

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



"Bayou Baptism" by Lauren Wright Pittman

The First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 11, 2026 • 8 a.m.

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

- Thank you for joining us for worship today at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. If you are new to the Cathedral, we invite you to fill out our welcome card. Welcome cards are available in the pews or text GUEST to 816-310-1888.
- If you need a hearing assistance device, please ask an usher. Instructions to connect via Bluetooth are on the back table.
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Service Notes

- Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (*).
- Donations may be placed in the offering, made through the Cathedral website: kccathedral.org, by scanning the QR code to the right or by texting "GIVEtoGHTC" to 73256. Tap to give using the display in the Tower entrance. Instructions for use are next to the machine.
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HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY: Prelude sur l'Introit de l'Epiphanie

Maurice Durufle (1902-1986)

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.**

* CANTICLE 11, The Third Song of Isaiah *Surge, illuminare*

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All Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.

* 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: Isaiah 42:1-9

Lector Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.
The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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 10:34-43

Lector

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

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

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

Gospeller Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON



Byzantine icon; Baptism of Jesus, via Wikimedia Commons

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

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

- Intercessor Heavenly Father, in gratitude for the message of love you sent to us in the word made flesh, Jesus, your Son, we offer you the longings of our hearts as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.
- We pray for your church, for all who find you there, for those who love you and for those who long to love you more. Give us a spirit of invitation, and the courage to find new ways to be good news to all your people.
- Lord in your mercy,
- People Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor We pray for the nation and for all who govern. We pray for our future and the future of all nations and peoples, that we may be united in the desire for peace and life for everyone.
- Lord in your mercy,
- People Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor We pray for the world and its needs, for the state of our oceans and soil; the survival of your creatures and the safety of all people and that those who are able will work diligently for liberations and sustenance.
- Lord in your mercy,
- People Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor We pray for the needs of the communities we call home and our neighbors, for those we know and those who are strangers to us. We give you thanks for our adoption, which makes us siblings in Christ.
- Lord in your mercy,
- People Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor We pray for those who are ill or injured, and for those who are depressed and anxious, that they may know the comfort of your healing love and the joy of each new day. We pray especially for those on the Cathedral's Prayer List, and for those whom we now name silently or aloud.
- Lord in your mercy,
- People Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor We pray for the dying, for those who labor to leave this world, that their departing may be peaceful and fearless. We pray also for those who weep this day and those who mourn the dead. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud.
- Lord in your mercy,
- People Hear our prayer.**
- Presider Offering you these prayers and praises, we acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Uphold us this and every day and bless our endeavors as we strive to bring about your kingdom vision for this world. We ask all this in the name of your Son, who lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

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

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

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

* THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE EPIPHANY CHALK

CELEBRATION PRAYER

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

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

OFFERTORY HYMN: 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.

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

For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.

On the first Sunday of each month, prayer for healing is offered at the prayer desk until the close of worship.

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: 448 "O love, how deep, how broad, how high" v. 1-3, 6

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

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VOLUNTARY: Toccata F-Dur BuxWV 157

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Serving Today

Presider	The Rev. Clare Stern-Burbano	Lector	Chuck Ritter
Preacher	The Rev. Canon W. James Yazell	Eucharistic Minister	Kelsey Leftwich-Yazell
Assisting	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse	Usher	Jim Crum
Deacon	The Rev. Barbara Wegener	Altar Guild	Sharon Hudson, Jennifer Mason
Organist	Zaheer Popo		

This Week at GHTC

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

Sunday, January 11

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Formation: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices
- 9:30 a.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist*
- 10:30 a.m. Cathedral Kids
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 5 p.m. Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, January 13

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

Wednesday, January 14

- 10 a.m. Staff Gathering
- 12 p.m. Noonday Prayer*
- 12 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Thursday, January 15

- 6 p.m. Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Meeting
- 7 p.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir

Friday, January 16

- 6 p.m. Winter Chili & Game Night

Saturday, January 17

- 4 p.m. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Evensong Service

Sunday, January 18

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Formation: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices
- 9:30 a.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist*
- 10:30 a.m. Cathedral Kids
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 5 p.m. Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist
- 6 p.m. Youth Group

+On Zoom

*In person and streamed on YouTube @kccathedral

Cathedral Prayer List

To place a person on this prayer list, text PRAYER to (816) 310-1888 or email Deacon Barbara Wegener, bwegener@kccathedral.org. View the prayer list anytime: kccathedral.org/prayers

Pray for: Farzana Farzad; Donna Knoell; Fawzia Ziayee and Mohammad Yunus; Jay; Janel Mosley; Charlotte Lipari; Osha; Carolyn McGlothen; Kimberly Bacchus; Ahmed al Ahmed; Gayle Webb; Konan; Zachary Pearce; Ann Ryder; Erin Kalkbrenner; All those injured in the Shooting in Stockton, CA; Katie Rose; Gene Easter; Betty Ouverson; Mike Duloher; Bill Stancil; Gayle Melton Family; The Brunner Family; The Gooch Family; Abby Zwerner; Katie Cummings; Carolyn McGlothen; Lt. Col. Kevin Thomas; Mike O'Neill; Ellen Spake; Alan & Mary Simon; All affected by Hurricane Melissa; Maison de Naissance in Haiti; Jody Beck; Phineas Gitta; Mike Barzee & Family; Iris Parsons; Larry McMullen; Gloria Stocks; Jim Royer; Joyce Morrow; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; Yvonne Kehoe Meier; Jeffrey and family; Charlotte Colburn; All those fighting chronic illness; All families affected by gun violence; First Responders; All Immigrants

Pray for the Departed: Larry, Marcia and Gary Wilson; Jonathan Everett Boley; Those souls lost in the Switzerland ski resort fire; Tatiana Celia Kennedy Schlossberg; Ella Cook; Those lost in the Silver Lake Nursing Home Explosion; Joe Bacchus; Mukhammadaziz Umurzokov; Ella Cook; Those lost in the Bondi Beach Shootings; Maliyah Brown; Rev. Barbara Beam; LaGreta Gitta; Faye Brunner; Gayle Melton; those lost in war; those who have died from gun violence

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: The Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas – Little Rock—The Rt. Rev. John Harmon, Bishop Ecumenical Interfaith and Relations Commission

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

January 12

Gabriel Vianello
James Barker
Deborah Carr

January 14

Peter Fortner

January 15

Snow McKeown

January 17

Otis Robinson
Khan Rusconi

Today's flowers

Today's flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of John Nucci by Chris and Christine Morrison.

Sponsor the Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are a great way to commemorate an event near a specific date, or honor/remember someone close to your heart. 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.

Want to setup all of your 2026 flower reservations now?

Contact Julie Toma (jtoma@kccathedral.org) to arrange the dates now; payment in advance not required.

Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

The Public Manifestation of Jesus' Ministry

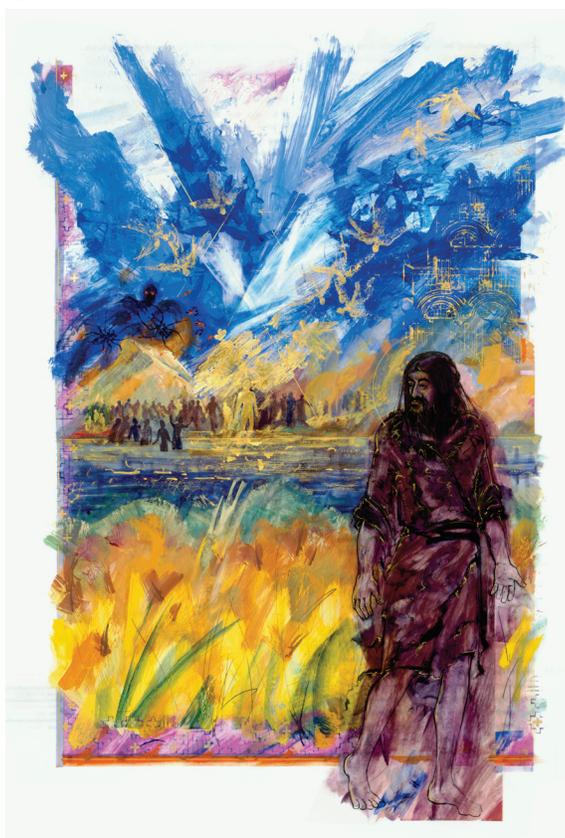
"The Baptism of Jesus" Illumination (Mark Frontispiece)

Today's lectionary readings focus attention on the revelation of Jesus as God's beloved Son and the significance of his baptism. These themes help bridge a shift from the general revelation of God's redemptive actions as conveyed through last Sunday's narrative of the Magi (Epiphany) to the specific revelation at Jesus' baptism confirming his nature as the Spirit anointed, beloved Son of the Father. These texts call us to acknowledge God's revelation in Christ, to embrace our identity as children beloved of God, and to join in the mission of God's redemptive love.

In "The Baptism of Jesus" illumination, several important elements are highlighted: the crowds gathered along the shore of the River Jordan; several persons in the water responding to John's call for repentance; and Jesus emerging from the baptismal water (almost hidden by the golden rays of divine presence surrounding him). Yet, obscured by this scene of revelatory celebration are ominous reminders that evil forces are at work. On the left side we spy intimidating red eyes peering out together with two threatening spiders. These images foreshadow the wilderness temptations Jesus will endure immediately following his baptism – temptations to forfeit his life's purpose by committing himself to something other than the will of his Father.

Illuminator Donald Jackson does not engage visually the

plethora of theological questions surrounding reasons Jesus chose to receive baptism by his cousin. However, an important statement is made by depicting Jesus' identification with the broken and hurting people who gather at the Jordan River. He enters the water with them and assumes a place among them, and by extension with us.



Through his baptism Jesus stands decisively with us (all of humanity) in our anxieties and fears and joins us in our neediness. As you survey this illumination, can you imagine yourself as one of the figures portrayed here?

Jesus' actions receive divine blessing and empowerment through God the Father's declaration that Jesus is his "Beloved Son," and the descent of the Spirit in the form of a dove. In every detail the scene conveys the meaning, mission, and message of Jesus as he steps into the public eye following years of obscurity.

Many forces in today's world seek to take ownership of us by capturing our time, attention, and allegiance. Baptism reminds us that above all else we belong to God. We are God's beloved children. Can you name ways Jesus' baptism inspires

you to remember and renew commitments you made to God through your baptism? Reflect on the functions of water (e.g., healing, cleansing, nourishing, refreshing). How do these metaphors help you define the abiding work of baptism in your spiritual pilgrimage?

Formation for All Ages

Adults: Sundays

9:15 a.m. • Common Room

Episcopal Beliefs & Practices: A Study of the Prayer Book

Through a weekly study of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer we will explore the beliefs and practices of the Episcopal Church. If you are curious about the Anglican way of Christianity, want to better understand familiar prayers and liturgies, or are seeking to engage more deeply in Christian practice and theology then this course is for you! No preparation needed, prayer books will be provided in class.

Children: Sundays

10:30 a.m. • Haden Hall

Cathedral Kids

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

Once a month, we observe **Family Worship Sundays**. These Sundays provide an opportunity for families to worship together. Worship Boxes with resources for children are in cabinet in the back cross aisle.

Upcoming Family Worship Dates: Today, January 11

Youth

Youth in grades 6-12 meet Sundays at 9:15 a.m. for Formation and 6 p.m. for Youth Group.

Youth group meetings resume January 18.

Adults: Tuesdays

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

The Virtual Café is open every Tuesday morning for Cathedral members and friends to connect; discuss current topics and activities happening at the Cathedral and in our community; and share what's on your mind. For details, visit kccathedral.org/other-activities.

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

Conversation is lively, thought-provoking, and often irreverent. All are welcome. Visit our website, kccathedral.org/adultformation, for the Zoom link.

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

Join us for a discussion of context which will, with God's grace, lead us to a discussion of how an understanding of scripture can restore us to fullness with God and each other in Christ. Join the Lectionary Bible Study group in Realm or on our website, kccathedral.org/adultformation, for more details.



As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, consider participating in an ancient tradition known as “Chalking the Door.” “Chalking the door” is a way to celebrate and to (literally) mark the occasion of the Epiphany with God's blessing of our lives and homes with sacred signs and symbols to set our homes apart as places of Christian hospitality, as safe and peaceful outposts of the Kingdom of God in the world, as habitations of healing and rest. We again invite God's presence into our homes and ask His blessing upon all those who live, work, or visit throughout the coming year.

Chalk and prayers are distributed today.

Cathedral Staff: The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, *Dean*; The Rev. Canon W. James Yazell, *Canon for Adult Formation*; The Rev. Barbara Wegener, *Deacon*; The Rev. Clare Stern-Burbano, *College, Youth & Children's Minister*; Dr. Lucas Fletcher, *Director of Music*; Zaheer Popo, *Associate Organist*; Julie Toma, *Cathedral Administrator*; Holly Campbell, *Events Coordinator*; Steve Berman, *Finance Coordinator*; Dr. Joan Bergstrom, *Sacristan & Volunteer Coordinator*; Angie Graham, *Facility Manager*; Bianca Jackson, *Assistant Facility Manager*; The Very Rev. Peter J. DeVeau, *Dean Emeritus*; Canon John Schaefer, *Canon Musician Emeritus*

The Vestry: Steve Moore, *Senior Warden*, smoore@skeltonmoore.com; Nigel Jones, *Junior Warden*, redbox712@gmail.com, (405) 747-6550; Chip Buckner, *Treasurer*; Blain Lagergren, *Clerk*; Bill Boyd; Julie Brogno; Colin Chambers; Pat Decker; Paget Higgins; Steve King; Christine Morrison; Mathias Nichols; Charles Shipley

Gather with the *Crowned with Grace* chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King®

Wednesday, January 14 | 7 p.m. | Common Room

“Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Paul understood that the life of faith is not meant to be lived alone. First Thessalonians opens not with Paul’s name alone, but with *“Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,”* reminding us that this letter of encouragement comes from a community of friends and co-workers in Christ. Paul thanks God for the Thessalonians’ faith and service, and those words call to my mind the women for whose faith and service I am thankful for: the women of the **Crowned with Grace** chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King®.

Our chapter has been meeting for over a year, and I can honestly say I have been encouraged and built up by this community. Each month we gather to reflect on a spiritual topic, seeking to know God more deeply. We have found companions for the journey, women who support one another in prayer, listen with care, and encourage each other in faith. I leave our meetings feeling encouraged, energized, and thankful. From that place of gratitude, we are also drawn outward to serve. Serving together, through preparing meals, sharing time, and caring for others in our community, has been a tangible expression of Christ’s love and a reminder that our faith is meant to be lived out together.

The motto of the Order of the Daughters of the King is *“For His Sake.”* Each day I desire to know Jesus more fully and to live for His sake, and I have learned that this is not something I can do alone. Being part of a community of women committed to prayer, service, and evangelism has been an indispensable source of support in my spiritual journey.

As we enter a new year, if you are seeking encouragement and fellowship in your walk of faith, I warmly invite you to join us and see whether our chapter might support you on your journey.

Our meetings are open to all women of the parish. Our next gathering will be **Wednesday, January 14 at 7 p.m.**, when we will reflect on prayer and explore how the Lord’s Prayer can guide our personal prayer life using a simple, hands-on resource.



If you would like more information or have questions, please feel free to reach out to me at kelsey.leftwich@gmail.com. I hope you will consider joining us.

For His Sake,
Kelsey Leftwich-Yazell
President, Crowned with Grace Chapter, The Order of the Daughters of the King®

Diaper Drive

With your support, HappyBottoms, the KC metro area’s diaper bank, is able to provide thousands of children each month with clean diapers.

Sizes 4, 5, 6 needed most. Open packages accepted.

Bring your diapers to the basket in the Tower or donate online at kccathedral.org/outreach.



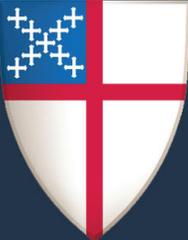
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Vestry Nominations

We will elect four members of the congregation to the Vestry Class of 2029 at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 25. If you are interested in being nominated or have someone you would like to nominate, please contact Dean Keyse, akeyse@kccathedral.org, no later than **January 18**.

Get more information about being a Vestry member and the information form to submit at kccathedral.org/vestry.



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Upcoming Events & Announcements

For more info and signup links: kccathedral.org/events

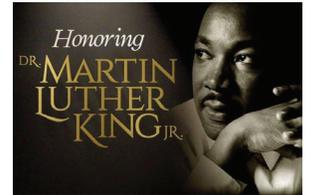
Friday, January 16 | Winter Chili & Game Night, 6 p.m.

Warm up on a winter night with food, fun, and fellowship while sharing chili recipes and enjoying games for all ages. Bring your best chili, whether it's a secret family recipe or a creative twist, and your favorite board game. Let us know you are coming at kccathedral.org/events.



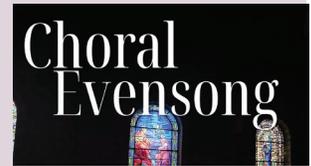
Saturday, January 17 | Diocesan MLK Evensong Service, 4 p.m.

The Diocese of West Missouri invites you to join us for an Evensong Service in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 17 at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral at 4 p.m. The Rt. Rev. John T.W. Harmon will join us as a guest speaker for the service. A reception will follow. Register at diowestmo.org/events.



Sunday, January 18 | Choral Evensong, 5 p.m.

Choral Evensong is a centuries-old Anglican musical service of sung Evening Prayer that combines music, prayer, and scripture into a contemplative experience. It features The Trinity Choir singing composed settings of the psalms, responses, and canticles, providing a peaceful and reflective pause as the day closes. Following the service, all are welcome to take communion in the Chapel.



Monday, January 19 | Office Closed: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

The Cathedral office is closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. If you have a pastoral emergency, contact Dean Andy at 256.762.5889, Father James at 816.739.2930 or Deacon Barbara at 816.739.8032.



Tuesday, January 20 | National Day of Racial Healing

The Nave will be open for prayer from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The National Day of Racial Healing is a time to contemplate our shared values and create the blueprint together for #HowWeHeal from the effects of racism. Launched in 2017, it is an opportunity to bring ALL people together and inspire collective action to build common ground for a more just and equitable world. Prayer guides are available at the back of the Nave and on our website so you can pray from anywhere.



Saturday, January 24 | Diocesan Ordination, 10 a.m.

On Saturday, January 24, 2026, at 10 a.m., God willing, Christopher Ryan Dodson, Richard Liantonio, Jeffery Jory Mertens, Anita Ruth Philbrick, Barbara Janette Platter, and Brandon Mason Smee will be ordained into the Sacred Order of Deacons at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City. All are invited!



Sunday, January 25 | Annual Meeting; After the 10:30 a.m. service

We gather as a parish family to celebrate what happened at GHTC in 2025 and look ahead to 2026. We also elect new Vestry members and honor outgoing members. *There is only one service at 10:30 a.m. January 25 (no 8 a.m. or 5 p.m. services).*

