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FROM THE DEAN

Your Date of Dates

Really, you don't want to miss this! I'm serious.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 26, 7:30 p.m. for the event of the year.

That event would be the Great Vigil of Easter. This is the date of dates. The play that is a must see. The concert one does not want to miss. The best dinner with friends. The celebration where each is a guest of honor. The big game where all are victors. The rite of passage to take precedence above all else.

Of all the times for the church to gather for worship, this is tops. It's a notch above all the favorites: All Saints', Christmas Eve, Easter Day, Palm Sunday and the Day of Pentecost. And, it's ahead of, by a couple of notches at least, Youth Sundays, Jazz Sundays, Kirkin' o' the Tartan, etc. That's because each of these days is defined through the great acclamation raised at the Vigil, "Christ is risen!"

The Vigil is the wonderfully and mysteriously dramatic homestretch of what we call the Holy Three Days or *Sacrum Triduum*: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, through to Easter Eve, ending at dawn Easter morning. During these three days the heart of the Gospel story of Jesus is brought to living remembrance.

At the Vigil itself, the story of the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ is set within the greater salvation story beginning with Creation. Lessons are always read from the Hebrew Scriptures, centering around the Exodus story of the crossing of the Red Sea and the children of Israel's deliverance from bondage.

The four parts of the Vigil — the Service of Light, Service of Lessons, Christian Initiation and Eucharist — convey the story or our own deliverance. It is an interactive, kinetic experience that draws all present

into the story that shapes us. It affirms who we are. Through our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ we are a people of new creation. We pass from bondage to the things that separate us from the love of God and of each other, to lives restored to wholeness — Christ's new creation.

Here is an annual ticket that admits us again and again to the place where we discover why it is we are church.

Go to your calendar and block out Saturday, March 26, 7:30 p.m. We have a date!

—Peter

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Weekdays of Holy Week (Labyrinth Available)
March 21–March 23, 12:05 p.m. Eucharist

Maundy Thursday, March 24
12:05 p.m. A simple Eucharist
6 p.m. Maundy Thursday Liturgy

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
Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:15 service.

Treasurer's Report

January is usually a period of significant outflows for the Cathedral. However, the finances of the Cathedral got off to a good start in 2016 vs. 2015. The income side saw slightly higher pledge and plate receipts this year. More importantly, expenses were well below last year's levels. Salary expenses were lower in 2016, as this January had only two bi-weekly paydays vs. three

January	2016	2015
Income	\$ 131,334	\$ 127,508
Expenses	\$ 135,062	\$ 165,344
Net Total	\$ (\$3,728)	\$ (\$37,836)

bi-weekly paydays last year. In addition, property expenses were lower in 2016 due to lower insurance costs, lower expenditures on the grounds and lower HVAC maintenance bills. Better income and much lower expenditures combined for a sharply reduced deficit for the month of January.

—Chuck Ritter, Treasurer

Episcopal & Friends LGBT Fellowship Group

The next get-together is Sunday, March 6, at St. Mark Hope and Peace Lutheran Church, 3800 Troost, KCMO, 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.

Baptism Preparation

Saturday, March 12, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Haden Hall
This class is for parents desiring baptism for infants and young children. The meaning of the Sacrament of Baptism, the rite itself, and the role of parents in the Christian formation of their children are considered in this interactive class. Baptism is planned for the Third Sunday of Easter, April 10, and the Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 15. If you have any questions, contact class leaders: Peter DeVeau, pdeveau@kccathedral.org, or Christy Dorn, cdorn@kccathedral.org. Childcare is provided.



Monthly Lunch Bunch

Men *and* women of the Cathedral, join us for a monthly lunch get-together. The next date is Wednesday, March 2, at Fusion Buffet 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.

February Flowers, to the Glory of God ...

February 14

- in thanksgiving for the birthday of Mary Gentry Reed and for the birthday of Bruce Alan Reed — Shawsie Branton
- in loving memory of Bill Bucker — Barbara & Bob Bucker
- in thanksgiving for my children — Barbara B. Mason
- in memory of John and Joanne Kistner — Richard & Anne Morse

February 21

- in memory of Helen Rusconi — Robin Rusconi
- in memory of Sarah L. Morse — Anne & Richard Morse

February 28

- in celebration of the birthdays of Karen & Jim Kissinger — The Family

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.



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.

Youth Update

Weekly Youth Formation Opportunities

There are two opportunities for youth formation each week. Join us Wednesday evenings, 7–8:30 p.m. for dinner, fellowship, and program. During Lent we will be working to Grow a Rule of Life. Sunday formation is held from 9:30 to 10 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Both meetings are in the Haden Hall Youth Room.

Palm Cross Workshop

Join us on Wednesday, March 16, during our normal youth group time (7–8:30 p.m.) as the Trinity Teens help create palm crosses in preparation for Palm Sunday.

Network Holy Week Events

Youth are invited to a solemn Maundy Thursday lock-in at Good Shepherd and a Good Friday lock-in at St. Paul's, KCMO, as a way to prepare for Easter. More details are available on the diocesan youth website or on our Metro Network Facebook page.

April Save the Dates

Mark your calendars for the following events coming up in April:

- Junior High Retreat, April 1–3
- Youth Leader Base Camp (for all those working with youth in any capacity), April 15–16
- Metro Network Day of Service (including the AIDS Walk), April 30

Questions?

Please reach out to Alexandra, youthformation@kccathedral.org, with any questions or to be added to our weekly youth email list.



Check Out the Online *Angelus*

For an expanded newsletter with color photographs and stories unable to be included in this print edition, visit kccathedral.org/angelus. If you would like to stop receiving *The Angelus* by mail, send an e-mail to communications@kccathedral.org, and we will switch your subscription to electronic only.



Noisy Offering on March 13

We will make a joyful noise to the Lord with our offering on this day! Bring an offering of coins to be donated to the New Americans program, which serves refugee children in Kansas City Public Schools. The Cathedral's children will assist the ushers in collecting the coins in metal buckets, so we can hear the funds add up. Don't keep coins around? No problem. Quiet checks and cash are welcome, too.

Family Ministry Lunch

Sunday, March 13, 11:45 a.m.

After lunch, we'll participate in a workshop to learn more about the symbols we use during communion and their connection to Holy Week. RSVP to Julie Brogno at childrensformation@kccathedral.org.

Help Stuff Easter Eggs

Sunday, March 20, 11:45 a.m.

Come to Coffee Hour following the 10:15 Palm Sunday service and help put together Easter eggs with candy for our annual Egg Hunt on Easter Day.

Flowering of the Cross:

A Symbol of New Beginnings

On Easter morning, March 27, before our 10:15 service, children and their parents are invited to place flowers on the bare cross. When completed, the brightly flowered cross dramatically symbolizes Christ's coming to life from death.

Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Sunday, March 27

All children are invited to our annual egg hunt Sunday, March 27, following the 10:15 am service on the lawn outside of Founders' Hall. You can help by donating candy to stuff the eggs. Please bring your candy donations (individually wrapped, in small packages) to the box in the Tower entrance.



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 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 320 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, March 9 and March 23, 9:30–11:30 a.m.** in the back hallway of Haden Hall in the Outreach Room.

Pack BackSnack Family Bags for Spring Break

Help pack 320 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 **Saturdays, March 5 and September 17, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** It's good fun, and we have jobs for those who like to stand, sit, count, stack or operate light machinery. Carpooling is available from the Cathedral. Contact the Cathedral Office, 816-474-8260.

Volunteer at KCKK

Sign up to help prep food **April 2, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.** Contact Terri Curran, outreach@kccathedral.org.

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.

For more information on these and other service projects, contact Terri Curran, outreach@kccathedral.org.

Outreach Outlook 2016

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

—1 Peter 4:10

This year Outreach Ministries will focus on three main areas of need in our community and internationally: 1) **Hunger**, 2) **Children and 3) Homeless**.

Hunger Ministry is approximately 50 percent of the Outreach Budget. This includes our support of the Kansas City Community Kitchen, St. Augustine's Pantry, St. Mary's Pantry, the BackSnack Program, "Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat" and food for homeless visitors to the Cathedral.

Children's Ministries comprises approximately 29 percent of the outreach budget. This includes all ministries with the foster and residential children at Crittenton Children's Center; Happy Bottoms, a diaper bank for low income families; Global Birthing Center (Maison de Naissance), a birthing center in Haiti; New American Students, refugee children in the KC Public School System; and the Ministry with College Students, reaching out to young adults from our congregation who are attending college.

Homeless Ministries covers approximately 17 percent of our budget. This includes the 10th Anniversary of the House of Abraham, a House of Habitat project where Christians, Jewish and Muslims work together to rehab a house for a homeless family; Sheffield Place, a shelter for women and children; Hillcrest Hope, a transitional living center, and St. Andrew's "Free Store" at the KCKK Christmas Luncheon. The Outreach Committee is exploring ways to support Neighbor2Neighbor, a homeless shelter; and Restoration House, a shelter for those trying to escape human trafficking.

The remaining 4 percent of the Outreach Budget is devoted to the support of Episcopal Relief and Development, Parish Ministries (including the AIDS Walk) and supplies. Outreach will also host an ERD Photo Display during Lent. (See the ad on page 7 of this newsletter.)

This year Outreach Ministries will also focus on more hands-on volunteering. Some of these initiatives will include volunteering at KCKK, packing diapers at the HappyBottoms distribution center, fixing lunches for House of Abraham volunteers, and fixing dinner for the women and children at Sheffield Place.

—Terri Curran

The schedule ...

- **Friday, June 3:** Check in after 5:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, June 4:** Enjoy all that Heartland Center has to offer, with three full meals included.
- **Sunday, June 5:** Begin the day with breakfast, followed by Eucharist and lunch before departing.

Think about it ... two days of great meals with no prep or clean-up for your whole family!

The fun ...

one hour of swimming on Saturday

hiking trails

horseshoes

sand volleyball

Ga Ga Ball (for all ages)

disc golf

campfire on Saturday night

(with s'mores!)

And much more ...

The details ...

Lodging: Pete's Cabins. Each room has 5 beds. One room has 10 beds. All climate controlled.

Register online: kccathedral.org/?p=4562

Cost: \$150 per family; \$75 for commuters. 50% deposit due at time of registration; Full payment due by May 6. Scholarships available.

Families come in all shapes and sizes. At Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, we appreciate the value of diversity, and we welcome all.



Deadline to register: *May 6*

Contact: Julie Brogno, childrensformation@kccathedral.org, or Rev. Christy Dorn, cdorn@kccathedral.org, for more information.

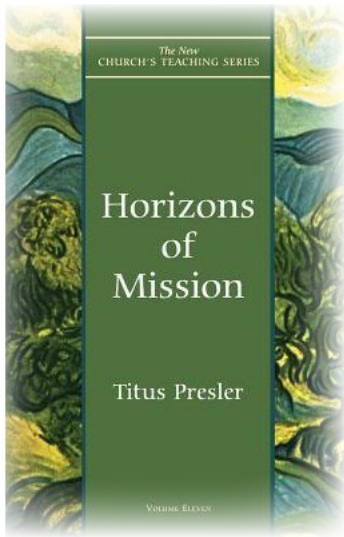


The Journey Through Lent

Dean's Book for Lent

Horizons of Mission by Titus Presler

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 Through 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.

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). 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.)

Altar Guild Volunteers Needed

The Altar Guild is seeking volunteers for Holy Week Services.

• **Monday–Wednesday in Holy Week, March 21–March 23**

Services at 12:05 p.m.

• **Maundy Thursday, March 24**

Eucharist at 12:05 & Maundy Thursday Liturgy at 6 p.m.

• **Good Friday, March 25**

Good Friday Liturgy at 12:05 & 6 p.m.

• **Holy Saturday, March 26**

Dressing of the Altar, 9–11:30 a.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter at 7:30 p.m.

Please contact Janet Sweeting (jsweeting@kccathedral.org) if you are available to help with any of these Holy Week Services.

(Please note: The previously advertised Altar Guild Work Day on March 12 will not take place.)

Saint John's Bible Display Area

The former cloak room across from the Bookstore and the entire entry area of the Parish House is being refurbished to accommodate *The Saint John's Bible*. The walls and wainscot are being painted. The old cloak room is being refurbished and fitted, and new lighting is being installed to create a secure and attractive space to house the Bibles. New sliding glass doors and carpeting will be installed in both the Bookstore and in the opening to the former cloak room. Once this work is done, two oak stands, beautifully crafted by Bud McDowell, will be placed in this renewed space to house the two volumes of *The Saint John's Bible* on loan to us.



Thanks are due to Bud McDowell for the gift of woodworking, David and Diane Barker for helping to prepare the space, to Vince Alagna, David Barker and Mike Guidry for overseeing the project, and to the Bebe and Crosby Kemper Foundation for a grant of \$20,000 to fund this work.

The Saint John's Bible was commissioned for the new millennium by the monks of St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, MN. It is the first illuminated and hand-copied Bible created since before the Reformation in the 16th Century. We are privileged to have

on loan for a year, two exact copy volumes of this remarkable work: The Pentateuch: Genesis through Deuteronomy, and, The Gospels and Acts of the Apostles.

In addition to their display in this new space, the Bibles are being used in the context of worship and shared with other churches and groups. Recently they were on brief loan to a school and used at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. A Year with the Saint John's Bible is dedicated in loving memory of Charles N. "Pete" Seidlitz, Jr.

**William Baker Festival Singers
and GHTC Trinity Choir**

*The Passion of our Lord
according to St. Matthew*
Music of Johann Sebastian Bach

Saturday, March 19

2 p.m., Nave
Tickets Available at the Door



75th Anniversary Photo Exhibition

A POWERFUL, INTIMATE LOOK AT FAITH IN ACTION

Journey through the lens and be part of an intimate, moving exploration of the ways that Episcopalians, friends, partners and communities around the globe have joined Episcopal Relief & Development in 75 years of healing a hurting world. Featuring 33 iconic photos and a timeline of our shared history.

IT TAKES ALL HANDS TO HEAL A HURTING WORLD

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**Coming This March to
Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral**



Important Reminder Regarding Cathedral Web Site and E-Mail Addresses

Effective March 7, 2016 the Cathedral's old Web address, www.ghtc-kc.org, will no longer forward to our current site **www.kccathedral.org**. Please take the time now to update your computers and other devices to reflect our current Web address. In addition, if you are still using old e-mail addresses to contact Cathedral staff, please update your contact lists with our current **@kccathedral.org** e-mail addresses. The @ghtc-kc.org e-mails will no longer work and will be returned as undeliverable. Thank you.



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Weekly Activities

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:15 a.m. Adult Formation
9:15 a.m. Trinity Children's Choir
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 March

- 2 • WEDNESDAY
Monthly Lunch Bunch (11:45 a.m.)
Contemplative Eucharist (5:30 p.m.)
Dinner (6 p.m.); Classes (6:30 p.m.)
- 6 • SUNDAY
Family BackSnack Bag Packing (9 a.m.)
LGBT Fellowship Group (6 p.m.)
- 9 • WEDNESDAY
Contemplative Eucharist (5:30 p.m.)
Dinner (6 p.m.); Classes (6:30 p.m.)
- 12 • SATURDAY
Baptism Preparation Class (9:30 a.m.)
- 13 • SUNDAY
Dean's Book Discussion (11:45 a.m.)
Family Ministry Lunch (11:45 a.m.)
Concert: Musica Vocale (2 p.m.)
- 16 • WEDNESDAY
Contemplative Eucharist (5:30 p.m.)
Dinner (6 p.m.); Classes (6:30 p.m.)
Palm Cross Making (6 p.m.)
- 17 • THURSDAY
Palm Cross Making (6 p.m.)
- 19 • SATURDAY
Concert: Festival Singers of KC (2 p.m.)
- 20 • SUNDAY
Palm Sunday Services
(8 & 10:15 a.m., 5 p.m.)
Assemble Crittenton Easter Baskets (9 a.m.)
Easter Egg Stuffing (11:30 a.m.)
- 24 • THURSDAY
Simple Eucharist (12:05 p.m.)
Maundy Thursday Liturgy (6 p.m.)
- 25 • FRIDAY
Good Friday Liturgy (12:05 & 7 p.m.)
Way of the Cross (5:30 p.m.)
(self-guided throughout the day)
- 26 • SATURDAY
Holy Saturday Liturgy (12:05 p.m.)
Easter Vigil (7:30 p.m.)
- 27 • SUNDAY — EASTER DAY
Festival Holy Eucharist (8 & 10:15 a.m.)
Easter Egg Hunt (following 10:15 service)