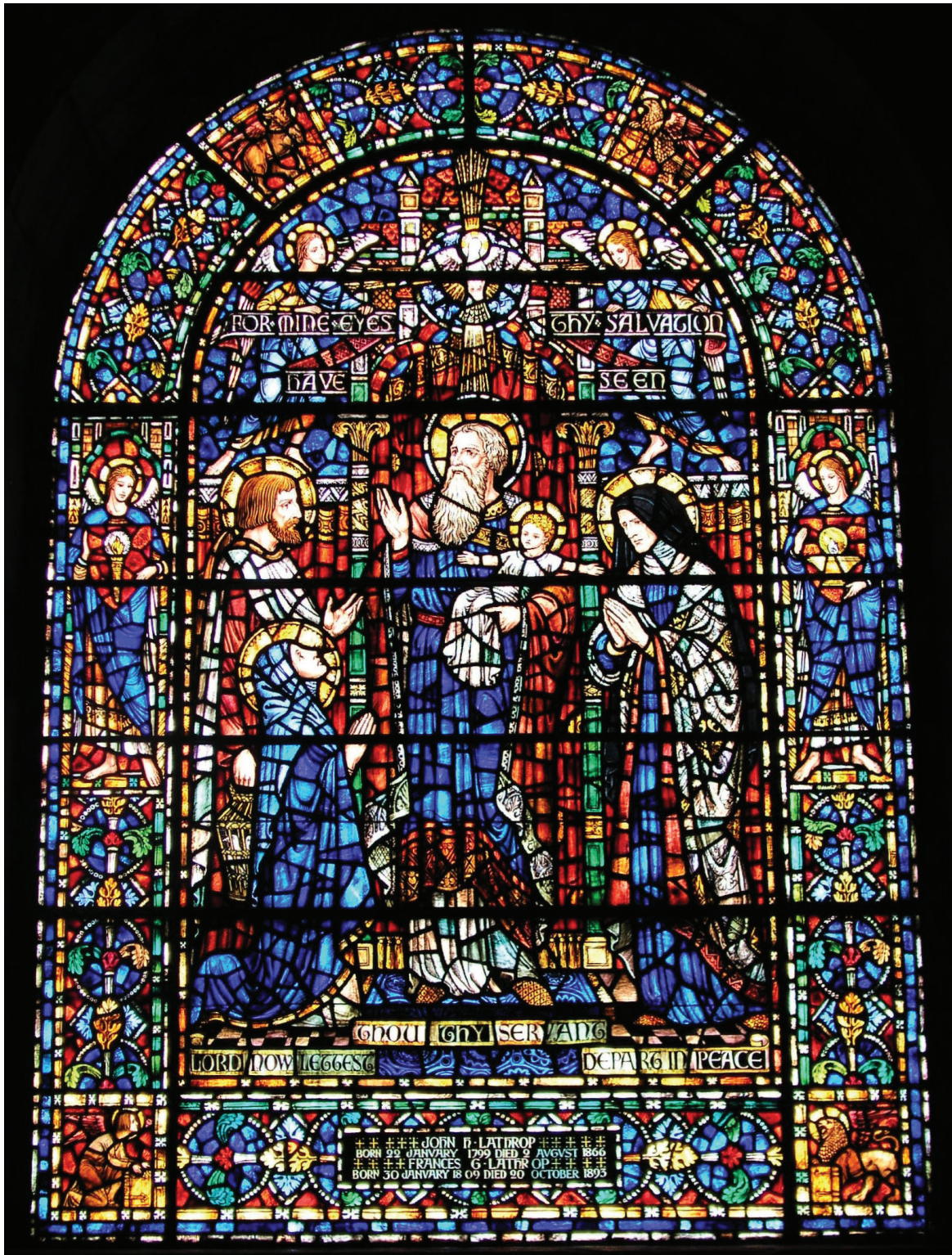


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The Presentation of Our Lord

February 2, 2025 • 8 a.m.

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

- If you are a visitor or new attendee, we invite you to fill out a welcome card, found in your pew, and place it in the offering plate or complete the form online. Use this QR code to access the form.
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Service Notes

- Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (*).
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HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY: "Light, Revealing"

Grace-Evangeline Mason (b. 1994)

The Word of God

* OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* GLORIA

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All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

Lector Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 24:7-10 *read by alternating whole verse*

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Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is this King of glory?" *
**"The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle."**

Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is he, this King of glory?" *
**"The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory."**

Second Lesson: Hebrews 2:14-18

Lector Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospeller When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

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All We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

adapted from *Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People for the Revised Common Lectionary*

Intercessor Most Holy God, cast away the shadows in our lives that we might know the glory of your presence and hear and respond to our prayers that we might more fully live into your dreams for us as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.
 Guide your whole church into the light of your revelation and grant us the will and commitment to continue the mission of Jesus in our own lives.
 Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Watch over our next bishop, Amy, and her family as they prepare to join us in our life and ministry.
 Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Grant the people of this nation the will to live in peace and to work in unity for the benefit of all people.
 Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Show us gathered here today the glory of your Son and help us discern more clearly your call on our lives that we might work in concert towards furthering the reign of Christ.
 Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Kindle in our hearts a sense of urgency and a firm commitment to be better stewards of your creation, that all future generations may know the abundance we have taken for granted.
Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Be with all who suffer, relieve their distress, and bring healing to whatever needs mending in their bodies, souls and minds. We pray especially for those on the Cathedral's Prayer List, and for those whom we now name silently or aloud.
Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Welcome the dying into your loving care and deal gently with all who grieve. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud.
Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider In Christ we have seen your desire for our lives. Guide us into truly living into His example. All this we ask through our Lord and intercessor, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and always. **Amen.**

CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION

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Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

* THE PEACE

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Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION PRAYER

All O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

* OFFERTORY HYMN: 259 "Hail to the Lord who comes"

1 Hail to the Lord who comes, comes to his tem - ple gate;
2 but, borne up - on the throne of Ma - ry's gen - tle breast,
3 There Jo - seph at her side in rev - erent won - der stands;
4 O Light of all the earth, thy chil - dren wait for thee!

not with his an - gel host, not in his king - ly state;
watched by her du - teous love, in her fond arms at rest,
and, filled with ho - ly joy, old Si - meon in his hands
Come to thy tem - ples here, that we, from sin set free,

no shouts pro - claim him nigh, no crowds his com - ing wait;
thus to his Fa - ther's house he comes, the heaven - ly guest.
takes up the prom - ised child, the glo - ry of all lands.
be - fore thy Fa - ther's face may all pre - sent - ed be!

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. Music: *Old 120th*, melody from *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, 1570; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592?-1635?); after Richard Allison (16th cent.); adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-710278.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

* BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed
 on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.
For gluten-free bread, cross your hands palms down.
For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.
On the first Sunday of each month, prayer for healing is offered at the prayer desk until the close of worship.*

* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Presider Let us pray.
All Almighty and everliving God,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
 And now, Father, send us out
 to do the work you have given us to do,
 to love and serve you
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

* THE BLESSING

* DISMISSAL

Following the dismissal,
People Thanks be to God.

* CLOSING HYMN: 7 "Christ, whose glory fills the skies"

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
 Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

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VOLUNTARY: Voluntary in D

George Dyson (1883-1964)

Serving Today

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| Presider | The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse |
| Preacher | The Rev. W. James Yazell |
| Deacon of the Word | The Rev. Barbara Wegener |
| Deacon of the Table | The Rev. C.J. Duffie |
| Organist | Dr. Lucas Fletcher |
| Lector | Jeff Johnson |
| Eucharistic Minister | Kelsey Leftwich-Yazell |
| Usher | Deborah Carr, Greg Coffey |
| Altar Guild | Vangie Rich |
| Healing Minister | Joan Bergstrom |

Cathedral Prayer List

Pray for: Ellen Goheen; Bob Sherwood; Isaiah Fanning; Leesa Fanning; All families affected by gun violence; Charlotte Colburn; Phineas Gitta; Mary Sklar; Gail; Glen and Terri Wesner; David Barker; Joyce Morrow; Those injured in the school shooting in Nashville; Sally Livengood; Lisa Helgenkamp; Sherry Mueller; All those fighting cancer; Doyle White; Mike Barzee & Family; Larry McMullen; All those impacted by Fire in California; Those injured by gun violence in Queens, NY; Those injured in New Orleans; Eric Anderson; Yvonne Meier; Gloria Stocks; Jim Royer; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; Ann Ryder; Juliana Johnson; Diego Garcia; First Responders; Sandra Fuhrman

Comfort and Peace: The family and friends of those lost and injured in the school shooting in Nashville; the family and friends of Roger Kirby; the family and friends of all those lost in the California fires; the family and friends of Dennis Sharkey; the family and friends of Charlotte, Jeffrey and Zachary Hatcher; the family and friends of those lost and injured in the Wisconsin school shooting; the family and friends of Randy Mueller; the family and friends of Sandra Hornbeck; the family and friends of Barbara O’Hearne; the family and friends of Lynn Schneider; the family and friends of James Shaffer; the family and friends of Bonita White; the family and friends of Donald Bradley; the family and friends of Robert Boehm; the family and friends of The Rev. Tim Murphy; all families affected by gun violence

Pray for the Departed: Dennis Sharkey; Roger Kirby; all those lost in the California fires; Charlotte, Jeffrey and Zachary Hatcher; Randy Mueller; those lost in the school shooting in Wisconsin; Sandra Hornbeck; Barbara O’Hearne; Lynn Schneider; Bonita White; James Shaffer; Donald Bradley; Gabriel Kney; Robert Boehm; The Rev. Tim Murphy; for all those lost in war; for all who have died from gun violence

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: St. Philip’s Episcopal Church, Trenton — *Mr. Peter Allen, Bishop’s Warden*

Jubilee Ministries

To place a person on this prayer list, please contact Deacon Barbara Wegener, bwegener@kccathedral.org.

Requests are held in prayer for 90 days.

View the prayer list anytime: kccathedral.org/prayers

Welcome Deacon CJ!

CJ joins us at the Cathedral for his transitional diaconate training for the next six months. *Welcome, CJ!*



Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 2

Loretta Stotts
Randal Loy

February 4

Mark Colburn
Holly Johnson

February 3

Connie Boyd

February 6

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Please contact the Cathedral office if we have omitted your birthday or anniversary: jtoma@kccathedral.org or 816.474.8260.

Today’s altar flowers

Today’s flowers are dedicated to the glory of God.

Sponsor the Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are a great way to beautify the sanctuary and remind your fellow worshipers of the new life that Jesus brings. They are also a great way to commemorate an event near a specific date, or honor/remember someone close to your heart.

Donations toward the weekly flowers can be given by anyone and are accepted in any amount. You can mail a check to the Cathedral office, put your donation in the offering or make a payment through our online payment site.



For more information: kccathedral.org/flowers or contact Julie Toma, jtoma@kccathedral.org.

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Announcements & Upcoming Events

Bridge Building Toward a Flourishing Life for All: Deepening Solidarity in the Quest for Social & Racial Justice

Wednesdays, Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12

6:30-7:45 p.m.

Led by Rev. Dr. Vernon Percy Howard, Jr., Pastor, St. Mark's Church

Does our faith in Jesus Christ have a role in the quest for social and racial justice? Can the church build bridges and deepen solidarity around crises such as poverty, violence, and equal rights for all? And if so, how do we do it? These questions are explored while examining the theological lenses and Biblical interpretive conclusions which shape our Christian witness and guide us in attempting to partner with God in creating a flourishing life for all.

Vernon Howard, Jr., is a Civil Rights leader, activist, lecturer and pastor ordained within the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc., (1992) and has served within the pastoral ministry for thirty 30 years in various church settings throughout Christendom.

A Kansas City native, Howard is a product of the Kansas City, Missouri, public schools, a graduate of William Jewell College, Central Baptist Theological Seminary, and earned the Doctor of Ministry degree from Virginia Union University within the Samuel D. Proctor School of Theology. He has taught as an adjunct lecturer at the University of Arizona and Central Baptist Theological Seminary, currently serving as adjunct instructor and Fellow within the Center for Faith and Culture at William Jewell College.



He is president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Greater Kansas City (SCLC-GKC), a legacy Civil Rights organization started by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., during the mid-20th century civil rights era. He also serves as the senior pastor of the Historic St. Mark Church in Kansas City.

Praying the Lenten Gospels: Embodying Ourselves in the Wilderness

Wednesdays, March 12, 19, 26, April 2

6:30-7:45 p.m.

Led by the Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse

Dean Keyse will lead four Lenten meditations in which participants will listen to the corresponding Gospel for the upcoming Sunday, Year C, and begin to picture themselves within the story. Each meditation will utilize images and music associated with that particular Gospel. With the image before us, we will hear the reading and immerse ourselves within the wilderness of Lent. Time for reflection and discussion will follow. The four Gospels we will use are Luke 13:31-35; Luke 13:1-9; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32; and John 12:1-8.

Registration is required. [Link at kccathedral.org/upcoming-events](http://kccathedral.org/upcoming-events)
Use the coupon code **GRACE** to register for free.



Formation for All Ages

Children: Sundays

Cathedral Kids • 10:30 a.m.

Cathedral Kids meets during the first half of the 10:30 a.m. worship service and during this time we weave together our sacred stories and our Episcopal identity with the Weaving God's Promises curriculum. Children attending Cathedral Kids will meet their parents or guardians inside the tower doors during the passing of the peace.

Once a month, we observe **Family Worship Sundays**. These Sundays provide an opportunity for families to worship together. Worship Boxes with resources for children are in the back cross aisle. Upcoming Family Worship Sundays: February 23, March 23, April 27, May 11.

Youth: Sundays

Youth Formation • 9:15 a.m.

Youth meet in the Haden Hall Youth Room for formation with a light breakfast.

10:30 a.m. • Worship

6 p.m. • Youth Group

Join us for dinner and fellowship in the Youth Room.



Adults: Sundays

The Path • 9:15 a.m. • Common Room

In our Adult Formation this year we will take a journey using Forward Movement's *The Path*, an excerpted version of the Bible that covers most of the major stories chronologically. Through *The Path*, we will become familiar with the grand overarching narrative of the entire Bible. We will learn the story of God's extraordinary and unrelenting love for us in its many dimensions.

Copies of *The Path* are available in the Cathedral Bookstore if you would like to own a personal copy. Each chapter will be printed out weekly and made available so that everyone can follow along.

New attendees welcome at any time!

Adults: Tuesdays

GHTC's Virtual Cafe • 7:30 a.m. • Zoom

Please join us for our weekly conversation in GHTC's Virtual Cafe! Tuesday mornings from 7:30-9 a.m. For details, visit kccathedral.org/other-activities.

Women's Bible Study • 12:30 p.m. • Zoom

Conversation is lively, thought-provoking, and often irreverent. All are welcome. Visit the WBS page, kccathedral.org/adultformation/wbs for more information.

Lectionary Bible Study • 6:45 p.m. • Zoom

We study the lessons for the upcoming Sunday. Join the Lectionary Bible Study group in Realm or visit the LBS page, kccathedral.org/adultformation/lbs for more details.

Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

“If I Speak in the Tongues of Mortals”

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Today's special text treatment was the last artwork produced by Thomas Ingmire for the Saint John's Bible. It portrays a message written by the Apostle Paul to a troubled church that was being destroyed by divisions and bitter rivalries (read chapters 1 through 12 of 1 Corinthians). Ingmire's depiction captures the nature of the problem as well as the spirit for its needed solutions.

Ingmire visualizes Paul's message in two parts. In the first portion, the apostle questions the usefulness of any action or spiritual gift if it is not practiced in agape love. The physical positioning of this part of the passage appears to be out of place. Its lettering is patchy, dark, and disjointed. It feels unharmonious and inappropriate. It seems ugly and filled with tension.

The second part of the message enumerates essential qualities of love — qualities indicative of the transforming work of Christ in the hearts of both individual believers and of the collective faith community. This section begins “Love is patient; love is kind...” and continues

to itemize the importance of love in association with each of the values listed. In conjunction with this, the text moves from solid colors to simple forms as it descends down the page, producing a rainbow effect. Consequently, the treatment not only contains some of the most graphic and eloquent text of all Paul's writings, it also conjures an enduring image of hope and of God's abiding presence, symbolized by the rainbow. Biblically, the rainbow appears after a storm offering assurance that we are not forgotten.

Ingmire's imagery implies that it is God incarnate who bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. Were this not the case, the

Corinthian church would have been bereft of all hope. Neither would there be hope for our world today without the abiding work of God's love. Apart from Christ's work in us we cannot love in the way Paul describes in these verses.

Thankfully, we are assured that God's love does endure. After all else in life fades away, this love abides.

IF I SPEAK
IN THE TONGUES
OF MORTALS
OR AS ANGELS
BUILD ON OTTIVE LOVE.
I AM NOTHING.
I HAVE NOT GAINED
ANY KNOWLEDGE.
AND I HAVE CALLED
FAITH.
SO AS TO REMOVE
MOUNTAINS
I BUILD ON OTTIVE
LOVE.
I AM NOTHING.
I GIVE AWAY
ALL MY POSSESSIONS
AND I FEEL AND
OVER MY BODY
SO THAT I MAY
BOAST.
BUT I DO NOT
HAVE LOVE.
I GAIN NOTHING.

PRAYER FOR THE TRANSITION OF OUR NEXT BISHOP

Gracious and Loving God, we give thanks for the election of our next Bishop, Amy. Watch over Amy, her husband Jared, and their children Elise, Jacob, and Woodrow as they prepare to leave friends, colleagues, and neighbors to join us here in the Diocese of West Missouri. Open our hearts to receive your inspiration and wisdom so that we may joyfully welcome them into our life and ministry in You. This we ask in grateful thanksgiving. AMEN.



Announcements & Upcoming Events



*Mark your calendars!
Mega Camp Registration
Now Open!*

June 1-7, 2025
Camp Wood YMCA, Elmdale, KS
For students in grades 3-12 for 2024-25 school year

Join us June 1-7, 2025 for Episcopal Summer Mega Camp!

Mega Camp is a 1-week overnight summer camp experience for young people who have finished grades 3-12. There's boating, horseback riding, archery, climbing tower, hiking, arts & crafts, plus Episcopal worship and formation. The camp community is like nothing else: campers will feel accepted and loved for who they are and be able to build their faith with others their age.

Camp is not restricted to Episcopalians or regular churchgoers. All are welcome, so feel free to invite friends and family.

Contact Clare (cstern@kccathedral.org) for details about registration, cost and scholarship availability.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Emergency Food Assistance Program

In partnership with St. Paul's on Main, we have been invited to help organize and distribute food directly to clients food delivered to St. Paul's by Harvesters, a regional food bank, as part of TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program). We meet from about 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Upcoming TEFAP dates:
February 15, March 15

To volunteer or for more information, contact Deacon Barbara 816.739.8032 or bwegener@kccathedral.org.

Pete's Garden

In the lower level of Founders' Hall, Pete's Garden is a food rescue committed to less food waste and more family meals. They collect unserved prepared food from caterers, restaurants and food service operations each day.

Volunteers work together to portion and package donated food so it can be redirected to social service agencies who get meals to families.

Sign up for a shift at petesgarden.org/volunteer.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9 a.m. Coffee Hour/Hospitality Time
- 9:15 a.m. Formation for Adults & Youth
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist*
- 10:30 a.m. Cathedral Kids
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour/Hospitality Time
- 5 p.m. Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist
[Choral Evensong, 3rd Sundays]
- 6 p.m. Youth Group

*Streamed on YouTube @kccathedral
+On Zoom

Tuesday

- 7:30 a.m. GHTC's Virtual Cafe+
- 12:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study+
- 6:45 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study+

Wednesday

- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer*
- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting in Multipurpose Room
- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Thursday

- 7 p.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir

Learn more about our weekly services and opportunities for study and fellowship: kccathedral.org

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February Game Night: Trivia Edition Friday, February 7 • 6-9 p.m. • Common Room

Join in the fun as we launch an inaugural trivia night. Have dinner at home and then come to the Common Room to team up with your fellow GHTCers and win the prize.

Bring snacks and drinks, whatever you think you'll need to keep your wits about you.

Adult Confirmation/Inquirers Class Sundays beginning February 9 • 9:15 a.m. Multipurpose Room

Would you like to formally join the Cathedral and the Episcopal Church? Interested in exploring confirmation, reaffirmation or reception? If so, please prayerfully consider joining us Sunday, February 9 in the Multipurpose Room in Lower Founders' Hall between morning services for an introductory meeting to explore what this might mean for you. Bishop Diane will be with us to Confirm/Reaffirm/Receive at the Easter Vigil on April 19. If you are interested but not able to join us for the first meeting, please let Dean Andy (akeyse@kccathedral.org) know and then plan to join us as soon as you are able.

Absalom Jones Fundraiser Luncheon Saturday, February 15 • 11 a.m. • Founders' Hall

The Diocese of West Missouri invites you to join us for luncheon fundraiser and panel discussion in Founders' Hall. This luncheon fundraiser will assist the Diversity and Reconciliation's Juneteenth Trip to southern Missouri in June of this year. After the luncheon, a panel discussion will be held for the book *Black and Episcopalian, The Struggle for Inclusion* by the Rev. Dr. Gayle Fisher-Stewart, who will be attending the luncheon. Tickets are available for the luncheon fundraiser at \$40. Buy your tickets: diowestmo.org

Absalom Jones Service Sunday, February 16 • 4 p.m. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

The Diocese of West Missouri invites you to join us for the Absalom Jones Service at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 2732 Benton Blvd, Kansas City, MO.

Evensong, Organ Recital & Reception February 16 • 5 p.m.

Choral Evensong is a service offered by members of the Trinity Choir. This contemplative service lasts about 45 minutes and includes hymns, scripture readings, prayers, chanted Psalms, canticles and a choir anthem. With its origins in Archbishop Thomas Cranmer's Book of Common Prayer (1549), Evensong is one of the most uniquely Anglican liturgies and is sung in cathedrals and parishes throughout the world. Following the service, all are welcome to take communion in the Chapel.

Immediately following Evensong, stay for a 30-minute organ recital by Dr. Elisa Williams Bickers. Elisa is the Principal Organist and co-director of music at the Mission campus of Village Presbyterian Church.

Following the recital, all are invited to a reception in the Common Room.

Paper Drive for Sheffield Place

Bring donations of toilet paper, paper towels and tissues to the basket in the Tower during the month of February. Sheffield Place assists homeless women and children in making the difficult journey from homelessness to self-sufficiency.

Connect to the Cathedral in a Deeper Way: Volunteer

from Dr. Joan Bergstrom, Volunteer Coordinator

I want to encourage you to connect to our church in a deeper way by joining a Volunteer group, either in worship or in hospitality. The worship services and hospitality are the spark that provides the vitality of our family formed in faith. Our need for more volunteers is real. Please consider supporting these ministries. Don't know how to do it? No worries — we'll train you.

You can find your fit by visiting our website at kccathedral.org/volunteer. The descriptions of the various ways you can serve are listed there and you can also click the link to contact me for more information or to sign up. Thank you!