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FROM THE DEAN

The Age of New Creation

An environmental buzzword is becoming popular in scientific circles. This year the term “anthropocene” was used in nearly 200 peer-reviewed articles. According to Joseph Stromberg writing for the *Smithsonian Magazine*, the word was put into circulation in 2000 by Paul Crutzen, chemist and Nobel laureate.

Anthropocene, according to its proponents, describes an emerging geologic epoch. The current age which began 11,700 years ago at the end of the last major ice age is known as the Holocene (i.e. “entirely recent”) Epoch. The new age Stromberg writes about is characterized by the effects of human activity on the planet. This includes human-caused mass extinctions of plant and animal species; pollution of oceans, air, and soils; and development that has altered the landscape. Identifying a new epoch has sparked debate in the scientific community, though the fact that humans have an impact on the earth’s biospheres is widely held.

Anthropo for “man/humanity” and *cene* for “new” may denote a new epoch. A state of new humanity is one way to describe Christians. Paul writes,

“If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!”

—2 Corinthians 5:17

This newness of life is set within the context of reconciliation, that is, a complete change in relationship between humanity and God, and human with human.

The way we live as individuals and in community comes into greater focus as we move into the season of Lent and prepare for Easter. This is time set aside to examine the “entirely recent” state of our lives — to consider things done and left undone — relationships in need of mending and healing — and taking on what is life giving. This is “now” time for living into the change which is the gift of reconciliation that shapes us into a new humanity.

In the name of the church I invite you to keep a Lent of reconciliation. Let’s live more gently on the earth and more lovingly with one another. May each know and share God’s gift of the new creation we have in Christ.

Gratefully,

Peter

What Is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is lay caring ministry. Stephen Ministers are not counselors or therapists; rather, they are caring Christian friends who can offer a listening ear to help others through the tough times of life. Stephen Ministers are trained and supervised in their ministry. If you are going through a tough time and could use a caring friend, please call Canon Christy Dorn, 816-474-8260, to learn more.



Treasurer's Report

2015 was a much smoother year financially for the Cathedral than 2014. Modest increases in pledge and plate receipts enabled the Cathedral to pay in full a higher Diocesan assessment this past year. Moreover, the milder winter weather meant that there was less pressure on the utility and property expense portions of the budget. The net result was an operating surplus for the 2015 year vs. a minor deficit in 2014.

Turning to 2016, while the weather started out mildly, the financial markets started the year with increased volatility. This highlights a vulnerability here

at GHTC. With less than one third of the operating income of the Cathedral coming from pledge and plate, a substantial portion of the budget is funded from the endowment and ongoing bequests from external trusts. This makes the Cathedral too dependent on favorable financial markets to support its ministry. If you have not already done so, congregation members are asked to prayerfully consider making a pledge in 2016.

—Chuck Ritter, Treasurer

Episcopal & Friends LGBT Fellowship Group

The next get together is Sunday, January 31, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 40th and Main, at 6 p.m. All are invited to bring a side dish or beverage to share. Remember, this group has no agenda other than the three "Fs": fun, food, and fellowship. All are welcome. Contact Jim Robertson, jasbrob@aol.com, for more information.

Diapers for Happy Babies

Babies who spend too much time in the same diaper are not only unhappy, crying more due to diaper rash, but they risk serious infections and even hepatitis. KC's diaper bank, HappyBottoms, helps supplement low-income parents' diaper needs with up to 100 diapers per month. Please continue to bring your new or opened packs of diapers to the Cathedral through February 14. Thank you for being a part of our Cathedral's social outreach work!

Forging a Path Forward: Strategic Planning for The Vestry

The Vestry is currently developing a Strategic Plan that will be used to provide a path forward to focus our efforts on the missions and ministries of Christ in our world. Once developed, this living plan will become the cornerstone of Vestry priorities in five areas: *engaging in outreach, supporting justice, enhancing community life, sharing worship experiences, and praying for our world and for one another.*

Without congregational input, however, this plan fails to be a living document. Over the past five years, the Vestry has collected significant amounts of data about congregational priorities, the latest being Ripe for the Harvest. This data has been compiled and has been the focus of Vestry discussions to this point about how to move forward. The Vestry believes now is the time to engage the congregation in discussions about this data to ensure that our priorities are aligned with those whom we represent.

Starting during the month of February, you will have many opportunities to participate in focus group conversations where we present data in the areas of outreach, justice, community life, worship, and prayer. During these conversations, you will have the opportunity to discuss what the data means to you, describe full engagement in each of the five areas, and brainstorm strategies that will move us forward. The feedback you provide in these focus group conversations will be key to developing the measurable, attainable outcomes and action steps within the strategic plan that will enable us to activate the congregation in specific and meaningful ways to engage in God's work.

We thank you for your participation in the congregational focus groups and for your prayers as we engage in this important work.

—Jeff Debacker, Clerk

Sunday Discussion Sessions:

Dean's Forum • 9:15 a.m. • Common Room & Hospitality Hour in Founders' Hall after the 10:15 a.m. Service

February 7: Outreach

February 21: Justice

February 28: Community Life

March 6: Prayer and Worship

Youth update

Youth Formation

Youth in grades 6–12 are invited to Wednesday Night Youth Group (7–8:30 p.m., including dinner) and Sunday morning formation (9:30–10 a.m.), both in the Haden Hall Youth Room.

During Lent, Wednesday night youth group will continue to meet at its regular time. A simple soup supper will be provided in the youth room.

Tubing at Snow Creek

Join the Youth Network on a tubing trip to Snow Creek and lock-in at Good Shepherd, February 13–14. Find more information and register on the diocesan youth ministry web site.

Happening #73

Happening is a spiritual retreat weekend for high school youth. This Happening weekend will be held February 26–28. Prayers for the Happeners are welcome during this weekend. Happeners can register for the event on the diocesan youth ministry web site.

Dinner Volunteers

Each Wednesday night youth group starts with a shared communal meal. If you are looking for a way to get involved with our youth group, providing the Wednesday meal is an easy way to do so! Contact Alexandra if you would like to volunteer!

Stay Up to Date!

Please contact Alexandra, youthformation@kccathedral.org, with any questions or to sign up to receive weekly Trinity Teens Updates.



January Flowers, to the Glory of God ...

January 10

- in thanksgiving for the baptism of our children; , Elizabeth, Caroline, Amanda & George — Mark & Brenda Colburn
- in memory of Landon Hill Rowland
- in thanksgiving for the marriage of Hannah Marie Gillaspie & Perry Alexander Gross

January 17

- in thanksgiving for Whitney and Carrie — Bob & Linda Carlson

January 24

- in memory of the Anderson & Bowen families — Douglas & Cecelia McNair

January 31

- in thanksgiving for the birthday of Page Branton Reed — Shawsie Branton

To donate toward the flowers to celebrate a special event or remember a loved one, contact the Cathedral office (816.474.8260 ext. 103 or jsweeting@kccathedral.org) or sign up (and pay) online: www.kccathedral.org/flowers.



Men's Monthly Lunch Bunch

Men of the Cathedral, join us for a monthly lunch get together. The next date is Wednesday, February 3, at Korma Sutra in Westport, 11:45 a.m. Our agenda is fun, food, fellowship. All are welcome. RSVP to Jim Robertson, jasbrob@aol.com, as soon as possible.

Four Quartets in Lent

Sunday, February 14 • 9:15 a.m. • Common Room
Tom Brous, presenter

Although he was probably not a mystic himself, many consider T. S. Eliot to be the foremost mystical poet of the 20th century. His final published work, *Four Quartets*, which lead to his receiving the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1948, is the culmination of his work as a poet. We'll explore this extraordinary work about the experience of the incarnation. The *Quartets* is composed of four separate poems written between 1935 and 1942 and can be read to be Eliot's account of the mystical journey from the awakening of the soul to the final stage of mystical union with the Divine. Eliot asserts in these poems that it is possible to know God and thus to know immortality.

The Season of Lent

Choral Evensong
February 21 • 5 p.m.



Mira Cieślak
in Recital

February 26 • 7 p.m.

A native of Poland, Ms. Cieślak holds two Master's Degrees in organ performance and historical keyboard instruments from Amsterdam Conservatory (Netherlands), a third Master's Degree from the Hochschule für Musik Weimar (Germany) and a fourth Master's Degree from the Academy of Music Katowice (Poland). She has participated in many organ master classes and performs as a solo artist and as a chamber musician both at home and abroad. In 2015 she recorded the CD *Ein Zusammentreffen der Traditionen*, a collection of Polish keyboard music from 18th century, along with pieces by G.P. Telemann and C.P.E. Bach. She has published numerous articles exemplifying musicological topics and aiming at the popularization of classical music.



February 14 • 11:30 a.m. • Founders' Hall

Prepare your heart and home for Lent by making crosses, items for your table, and Lenten offering collection cans. Supplies will be provided and coffee hour refreshments will be available.

Palm Cross Workshops

Wednesday, March 16

6-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 17

9 a.m.-12 p.m.



We make crosses out of palm leaves for distribution on Palm Sunday. Bring your scissors and a friend. Someone will teach you how to make the crosses if you've never done it before! Soup will be provided, please bring a dish to share.

Contact Patricia Eccles, peccles@kccathedral.org, or Janet Sweeting (816-474-8260 ext. 144 or jsweeting@kccathedral.org) if you have any questions regarding this event.

Family and Children's Ministry News



Prepare for Lent as a family by attending the **Take Lent Home** event on February 14 (see ad above). There will be no Family Ministry Lunch in February; the next lunch will be on March 13.

The Lenten theme for Children's Chapel will be sacrificial love. We will talk about Jesus's love for us and the ways we can show love for each other.

Godly Play now meets on the second, third, and fourth Sundays of the month. During Lent, children in Godly Play sessions will hear stories about Jesus's life and the Mystery of Easter.

Questions? Please contact Julie Brogno, 816-474-8260 or childrensformation@kccathedral.org.



7 a.m. Liturgy

Designed for persons on their way to or from work this is the briefest of the three services. The essential elements of the Ash Wednesday liturgy are included in a contemplative setting.

12:05 p.m. Liturgy

This service is shaped to include both the downtown business community and persons who are free during the day.

7 p.m. Liturgy

This traditional service features *open space*. Following the invitation to a holy Lent, those present visit various “stations” around the nave to be marked with ashes in acknowledgment of mortality, be signed with water as a reminder of baptism, light candles and offer prayer, pick up information on ways to engage in outreach, receive laying-on-of-hands and anointing for healing, and fill out a card with personal Lenten intentions to be presented at the Offertory. Following the open space, the liturgy continues with the Litany of Penitence and Holy Communion.

Labyrinth Walk, All Day and Evening

A labyrinth is available in Founders’ Hall beginning at 7 a.m. Walking a labyrinth is a spiritual exercise to quiet, center and allow contemplation and prayer.

February 10

Liturgy

7 a.m. • 12:05 p.m. • 7 p.m.

As we enter this season of preparation, self-reflection and amendment of life, we offer several opportunities to mark the day.

Children are welcome in all liturgies.

Palm fronds to be burned on Ash Wednesday may be left in the basket at the back of the Nave by February 7, or burned at home with the ashes being returned to the ground.

The Altar Guild is seeking volunteers for the Ash Wednesday and Holy Week Services. Please contact Janet Sweeting (jsweeting@kccathedral.org) if you are available to help.

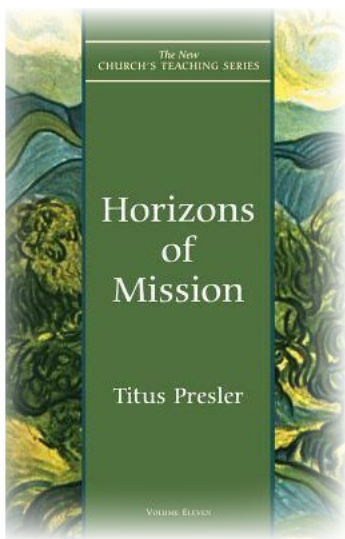
Formation During Lent

Dean's Book for Lent

Horizons of Mission by Titus Presler

I was intrigued by the title of this book as I considered a book we might read together during Lent. What can “mission” mean for our church located at the center of greater Kansas City? What is our work and mission in a quickly changing world?

According to promotional materials and reviews, Titus Presler, an Episcopal priest, “explores how gospel understandings are being reshaped by Christians in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, Christianity’s new centers of gravity.” He explores the scriptural basis of mission, historical and contemporary Anglican approaches to mission, the encounter with other religions, and the interaction of gospel and culture.” Part of the *The New Church’s Teaching Series* this book includes “ten principles for mission in the twenty-first century will help parishes and dioceses to engage in world mission as companions in mutuality.”



What is our posture and vision for mission as a Cathedral church? Let's ask this question as we consider the ideas set out in *Horizons of Mission*.

**Book Discussion and Light Lunch:
Sunday, March 13 • 11:45 a.m. • Common Room**

The book is available in the Cathedral Bookstore. A Kindle version can be found online.

A Pause for Peace and Communion

Contemplative Eucharist

Wednesdays in Lent • 5:30 p.m. • Cathedral Nave

Prayer, simple chants, a gospel reading and reflection, breaking the bread, blessing the cup, and blessed silence are the essence of this simple, half-hour celebration of Eucharist. Come for Eucharist after a busy day and be on your way, or stay for supper and Lenten programs that follow.

Wednesday Evenings

February 17–March 16

5:30 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist in the Nave

6 p.m. Simple Supper in Founders' Hall

6:30-8 p.m. Learning Opportunities

Introduction to the Gospel of Thomas

In the Egyptian desert in 1945, two peasant brothers stumbled upon the find of a century: a collection of ancient documents that would revolutionize our understanding of early Christianity. In this library of documents is the Gospel of Thomas, a collection of Jesus' sayings that has puzzled and fascinated scholars since they became available for study. This class will cover the gospel's origin, authorship, and historical background — and together we will explore the meaning that these “lost words” can have for us today.

Our facilitator, Lisa Whitlow, was born and raised in Kansas City, and is a “cradle Episcopalian.” With a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology and a Doctor of Ministry Degree, she has been in private practice as a counselor and spiritual mentor for over twenty years. She has taught classes for the Kansas City Friends of Jung, and currently offers classes at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church. She has taught classes and led retreats and workshops in Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Arizona, Idaho, New Mexico and Oklahoma.



The Way:

Preparing for Baptism and Affirmation of Faith

Persons participating in The Way are preparing for baptism or affirmation of faith (confirmation, reception, reaffirmation) at the Great Vigil of Easter, March 27, 2016. Community, sharing, learning, small group Bible study and discussion are at the center of The Way. Links are made between daily life and work and the worship and practice of the church.

Trinity Teens

Please see article on page 3 of this newsletter.

(Child care is available on Wednesday evenings with reservation to childrensformation@kccathedral.org.)

Words Becoming Actions

Provide for Pantries

Place non-perishable food for St. Mary's Pantry in the big baskets in the Tower and Founders' Hall entrances.

Week of 2/14 — Peanut Butter

Week of 2/21 — Canned Beef Stew/Hearty Soup

Week of 2/28 — Mac & Cheese

Week of 3/6 — Canned Tuna or Salmon

Week of 3/13 — Canned Chicken

Week of 3/20 — More Peanut Butter

Easter 3/27 — More Mac & Cheese

Pack Bags with BackSnacks

Every week we send 315 bags with food to five area schools for children who may not have food to eat over the weekend. You are invited to help fill bags with food. During Lent, we will fill the bags **Wednesday mornings, February 24, March 9, and March 23 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.** in the back hallway of Haden Hall in the Outreach Room.

Pack BackSnack Family Bags for Spring Break

Help pack 315 family bags for BackSnack recipients to provide food over spring break **Sunday, March 6**, between services in Haden Hall.

Help Sort Diapers for Happy Bottoms

Help pack diapers at Happy Bottoms' warehouse in Lenexa (14820 W. 107th Street Lenexa, Kansas) for distribution to nonprofit agencies on **Saturday, March 21, 9–11 a.m.** Contact Jackye Finnie, 913-492-2161.

Volunteer At KCCCK

Help prep food every day during the week and Saturday mornings.

Easter Baskets for Foster Children

Help assemble 200 Easter Baskets for residential children housed at Crittenton and KAW Valley Children's Centers on **Palm Sunday, March 20**, between services in Founders' Hall.

Holy Week at a Glance

Palm Sunday: March 20

8 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 5 p.m. Liturgy

Weekdays of Holy Week (Labyrinth Available)

March 21–March 23

12:05 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. Eucharist

Maundy Thursday, March 24

12:05 p.m. A simple Eucharist

6 p.m. Maundy Thursday Liturgy

Founders' Hall and Nave

Good Friday, March 25 (Labyrinth Available)

Good Friday Liturgy

12:05 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Afternoon — Way of the Cross (self-guided)

5:30 p.m. — Way of the Cross for All Ages

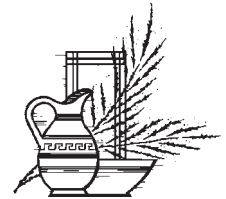
Holy Saturday, March 26

12:05 p.m. Liturgy

Easter Eve, March 26

7:30 p.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter



Easter Day, March 27

8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

Festival Holy Eucharist

Altar Guild Work

Day Is March 12

The pre-Easter Altar Guild Work Day is Saturday, March 12, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Please contact Janet Sweeting if you can be there, jsweeting@kccathedral.org or 816.474.8260 ext. 103.



A Celebration of the Feast Day of Absalom Jones

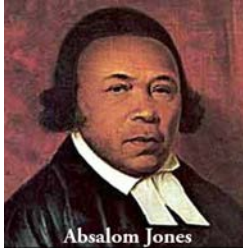
Saturday, February 20 • 11 a.m.

At this annual diocesan service, we celebrate the Feast of Absalom

Jones, the first African-American priest in the Episcopal Church.

This day of devotion

is set aside to commemorate this pioneer of religion, social action and transformation.



Absalom Jones

The Reverend Robert Shaw, pastor of Bethel AME Church, preaches.

A reception in Founders' Hall follows.



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Weekly Activities

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. Adult Formation
9:30 a.m. Youth Formation
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Children's Chapel
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
7:15 p.m. Centering Prayer

Tuesday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
2:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Wednesday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
5:30 p.m. The Tallis Singers
6:00 p.m. The Way
7:00 p.m. Trinity Teens Youth Group

Thursday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
6:00 p.m. Cathedral Bell Ringers
7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir

Friday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Highlights for February

3 • WEDNESDAY

Men's Lunch Bunch (11:45 a.m.)

10 • WEDNESDAY — ASH WEDNESDAY

Liturgy (7 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 7 p.m.)

14 • SUNDAY

Four Quartets in Lent (9:15 a.m.)
Take Lent Home Workshop (11:30 a.m.)

15 • MONDAY — PRESIDENTS DAY

Offices and Buildings Closed for Holiday

17 • WEDNESDAY

Contemplative Eucharist (5:30 p.m.)
Dinner (6 p.m.); Classes (6:30 p.m.)

18 • THURSDAY

Vestry (5:30 p.m.)

20 • SATURDAY

Absalom Jones Service & Reception (11 a.m.)

21 • SUNDAY

Choral Evensong (5 p.m.)

24 • WEDNESDAY

Contemplative Eucharist (5:30 p.m.)
Dinner (6 p.m.); Classes (6:30 p.m.)

26 • FRIDAY

Mira Cieślak Recital (7 p.m.)

