

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



The First Sunday after the Epiphany:
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
January 7, 2024 • 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.
- If you need a hearing assistance device, please ask an usher.
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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: *Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam*, BuxWV 180

Dietrich Buxtehude

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.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5

Lector In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29 *read by alternating whole verse*

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Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *

worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *

the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *

the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *

the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *

and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord *

all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *

the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; *

the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Lesson: Acts 19:1-7

Lector While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

* THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

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Presider Dear People of God: In Holy Baptism we follow the pattern of our Lord Jesus Christ. As he came up from the water he was anointed by the Spirit of God and designated as God's Son. So we also are anointed by that same Spirit in baptism; we are reborn and adopted as sons and daughters with whom God is well pleased. Let us now, therefore, renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting.

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

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Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
 For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God; and for those in our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, especially St. James Episcopal Church, Springfield, and the Diocesan Nominees, Postulants and Candidates for Ordination;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Intercessor For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Diane our Bishop Provisional; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People For all who serve God in the Church.

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud.

Intercessor Hear us Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings silently or aloud.

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud.

Intercessor Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

Intercessor We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

All Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Presider concludes with an absolution.

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

BLESSING OF THE EPIPHANY CHALK

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: 121 "Christ, when for us you were baptized"

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,
2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,
3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call
4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.
sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.
free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

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* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer B

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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.

All **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.

Intinction of wafers and the common cup are both available at the altar rail.

For gluten-free bread, cross your hands palms down.

For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.

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: 120 "The sinless one to Jordan came"



1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,
 2 Up - ris - ing from the wat - ers there,
 3 A - bove him see the heaven - ly Dove,
 4 How blest that mis - sion then be - gun
 5 O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin,
 6 On you may all your peo - ple feed,



1 and in the riv - er shared our stain;
 2 the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare
 3 the sign of God the Fa - ther's love,
 4 to heal and save a race un - done!
 5 go forth with you a world to win:
 6 and know you are the Bread in - deed,



1 God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,
 2 that Christ, the Son of God, had come
 3 now by the Ho - ly Spi - rit shed
 4 Straight to the wil - der - ness he goes
 5 grant us the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power
 6 who gives e - ter - nal life to those



1 and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.
 2 to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.
 3 up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.
 4 to wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.
 5 to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.
 6 that with you died, and with you rose.

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VOLUNTARY: *Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam*, BWV 684

Johann Sebastian Bach

Serving Today

Presider	The Rev. W. James Yazell
Preacher	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Deacon	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Organist	Dr. Paul Meier
Lector	Rebecca Rezaei
Eucharistic Minister	Terri Curran
Altar Guild	Vangie Rich
Usher	Jim Crum
Healing Minister	Joan Bergstrom

Cathedral Prayer List

Pray for: Randal Loy; Susan Peach; Patti Ryder; June McDonald; Tanner Danley; Gio Sosa and Family; Brent & Ellen Spake; Kim & Nick Smith; Tom Noack Jr.; Larry & Pat Martin; Jeri Gore; Charles W Riley; Cooper Polakowski; Phyllis & James Shaffer; Terry Van Gorp; Joyce Morrow; Sammy Sutton; Tammy Harvin; Betty Loy; Margaret Brogdon; Lynn Schneider; Doyle White; Mike Barzee & Family; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; Jim Royer; Bonita White; Gloria Stocks; Brent & Ellen Spake; Mtr. Emily, Daniel & Maggie Richards; First Responders

Comfort and Peace: the England family; Jane Van Gorp & family; Nigel Jones & the Willcock family; the Crum family; the Gaggens family; Marsy Gordon and family; Ayrk and family; the Brown family; the Quamme family; all families affected by gun violence

Pray for the Departed: Linda England; Miss Kitty Robker; Terry Van Gorp; John Willcock; Perry Gethner; Lou Harwell; Zan Crum; Sara Gaggens; Wanda Knetter; Linda; Janet Brown; Gary Quamme; for all those lost in war; for all who have died from gun violence

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: St. James Episcopal Church, Springfield—*The Rev. Isaac Petty, Rector; The Rev. Suzi Lynch, Deacon; Diocesan Nominees, Postulants and Candidates for Ordination*

For the complete prayer list: kccathedral.org/prayers

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

Requests are held in prayer for 90 days.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 7

Kathleen Chaney
Jerry Menefee
Carol Whitehead

January 12

James Barker
Deborah Carr
Gabriel Vianello

January 10

Charlotte Colburn

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

Today's Flowers

are given to the Glory of God and ...

- in loving memory of Ted Derrick—Ken Stewart

Donations of any amount toward the weekly flowers can be given by anyone who wants to acknowledge special events or people in their lives.

See kccathedral.org/flowers for more information or contact Julie Toma, jtoma@kccathedral.org.



Cathedral Staff: The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, *Dean*; The Rev. W. James Yazell, *Associate Priest*; The Rev. Barbara Wegener, *Deacon*; Dr. Paul Meier, *Director of Music*; Dr. Lucas Fletcher, *Associate Organist*; Clare Stern-Burbano, *College, Youth & Children's Minister*; Julie Toma, *Cathedral Administrator*; Melissa Kilpatrick, *Communications Coordinator*; Holly Campbell, *Events Coordinator*; Steve Berman, *Finance Coordinator*; Dr. Joan Bergstrom, *Sacristan & Volunteer Coordinator*; Angie Graham, *Property Manager*; Mike Guidry, *Assistant Property Manager*; The Very Rev. Peter J. DeVeau, *Dean Emeritus*; Canon John Schaefer, *Canon Musician Emeritus*

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Adult Formation

Sunday

Baptism, Bible, Eucharist & Prayer

Sundays • 9:15 a.m. • Common Room

There is an incredible variety of thought and practice among the various Christian traditions. But there remain four activities that almost all Christians continue to engage in: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, and Prayer. Join us as we discover together what these activities can tell us about the Christian life, and about the kinds of people we might hope to become in a community that practices them. Each week we'll discuss one of these four Christian activities using Rowan Williams' *Being Christian*.

Adult Confirmation/Inquirers Class

Sundays, beginning January 21 • 9:15 a.m. • Multipurpose Room

Our first meeting will be Sunday, January 21, at 9:15 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room in Lower Founders' Hall. This will be an informational meeting and a chance to set a regular meeting time that best accommodates everyone's schedule. This class is for any adult seeking confirmation, reaffirmation, reception, or simply wanting to know more about the Episcopal Church. Bishop Diane will be with us to Confirm/Reaffirm/Receive at the Easter Vigil on March 30. If you are interested but not able to join us on January 21, please let Dean Andy know and then plan to join us as soon as you are able. I look forward to seeing you there.

Tuesday

GHTC's Virtual Cafe • 7:30 a.m.

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.

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.

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.

Youth & College

Come join us for regular youth programs.

Youth Formation—9:15 a.m. with light breakfast options

Worship—10:30 a.m.

Youth Group at 6 p.m. Dinner is provided!

Questions? Contact Clare, cstern@kccathedral.org.

Children

Formation Class • 9:15 a.m.

Join us for formation hour and wonder about God with your friends and teachers and hear sacred stories as told with the help of Godly Play resources!

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.

Questions? Contact Clare, childrensformation@kccathedral.org for more information.

Upcoming Children & Youth Formation Schedule

Sunday evening Youth Group

We will take a break from December 17–January 7.

Today, January 7

No Formation (Children or Youth) or Cathedral Kids but the Nursery will be available.

Sunday, January 14

Our regular schedule resumes.



Shakespeare, Religious Identity, & Human Flourishing: *The Merchant of Venice*

Dr. Sara Morrison, Professor of English, William Jewell College

In the early modern period, drama, travel literature, and international commerce introduced England to the Mediterranean world not only through firsthand contact with but also more broadly through representations of different cultures and religions. Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*, which is set in a major European port city, features a cosmopolitan cast of characters whose personal, religious and mercantile interests overlap. In this course, we will read Shakespeare's play and watch clips from film adaptations to investigate the ways in which they characterize Christians, Jews and Moors, taking into consideration historical context and the cultural significance of theater on ideas about religious identity and human flourishing. Reading the play will enrich participants' experience in the course.

Wednesdays, January 17, 24, 31, February 7

6:30–7:45 p.m.

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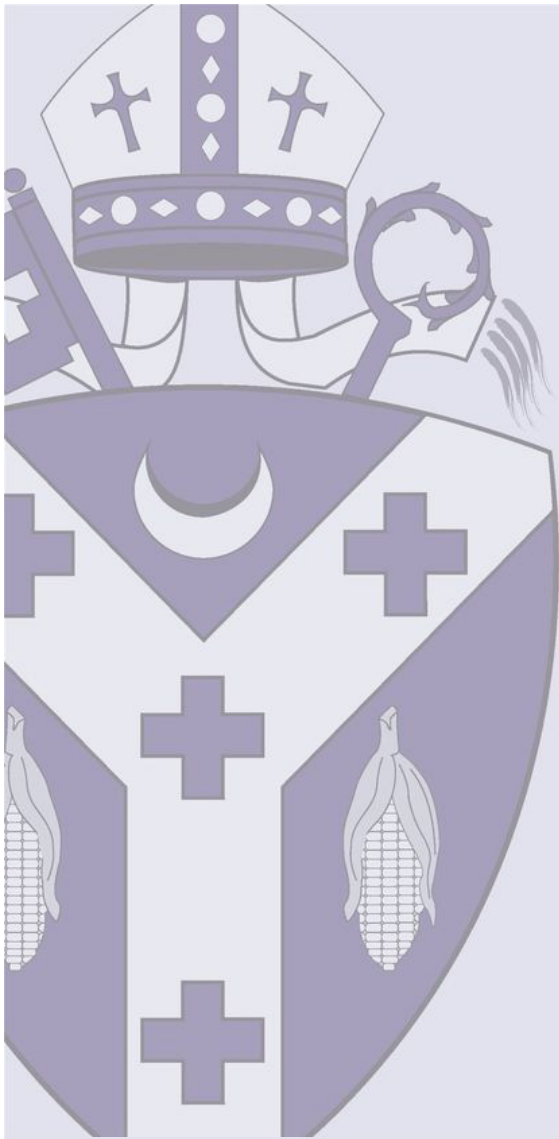
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For Youth!

Bishop Search Update

On Sunday, January 7 from 3–5 p.m. the Bishop Search Committee will be hosting a listening session for the Youth of the Diocese on Zoom. This will be a time to learn more about the Diocese, the role and work of a bishop and the bishop search process as well as a time to share feedback with the committee about the life of the Diocese and our hopes and dreams for the future.

Pizza, snacks and drinks will be offered. The Youth Room will be open for a gathering space to listen and share thoughts on the next bishop from 2:45–5 p.m. Please let Clare know that you would like to attend or if you have any questions, [**cstern@kccathedral.org**](mailto:cstern@kccathedral.org).

**FREE
STORE**

Saturday, January 13

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. (or until supplies last)
St. James Church, 56th & Paseo, KCMO

Scan this code to sign
up to volunteer at our
Free Store Event



Scan this code to view and
purchase from our registry
of much needed items



Find out more at standrewkc.org/free-store - St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

EXPECT THE
unexpected

All things work together for good for those who love God



You may make your financial commitment by mailing your pledge card to the Cathedral, putting it into the offering or by making your pledge online using the QR code.

Questions about pledging?
Use the QR code to see our Pledging FAQ.

What do we want for Grace and Holy Trinity in 2024? We want to work together for the good of all and go beyond our expectations for something better. We want to **Expect the Unexpected!** If we ask for what is expected, that's what we'll get; but, when we ask for the unexpected, we'll get so much more.

When you pledge to the work and ministry of the Cathedral, you are putting your faith and trust in all of us to expect the unexpected, so that what we get/give/share/learn is so much more than we could have ever imagined. Thank you for that trust.

Announcements

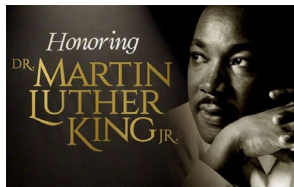
Epiphany House Blessing Today

As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, consider participating in an ancient tradition known as “Chalking the Door.” Chalk and prayers are available on the table at the back of the Nave.



Martin Luther King Jr. Service

Saturday, January 13
3:15 p.m. Meditation
4 p.m. Service



The Diocese of West Missouri invites you to join us for a celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 13 at the Cathedral. Representative Emanuel Cleaver II will be preaching at the service! The event will start at 3:15 p.m. with a meditation, then the service at 4 p.m., followed by a reception. The service will be livestreamed.

If you are planning to join us for the reception, please register below so we can plan accordingly. Registration is NOT required to attend the service. Register at lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/sf8we4x

Office & Buildings Closed

Monday, January 15
The Cathedral office will be closed. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, contact Dean Andy at 256.762.5889, Father James at 816.739.2930 or Deacon Barbara at 816.739.8032.



National Day of Racial Healing

Tuesday, January 16
9 a.m.–5 p.m.



The National Day of Racial Healing is observed each year following the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Holiday to allow us all to further draw upon the life lessons of the venerable civil rights leader. Creating a brighter future for everyone starts with racial healing. The Nave will be open for prayer and meditation.

Diocesan Ordinations

Saturday, January 20
10 a.m.



God willing, Mark Andrew Bowers, Silas Engstrom and Katherine Louise Mansfield will be ordained into the Sacred Order of Deacons at the Cathedral.



A service of Choral Evensong is offered by the Trinity Choir. This contemplative service 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.

Diaper Drive during January

Because of your support, HappyBottoms, the KC metro area’s diaper bank, is able to provide thousands of children each month with clean diapers. Since diapers are not covered by safety-net programs, your donations of diaper packages (including already opened packs) help cover the gap and enable families to have at least a few clean diapers on hand every day. During the month of January, please bring your diapers to the blue bin in the Cathedral entryway.

Call for Vestry Nominations 2023

We will elect four members of the congregation to the Vestry Class of 2027 at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 28, 2024. If you are interested in being nominated or have someone you would like to nominate, please contact Dean Keyse, akeyse@kccathedral.org, or one of the members of the Nominating Committee **no later than TOMORROW**. Nominating Committee members: Blain Lagergren, Matthias Nichols, Michael Thomas. Get more information at kccathedral.org/vestry.