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FROM THE DEAN

I found myself browsing a local bookstore recently and came across a new work that tells the stories behind several favorite Easter hymns. From mainline favorites such as “Jesus Christ is risen today” to old-time Gospel favorites such as “Because He lives” the book explains the historical setting of each hymn, something about the author of the text, the composer and the theology of the text. As my tastes definitely lean toward traditional hymns, I was very pleased with what was said about some of my favorite hymns.

I also noted that among the collection of Easter hymns were two hymns we Anglicans would associate with Holy Week and the Passion: “All glory, laud and honor” sung on Palm Sunday, and the spiritual “Were you there?” associated with Good Friday. While the Hymnal 1982 lists these hymns among those for the specific holy days, it is in another sense right to associate these hymns with the Resurrection, for Easter Day does not stand by itself. And grace awaits those who choose to join with sisters and brothers in Christ and enter the holy city waving palm branches, taking the part of the crowd in the Passion, observing the mandate to “love one another,” who wash feet and strip the altar, who hear the Passion on that terrible Friday and kneel before the Cross.

So much journeying in a mere eight days. So much truth, hope, and sorrow. So much love, betrayal, sin, and forgiveness. “Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.” So begins the Liturgy of the Palms. There is true joy found in the drama of Holy Week.

*“Death is
conquered, we are
free! Christ has won
the victory!”*

“Alleluia. Christ is risen” begins the liturgy of the Resurrection and each liturgy throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter. The grave is not the final word. “Alleluia” is the final word. “Alleluia” is the culmination of Holy Week. “Alleluia” is

how we are to respond to the Passion.

May the journey of Holy Week bring us to the joy Easter Day. May the gift of everlasting life become real for us as never before this year. One of my favorite Easter hymns proclaims: “Death is conquered, we are free! Christ has won the victory!” May this victory live in all our words and deeds!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

*With affection,
Terry+*

Understanding the Great Commandment

“You think you might like for me to sit in your lap?” came the small voice. I glanced up from my lapful of commentaries and saw the look on her face. Clearly, there was only one appropriate answer. “I would love to have you sit in my lap,” I answered, putting my pen down. “Okay,” she said, “but you’re gonna have to move all that stuff first.”

It is Eastertide by the time you read this, which means that liturgically, we are spending a great deal of time on Sunday mornings in

John’s gospel, specifically in a section known as the Farewell Discourse. Chronologically, it is given at the end of the last supper and before his arrest and crucifixion. This discourse begins with Jesus giving his disciples the Great Mandate to love one another as Christ loves us. It is a new commandment, Jesus tells his disciples, and it will be the way by which they will be known to others: by the love they have for one another.

There is an urgency to his teach-

ing. He has washed the disciples’ feet, Judas has departed in order to carry out his betrayal. Soon the guards will come. Now is the time, Jesus tells his friends, for the Son of Man to be glorified, meaning that the events leading to his crucifixion are already set in motion. The Great Mandate not only opens the discourse, it provides the context and the underpinnings for everything that preceded it and will follow it. Love.

Specifically, agape — self-giving love. Love one another as I have

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Caring for Creation Sunday: April 29

As the Easter landscape greens, let the promise of renewal sow awareness in your heart. "Caring for Creation Sunday" at the Cathedral, April 29, focuses our attention to the individual's role in global health.

You can be involved in this special day by:

- Inviting a friend to church and park in a "reserved for carpooling parishioners" space.
- Bringing your old athletic shoes (no cleats or metal parts) to Founders' Hall to be reused or recycled.
- Taking home a tree seedling to plant for cleaner air.
- Come to Founders' Hall following the 10:15 service. Adults and older teens are will gain insight on easy things everyone can do, every day, to slow the climate changes caused by human activity.
- Globe Buddies, a conservation program for children, will be presented in Haden Hall. Naturalists from Martha Lafite Thompson Nature Sanctuary will be on hand with live animals and birds. Participants are asked to bring their own environmentally friendly lunch with reusable or recyclable containers and limited packaging. All are welcome to attend but please register children to ensure



adequate activity supplies. You can register online at <http://www.ghtc-kc.org/childrensformation> or by phone 816-474-8260, extension 112.

We invite and encourage individuals, families and Cathedral

groups to make displays for this event. For more information please contact DeAnn McTavish at dmctavish@ghtc-kc.org

— by DeAnn McTavish

Take note of these upcoming events in the area:

- April 7: Earth Fair 7, Shawnee Mission East High School, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- April 14: Step It Up, Southmoreland Park 1-3 p.m.; march calling for 80% reduction in carbon emissions by 2050. www.climateactionkc.org
- April 21: Earth Day at Shawnee Mission Park, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (816) 804-2097
- April 29: Caring for Creation/Globe Buddies at the Cathedral

AIDS Walk 2007

This is our 14th year of sponsoring a walk team for the AIDS Walk in Kansas City. Last year, we raised more than \$7000, and we hope to top that amount in 2007. However, it is going to take your help.

Funds raised go to help people meet basic life needs — food, shelter, clothing, medicine, etc. Although research is certainly important, research funds come from other events. The funds raised by AIDS Walk Kansas City quite simply help suffering human beings to live with dignity — which reflects our promise in our Baptismal Covenant to "respect the dignity of every human being."

To join us in the walk (or to collect pledges even if you cannot walk), contact one of our team captains—Sandra Hornbeck, Greg Morgan or Vangie Rich. We welcome all who wish to join us — not only members of our Church and not only Episcopalians.

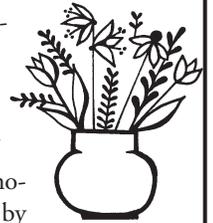
To donate, pledge to one of our walkers (a list is available on our web page, www.FirstGiving.com/GHTC), or use a Visa or Mastercard to pledge at the web site itself! Thank you.

March's memorials and thanksgivings

March 4 • The arrangements at the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birthdays of Sophia Marrs, Sharon Emery and Deborah Marrs by Miriam Marrs. At the chapel altar, arrangements are given in memory of Nancy Finley Garrett by Kathy, Kirkland, Garrett, Will and Finley Gates; and in thanksgiving for Bob Ryder by Alan and Phyllis Ryder.

March 11 • The arrangements at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Allan F. Blackman by his wife Jean and children Anne and Don

March 18 • The arrangements at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Marie and John Allaman by the Larry L. McMullen Family. At the chapel altar, the arrangements are given in thanksgiving for the anniversary of Bob and Ann Ryder and in thanksgiving for the birthday of Lisa Ryder by Alan and Phyllis Ryder.



If you are interested in giving flowers, please contact Mary Byrne at 816-531-8944 or mbyrne2457@sbglobal.net.

Staff changes

Silvestre Silvas has submitted his resignation as the Cathedral's youth minister. "With deep regret I have accepted Sly's resignation," said Dean White. "Since joining the Cathedral staff in August, Sly has been a beloved and effective youth leader. We shall miss him. I know that you join me in wishing Silvestre the very best in his future endeavors." Events to thank Silvestre for his ministry here are being planned.

Mary Ann Mansfield will become the Cathedral's Events Coordinator and Assistant to the Dean on May 1. She currently is working in the President's Office at St. Paul School of Theology and has previously served as secretary to Bishop John Buchanan and Bishop Barry Howe. Mary Ann and her children Olivia and Michael are members of GHTC. An interview with her will be published in the May issue of *The Angelus*.

The Angelus

A laypersons' newspaper published in the interest of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral.

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Submissions from parishioners and small groups are welcome and encouraged. All entries are requested by the 15th day of the month prior to publication via fax: (816) 474-5856 or e-mail: communications@ghtc-kc.org.

Adult Formation

Sundays at 9:15 a.m.
Common Room

April 1

Handel's Messiah: A Lenten Reflection

Led by David Rice, member

This Sunday concludes our Lenten study of Handel's *Messiah*. The majesty and pathos of George Frederick Handel's *Messiah* has inspired generation upon generation. We continue listening to selections from the second half of *Messiah* in a reflective mood, sharing with one another our reactions to the power of the Word and the music to provoke and express our deepest spiritual yearnings.

April 8: Easter Day

No formation class today

April 15, 22, 29

The Rise of Christianity: development of early Christian theology and doctrine

Led by Fr. Michael Johnston and Chris Morgan

During Lenten Academy, this class was primarily devoted to the sociology of the developing Christian communities and the Scriptures of the earliest Jesus movements. Finding it difficult to get through all the material on Wednesday evenings and an enthusiasm for this topic, we devote three additional sessions in April on Sunday mornings. Even if you did not study with us during Lent, please join us in the Easter season as we focus primarily on the development of early Christian theology and doctrine. We conclude our series with an open discussion of what we have learned about the development of the Christian tradition in its first 400 years, and contemplate how that might affect how we function and how we evangelize to others today.

Visit the Cathedral website
and see what's new!

www.ghtc-kc.org

Seeking views on Cathedral mission statement

At its best, a church's mission statement sets the theological context for the ministry of that church. The challenge is to keep a succinct statement broad enough to allow the Spirit to work, and yet specific enough so that it describes the church in question, as opposed to describing any church anywhere.

With that challenge very much in mind, a committee has been formed to compose a mission statement for Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. The committee consists of Peg Brown, Joe Finnie, Gary Hicks, John Hornbeck, Andie Schooling, Canon Sue Sommer, Marnell Sparks and David Rice, chair.

Along with the existing Cathedral profile, the committee has obtained copies of cathedral mission statements from across the United States, and we will consult these while taking care that our published mission is appropriate to the worship, ministries and community outreach that characterizes GHTC.

We anticipate that the mission statement will be reviewed and approved by the clergy and

vestry as a preliminary to the formation of a larger Strategic Plan Committee. The Strategic Plan Committee will be representative of the governance groups and various constituencies of the Cathedral and will be asked to devise a three to five year plan that will connect stewardship and expenditures to the Cathedral's identified mission.

Because the Strategic Planning Committee will build upon and reflect the mission statement, the Mission Statement Committee believes in the importance of input from members throughout the Cathedral community. To that end, the committee solicits your views regarding both the overall direction and particular components of the mission statement.

Please feel free to share your thoughts with the Mission Statement Committee in person or by contacting Canon Sommer by e-mail at ssommer@ghtc-kc.org. You may also telephone Canon Sommer at 816-474-8260 extension 107.

— by David Rice

the great commandment

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loved you. It's a pretty tall order for the Galilean Guys. It's a pretty tall order for every generation of Christian disciples. We're a lot better at talking about love, or talking around it, than we are in actually putting it into practice. No surprise. We know perfectly well that love is not an act of will. In fact, we don't love others on command, nor can we command others to love us. Besides that, let's face it — there are a whole lot of unlovable folk out there. Sure sounds like a recipe for failure and guilt.

Perhaps it would help if we understood the Great Commandment not in terms of something we are ordered to do, but rather in terms of something we are invited to receive. Maybe we should think of it rather as the Great Gift. After all, Jesus didn't say, "Love one another first and if you do it right then I'll love you." The gift of Christ's love comes to us first. One thing I know about gifts is that they're really hard to grasp when our hands are already grasping other things. Your kid or your grandkid can't sit in your lap if your lap is filled with other things. We have to be willing to clear a lot of stuff away in order to receive the Great Gift.

At an individual level, that might mean letting go of old, carefully nursed grudges or old wounds of betrayal that have long since outlived their usefulness. Or maybe we need to unload the guilt we're hanging onto for the hurt that we've caused others in our lives. Or

maybe we just need to set aside all the stuff we accumulate hoping it will fill the void inside of us. Maybe as a people, it means letting go of a sense of entitlement, a national arrogance that is increasingly offensive to our fellow nations. It's not easy. Maybe that's why Jesus kept hammering the point with his disciples, then finally showed them what he meant by dying and rising to new and transformed life.

Think of the Great Commandment to love one another not as a mandate, but as a gift that is put into our hands. And don't try to do it in your head. Act it out. Act it out every Sunday at the Cathedral when the great gift of unconditional love is put into your hands, symbolized by a round piece of bread, the Body of Christ. Sunday after Sunday, tangible evidence of this great love is offered to us. Most everyone knows to come to the altar with empty hands. The challenge for us is to let that great gift nourish us from within so that our hands and our laps are always open, always ready to receive the love of Christ.

Just as I have loved you, so you should love one another, Jesus says. He isn't making a comparison, he's spelling out the process. We cannot give to others what we have not allowed ourselves to receive. Because there is, of course, a catch. Having received it, we're expected to pass it on.

— by the Rev. Canon Sue Sommer

Welcome New Members

This new series will begin appearing in The Angelus each month. Please continue to welcome our new members as they become involved in Cathedral life.

Dawn, Ben & Michael Fortner

We welcome to the Cathedral family Dawn and Ben Fortner and their 8-month-old son Michael. They came to GHTC after observing the Cathedral's notable presence in the Westside of downtown. All three members of the Fortner family will be baptized at Easter Vigil; Ben and Dawn will also be confirmed.

Ben, a firefighter employed by the Kansas City Fire Department, is often on duty in the downtown area. Dawn is currently staying home with Michael and enjoys photography and scrapbooking.

Cathy Carrillo

Cathy Carrillo noticed the Cathedral often as she traveled to work at DST. After a thorough study of The Episcopal Church, she has decided to become a member of GHTC. She has greatly appreciated Fr. Michael's study at Lenten Academy. Her mother, a member of The Church of England, died recently and Cathy was happy to find an Episcopal priest to inter her mother's ashes. We offer our prayers and extend our sympathy to Cathy.

We welcome Cathy to the Cathedral family as she is baptized and confirmed at Easter Vigil.

— by Tom Atkin

John Obetz to be honored at AGO recital and gala benefit reception

The American Guild of Organists (AGO) will sponsor a recital and gala benefit reception to honor organist John Obetz Sunday, April 15. Obetz is a long time parishioner, former Vestry member, participant in the acquisition of the two Cathedral organs and supporter of the GHTC music ministry. He has been one of America's most widely heard organists. From 1967 to 1998, he was the principal organist for the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (now the Community of Christ) in Independence, Mo., where thousands of listeners heard his weekly half-hour recital, "The Auditorium Organ," via satellite broadcast. Dr. Obetz has concertized throughout the United States, England, and Europe.



John Obetz

The Trinity Choir will join John Obetz, Frederick Swann, Janet Kraybill and T. Jared Stellmacher for the recital. American Public Media's Pipedreams host Michael Barone will serve as master of ceremonies. Recital admission is free. A free-will offering is requested.

The Recital will feature the two world-renowned organs at the Community of Christ World Headquarters in Independence, Mo.—the IV/113 rank Aeolian-Skinner in the Auditorium, well known from the 26 years it was heard in Obetz's weekly radio broadcasts, and the IV/102 rank Casavant, just across the street in the church's Temple. The recital will begin at 3 p.m. in the Auditorium and conclude in the Temple. The Gala Benefit Reception will follow at the Marriott Country Club Plaza in Kansas City. All proceeds will go to the AGO Endowment Fund in John Obetz's honor.

Tickets for the gala reception are \$100 per person and must be purchased in advance from AGO National Headquarters by telephone (212-870-2311, ext. 4308); e-mail gala@agohq.org or online at www.agohq.org. The gala is sponsored by the AGO National Council and its Development Committee.

Marrs to go to Australia

We always knew we had great kids in our formation and confirmation classes. Now we find an ambassador in our midst. Maddy Marrs, daughter of Brian and Debbie Marrs, has been selected by People to People to participate in the Student Ambassador Program, in Australia, this June.



photo by Chris Morrison

Maddy Marrs

Founded by President Eisenhower in 1956, People to People, brings citizens of different nations together to create an understanding of culture and a culture of understanding. Students are nominated for the program by teachers, former Student Ambassadors or their parents. Student Ambassadors are selected after interviews and three letters of recommendation. Students attend a series of preparation meetings to work on journaling, cultural exchange and how to be a good representative of the citizenry of the United States.

"We like Maddy. She's going to be a good one to go on this trip," said Pam Wares, People to People junior high delegation leader. "(These children) know they are not tourists. They respect the culture."

Maddy, who is active in Cathedral life as part of the Grace Choraliers and Trinity Teens Youth Group, is excited to be a part of the People to People program because it "is an organization that raises awareness of the world and culture." She figures most student ambassadors are nominated as persons "who could handle being in another country and are well behaved."

Forty Student Ambassadors will travel with four certified teachers. Maddy's delegation will begin in Sydney and a trip to the opera house. They will visit schools, Olympic sites and spend time at a sheep farm. They hope to meet with indigenous Australians and play the didgeridoo, a wind instrument of indigenous Australians. A visit to the Outback and snorkeling in The Great Barrier Reef are two of the many highlights of the trip.

Maddy is excited and honored to be a Student Ambassador to Australia but she must fund her own way. The trip costs about \$4,800. So far Maddy has raised about \$500 toward that goal. She sells handmade jewelry and purses during coffee hour. Please look for her and ask about her upcoming trip to Australia.

— by DeAnn McTavish



I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, calls, visits and gifts since I fell in January.

I love you all and I'm looking forward to being back at the Cathedral soon!

Love, Helen Schumacher.

Gray matters at the Cathedral

Are older adults in our community getting the pastoral care that they need and deserve? Who is caring the older person sitting next to us in the pew?

As with most ministry—either outreach ministry or in the parish—we cannot rely solely on clergy to meet every need of every person in our congregation. Just as Christ charged his disciples with caring for each other, so are we asked to provide TLC to the people in our midst.

But where do we begin? How do we start? Are we in it alone? Those are some of the challenges addressed in an upcoming workshop presented by Episcopal Community Services.

Gray Matters! features the Rev. Dr. Helen Appelberg, an Episcopal priest who is Visiting Scholar at the Sealy Center on Aging at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Tex. She is also founder of the Community of Hope, which trains volunteer lay people in the art of pastoral care.

Gray Matters!, Episcopal Community Services' third annual Health Ministries Conference takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 4 in Founders' Hall at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. Both lay and clergy



The Rev. Dr. Helen Appelberg

attendees can expect leadership and inspiration, as well as lively discussion and Christian fellowship.

The \$25 cost includes lunch. Interested? Registration info is available at www.episcopalcommunity.org (click on Programs, then select Health Ministries) or you may call Episcopal Community Services at 913-561-8920.

— by Mary Novaria, Episcopal Community Services

Friday, May 4

9 a.m.-4 p.m.

www.episcopalcommunity.org

If you spent your Wednesday evenings at Lenten Academy, then you probably already know:

- one hundred people registered for dinner and/or classes this year.
- scrumptious soups were served by four generous host groups each night. This year's hosts were: Kansas City Community Kitchen; Social Action group – Dean's Cup committee; Guild of the Christ Child; and our GHTC Clergy and staff. (Some groups may be sharing these recipes so watch in our future communications!)
- knitters became reacquainted with their skills and new knitters were born. This spiritual knitting class has gifted these talents to Hats for Haiti and will continue to do so in to our future. Thanks to our knitting teacher, Joyce Morrow, who got this 'ball of yarn' rolling!
- a deep appreciation of Bach's Passion According to St. Matthew was gained by all who attended John Fowler's class by discussing the context of the work and the depth of Bach's theological influence. They gathered in the Nave – a perfect space for such a rich and beautiful experience. It was a fabulous way to study in anticipation of the concert March 31!
- a dynamic duo, Fr. Michael Johnston and Chris Morgan, illuminated the subject of Christianity as the transforming religious movement in the ancient world and re-

vealed its relevance to each of us; to think anew of our role in the growing church today.

- more than 15 of our youngest family members played and created artistic Lenten projects using sand, paint, glue, tissue paper, colors and so much more! Joan Bock and her adventurous staff kept the hour rolling with lots of hands-on activities and fun things to do.
- our youth enjoyed their usual time to gather in fellowship among a 'houseful' of family.
- setting this special time aside each year with our family and friends is meaningful and enriching.

— by Valerie Johnson



With Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the Cathedral members who have experienced the death of family members this past month. *Give to the departed eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Mary Brooks Merrick Reefer (*mother of Thomas Reefer*)

Richard Brigham (*former GHTC member*)

April church calendar

The April calendar includes many figures who wrote, preached and lived a sense of social justice. Many of the dates are skipped this year because of Holy and Easter Weeks.

- 1 Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, 1872 – English priest and author who was concerned with the role of the Church in speaking to social questions. Co-organized the Christian Socialist Movement, which taught that Socialism should include the ideals of Christianity.
- 2 James Lloyd Breck, Priest, 1876 – American priest, educator and missionary who founded several schools in the American frontier and a monastic community in Wisconsin.
- 3 Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253 – Occasional nemesis to King Henry III, who refused to recognize his election as bishop. Corrected many liturgical abuses in his parishes, requiring that parishioners attend church on Sundays and Holy Days and memorize the Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary and Apostles' Creed.
- 4 Martin Luther King, Jr., Civil Rights Leader, 1968 – Well-known opponent of segregation in the American South. Frequently preached an ideal of racial equality, and believed in opposing segregation non-violently.
- 7 Tikhon, Patriarch of Russia and Confessor, 1925 – Patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church during the beginning years of the Soviet Union. Considered a saboteur by early Communists.
- 8 William Augustus Muhlenberg, Priest, 1877 – Priest in the New York City area who was concerned that the Church should minister to all social groups. Wrote many hymns and compiled hymnals. Strengthened many areas of worship, and made copious use of music, vestments, flowers and an emphasis on the Church year and sacraments in weekly Holy Communion.
- 9 Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1945 – German pastor and prolific writer who opposed the Nazis in Germany. Worked with a group who tried to kill Hitler and was imprisoned. He was later hanged, less than a week before the prison was liberated by Allied forces.
- 10 William Law, Priest, 1761 – Priest who refused to pledge allegiance to the monarchy and was prohibited from serving as a parish minister. Instead, he preached through a vast collection of writings, including one widely-influential book that taught that we must not simply strive to avoid disobedience to God, but must actively work to obey Him.
- 11 George Augustus Selwyn, Bishop of New Zealand, and of Lichfield, 1878? – First Bishop of New Zealand, who spoke Maori and fought for full Maori inclusion in the life of the Church.
- 19 Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Martyr, 1012 – Had many positive and negative encounters with Danish invaders. He and others were kidnapped by Danish occupiers of southern England and held for an impossibly high ransom. He was killed by a drunken Danish axeman after a night of revelry.
- 21 Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1109 – One of the most important Western theologians. Born in Italy, he locked horns with two English monarchs over the king's role in church affairs. Among many other things, wrote that God chose to become man in order to overcome our inherent inability to adequately atone for our sins.
- 25 Saint Mark the Evangelist – Written about in Acts (in the section between 12:12 – 13:13) and made missionary trips with Paul and Barnabas (Acts 15:36-40). Usually considered the writer of the Gospel of Mark. Traditionally considered to have traveled to Alexandria after the death of Peter, where he preached and was later martyred. "Mark" is the most common first name in Latin, which complicates efforts to distinguish the several biblical references to one or more people with that name.
- 29 Catherine of Siena, 1380? – Nurse who was frequently sought out (by everyone from kings and bishops to peasants) for her spiritual advice. Tried without much success to end the Papal Schism, a period during which popes lived in France and were under the French king's political control.

The Liturgies of Holy Week and Easter Week

April 1 • The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

8 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 5 p.m. • Proper Liturgy of the Day including the Liturgy of the Palms (procession at 10:15 and 5) and Holy Eucharist, with reading of the Passion. The Rev. Canon Sue Sommer, preacher at 8 & 10:15 a.m.; The Rev. Carol Sanford, preacher at 5 p.m.

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April 2 • Monday in Holy Week

12:05 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. • Holy Eucharist
Mary anoints the feet of Jesus in Bethany.
(John 12:1-11)

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April 3 • Tuesday in Holy Week

12:05 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. • Holy Eucharist
The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
(John 12:20-36)

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April 4 • Wednesday in Holy Week

12:05 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. • Holy Eucharist
Spy Wednesday – the betrayal by Judas.
(John 13:21-32)

April 2-6: Labyrinth walk for private meditation is available in Founders' Hall.

The labyrinth is an ancient pattern that has been found in many cultures around the world.

The labyrinth pictured here is a replica of the 800-year old one in the floor of the Chartres Cathedral in France.

Labyrinths range in size from ones large enough for several walkers at once to table-top labyrinths you can run your finger through. A labyrinth is not a maze, with dead ends and other tricks. In fact, the labyrinth is meant to be easy to traverse. Labyrinths have only one path to the center. You walk in by a winding path and exit the same way.



The Triduum Sacrum (Three Holy Days)

April 5 • Maundy Thursday

(no service at 12:05 today)
7:00 p.m. • Proper Liturgy of the Day
I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. (John 13:1-17,31b-35)

The Mandatum (footwashing), Institution of the Holy Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar, Watch at the Altar of Repose until 9 p.m.
The Rt. Rev. Barry Howe, celebrant. The Rev. Bryan England, preacher.

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April 6 • Good Friday

12:05 p.m. • Proper Liturgy of the Day
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. (Isaiah 52:13-53:12)

The Choir sings the Passion, Solemn Collects, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament. Bishop Howe and Cathedral clergy presiding. The Rev. Michael Johnston, preacher.

(Following the 12:05 liturgy, clergy will remain in the nave to hear confessions and offer spiritual direction.)

2:30 p.m. • Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. • Proper Liturgy of Good Friday
(as at 12:05 p.m. except for hearing confessions – see above)

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April 7 • Holy Saturday

10 a.m. • Proper Liturgy of the Day
The tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. (John 19:38-42)

A brief 10-minute service commemorating our Lord's Burial. No Holy Communion. The Rev. Carol Sanford, officiant.

The Resurrection

April 7 • Easter Eve

7:45 p.m. • The Great Vigil of Easter
He is not here, but has risen. (Luke 24:1-12)

Lighting of the Paschal Fire, Lessons of Redemption, Holy Baptism and Confirmation, and the First Eucharist of Easter. Bishop Howe, celebrant and preacher.
The Great Chocolate Feast follows in Founders' Hall – please bring a gooey goodie to share. (Non-chocolate items welcome, too!)

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April 8 • Sunday of the Resurrection:

Easter Day

8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
(no 5 p.m. service today)
I have seen the Lord. (John 20:1-18)

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, hymns, choir, organ and trumpet. The Very Rev. Terry White, celebrant. The Rev. Canon Sue Sommer, preacher.

10:15 a.m. Solemn Holy Eucharist, incense, hymns, choir, organ and brass. The Rt. Rev. Barry Howe, celebrant. The Very Rev. Terry White, preacher.

Children are invited to participate in our annual Egg Hunt following the 10:15 a.m. service.

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April 9 • Monday in Easter Week

The Cathedral is closed. No services.

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April 10-13 • Tuesday-Friday in Easter Week

Holy Eucharist at 12:05 p.m.

Alleluia – Christ is risen!

Saturday stroll and scrolls

Our Saturday stroll to visit the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit at Union Station was a great field trip day on February 24! Eighty Scroll-goers gathered in Founders' Hall for a pre-tour presentation led by Fr. Michael Johnston. Since the group grew over the course of a few weeks, Union Station accommodated us by offering three different tour times. They were very helpful as the numbers changed from week to week and managed to find enough tickets for our interested tourists.

The event was sold out for the day (as other days have been also) and we felt like our tickets were made of gold! Following the tour times, a light lunch was offered in Founders' Hall as we discussed what we experienced, the history and the mystery of it all.

Many indicated that "one time was not enough." Having heard the presentations before and after our excursion followed by a Sunday morning class on the Scrolls, we realized the incredible significance of these artifacts and appreciate the opportunity to learn a 'fragment' of this history!

An extra special thanks to our scholar-in-residence (and personal docent), Fr. Michael Johnston, for making this outing educational, spiritual AND possible. We truly enjoyed this day of fascination and fellowship. Thank you!

— by Valerie Johnson

Hats for Haiti: stitches to send

Special thanks to Barbara Mason who prayerfully knitted a dozen hats for newborns at Maison De Naissance (MN). The hats were sent to Haiti with a group of missionaries from Kansas City who traveled to the Les Cayes/Torbek area of Haiti during the third week in February. The families of MN were thrilled to receive these items as they celebrated these births!



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Babies like this one will be recipients of the hats made by Barbara Mason and the Spiritual Knitting group led by Joyce Morrow during Lenten Academy.

During Lenten Academy, the Spiritual Knitting class offered their gifts to MN as they knitted for this special charity. Anyone who would like to offer their talents to this ministry, please contact Marian Philip, facilitator of our GHTC Friends of MN group, (mphilip1976@juno.com) or Joyce Morrow, facilitator of Hats for Haiti ministry (jemorrow@kc.rr.com). They may share information with you about suggested patterns, materials and can connect you with a group who enjoys knitting in community.

There are *many* ways we can minister to our brothers and sisters in Haiti: Please join us at the next Friends of MN meeting: Wednesday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. at GHTC.

Cathedral's financial status

FEB MTD	BUDGETED MTD	ACTUAL MTD
INCOME	\$ 238,372	\$ 226,694
EXPENSES	\$ 160,168	\$ 161,170
NET TOTAL	\$ 78,204	\$ 65,524

FEB YTD	BUDGETED YTD	ACTUAL YTD
INCOME	\$ 339,288	\$ 311,740
EXPENSES	\$ 305,838	\$ 293,795
NET TOTAL	\$ 33,450	\$ 17,945

February 2007 at the Cathedral saw pledges received come in \$13,500 below budget. Plate for the month was \$232 above the budgeted amount. Total income for the month was \$12,000 below budget, this shortfall was directly attributable to pledges.

Expenses for the month of February were only \$900 over budget and continued a trend of our expenses being basically on or below budget.

Pledges for 2007 fell somewhat short of our goal and will require budget cuts unless more pledges are received. It is not too late to pledge for 2007.

— by Doyle White, treasurer

Children's area featured at coffee hour



photos by DeAnn McTavish

The March 11 coffee hour, held in Haden Hall, provided everyone the opportunity to see the Children's Formation classrooms, talk with teachers/leaders and even enjoy the Joyful! Joyful! space (which includes a Mini MN and Junior KCCK).

Reel People

April 25 • 6:30 p.m.

This month's film is *Bee Season*. Reel People is a movie discussion group that meets once a month. A supper of pizza and salad is served while watching the movie, and a discussion is held after the film. (Cost to the members is \$5 for the meal, if possible.) Everyone is invited and guests are especially encouraged to come. Contact Linda and Bryan England for more information.



Easter Day Egg Hunt



All children are invited to participate in our annual Easter Day egg hunt. Join us April 8 after the 10:15 a.m. service.



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Weekly Activities

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. Christian Formation
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
5:00 p.m. Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist

Monday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

TUESDAY

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
1:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

Wednesday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
5:45 p.m. The Tallis Singers
6:00 p.m. Grace Choraliens
7:00 p.m. Trinity Teens Youth Group

Thursday

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Cathedral R.A.M.P. Program
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
6:30 p.m. EFM
7:30 p.m. Trinity Choir

Friday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Activities for the Month of April

1 • SUNDAY

11:45 a.m. Music Committee
3:30 p.m. Centering Prayer Group

3 • TUESDAY

6:30 p.m. Needlework Arts Group
7:00 p.m. The Angelus Small Group

5 • THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

6 • FRIDAY

12:05 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy
2:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

7 • SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. Altar Guild Work Day
10:00 a.m. Proper Liturgy for Holy Saturday
7:45 p.m. Easter Vigil

8 • SUNDAY: EASTER DAY

11:45 a.m. Social Action Committee

9 • MONDAY

Cathedral office and buildings closed. No services.

10 • TUESDAY

6:00 p.m. Guild of the Christ Child
6:15 p.m. Cancer Support Group

11 • WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. Friends of MN

12 • THURSDAY

6:00 p.m. Children's Formation Support Team
6:30 p.m. Thursday Evening Bible Study

15 • SUNDAY

3:30 p.m. Centering Prayer Group
5:00 p.m. Integrity

16 • MONDAY

4:30 p.m. Buildings and Grounds Committee

17 • WEDNESDAY

7:00 a.m. Finance Committee

22 • SUNDAY

11:30 a.m. Women's Retreat Meeting

25 • WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. Reel People

26 • THURSDAY

5:00 p.m. Vestry
6:30 p.m. Thursday Evening Bible Study

29 • SUNDAY

12:00 p.m. Caring for Creation Sunday
12:30 p.m. SAC Ushering at Lyric

Please verify times and dates of the events listed with the appropriate person(s) or by contacting the Cathedral Office.