

THE CATHEDRAL CHIMES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist

From the Dean

By the Very Rev. Heather VanDeventer

Dear Cathedral Family,

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. Amen.

This prayer begins the meditative walk of the Way of the Cross, commonly called Stations of the Cross. It is a paradoxical prayer in that when walking the Way of the Cross or praying the Stations, we spend time sharing the story of Jesus Christ's walk from his betrayal and arrest in the garden through to His crucified body being laid in the tomb. How does one enter with joy in contemplation of acts of betrayal, trial, torture, heckling and verbal abuse, death, and burial? The joy that we engage in this contemplation is not like the joy at celebratory moments and milestones in our lives – this joy isn't like birthday, anniversary, job-getting, or sports-winning kind of joy. The joy in walking the Way of the Cross is quiet. It is like carrying a candle with a wick that is in a deep well in the wax – the candle is burning, light is given, but it is sheltered and not obvious. This is the joy of knowing the whole story – and knowing that death is not the end but that Jesus' death breaks the power of death.

It is this kind of joy that accompanies us on Palm & Passion Sunday, across the day of Holy Week into the Triduum – the Three Holy Days. This joy sustains us on Maundy Thursday as we share

with the disciples and Jesus in the last supper, hearing of the servant ministry as figured in the deep and intimate caring of foot-washing, and receiving food for the soul from the Incarnate Bread of Life. This joy sustains us on Good Friday – this paradoxical day that we call Good – as we stand at the foot of the Cross, contemplating the trials and tribulations of the world as Love is poured out in Jesus, a Love which connects us to God and God to us. This joy sustains us in the quiet of Holy Saturday as we wait outside the tomb, standing in hushed silence with spices, oils, and linen to care for the most precious body that is broken.

This joy has planted the seed and brought the quiet light which grows and strengthens in a crescendo across the Easter Vigil on Easter Eve. The president says after the New Fire has been kindled and before the readings begin, "Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption." And we know that the flame and fire of faith and love are ready to bring Paschal and Easter light to the world.

From the Easter Vigil into Easter Day, we loose the bonds of quiet and restrained joy and let Joy in Salvation shout of the victory of Life over death. Light is returned to the world! We shout our praise with Alleluias! Death has no sting because its power is temporary – "for to

your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed not ended and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens" (as the preface for the Eucharist at a funeral says). Music, flowers, and because we live in the northern hemisphere even the weather (well, maybe even the weather) help us celebrate the Joy of Easter Life.

This Holy Week, I invite you to come to worship and to pause every day in this most holy of weeks. I invite you to give the time (not take the time but to give that time) on during the Triduum, the Great Three Days, to be in the contemplation of the mighty acts of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Come to the Easter Vigil – aka Easter Eve – to participate in ancient patterns, signs, and symbols of fire, light, water, bread, wine, and stories of God's saving power. Come to Easter Day and celebrate the first of the Fifty Great Days of Easter.

This Easter, keep those Fifty Days with wonder and joy. Continue to tell the stories of God's saving power. Walk in the ways of Jesus and in the Way of Love. Come and sing the songs of our Salvation and share and shout your Easter Joy to the world
In Christ's Peace,
Dean Heather

From the Associate Priest

By The Rev. Arlen Farley

I wonder how you think about the place of hospitality in your faith. Part of my formation as a Christian and pastor comes from a decade of participation in brand new church communities. I have worshipped in public elementary schools, two different YMCA buildings, a modern art gallery, two apartment complex yoga rooms, one Filipino restaurant, and an old bank with a two thousand pound safe door which served as a sacristy. Those who have done that work often do it as an act of hospitality. We want to extend the life, reach, and welcome of God beyond the walls of the church. Core to hospitality is the making of space, space in our hearts and in our lives for others. We go where the people are, in the name of Jesus, who is simultaneously Host, Guest, and Stranger.

I have come to appreciate over many years the way this is generational work. We are keenly aware of this in the Cathedral community because we steward a sacred space as part of an act of Christian hospitality which goes back over a hundred years to those who left three different established churches to build our Cathedral together. The sacred space itself, and caring for it, is not only stewardship, it is stewardship of generational hospitality in Jesus' name. All are welcome at the Altar.

A lot of the beautiful stuff at St. John's Cathedral happens around the corner from the Altar where all are welcome. The choir is chattering away quietly with each other before the procession and making kind eyes at the Acolytes. Ushers offer unassuming and warm presence as well as a bulletin. An adult is

following a child around All Saints Chapel even though they thought they would be able to pray a more predictable liturgy. Before the 8am service, someone makes coffee in the kitchen so it will be ready for a 3-person, informal coffee hour full of observations about the city.

We love the music here, and the Cathedral itself. We love the sense of praying in a place which has heard a lot of prayers. I believe we really do meet Jesus in the Scripture and the Eucharist. That's the center of everything for me. What I hear in so many conversations, though, with folks who have been around a while is that they stay for the people. It's the hospitality of the community itself which defines people's experience of Christ in this place. They love the people here and love the people they have known here.

Whenever we have been loved well, we have likely experienced hospitality. Someone has made space for us. It doesn't just happen at the altar, or around the corner from the altar, it is the way we are called to live our lives and our faith. Jesus is simultaneously Host, inviting us to be hospitable in his name. Jesus is also Guest, inviting us to meet him in one another if every relational encounter we have. If he were only Host, only inviting us to be host, we would only give and not receive. If Jesus were only guest, inviting us to be guests, we only ever be served and know ourselves to be everyone's debt. Jesus invites us into a life of hospitality where we are meeting him in every place and person, giving and receiving, often unexpectedly.

Lenten Pretzel & Soup Teams, we thank you!

By Cindy Duncan

Throughout this season of Lent, many, many volunteers have given the gift of hospitality to the members of the Cathedral during Coffee Hour. They have made and served soup and bread. Rolled and baked hundreds of pretzels. We have also shared pretzels with our neighbors at Canterbury Court. On those Sundays, when we met in the kitchen, there was always great joy, great conversation and a wonderful sense of community. Episcopal Relief and Development was the recipient of \$593.00 in donations, given by those who enjoyed pretzels on Pretzel Sundays. Thank you, thank you to all of you!

"Souper" Folk as Karen Byrne called them:

Aaron Duncan, Suzanne Harris, Karen Byrne, Nina Beegle, Peggy Johnson, Amy Porter, James & Emily McKinney, Pam Watts, Addie Townley, Cindy Duncan Pretzel Makers:

Jayne Touchstone, Carolyn Holmes, Courtney Weiler, Addie Townley, Lindsay Newton, Jacqui Crissey, Meredith Shimizu, Nina Beegle, Cindy Duncan, Aaron Duncan, Seth Robertson, Charlie Byers, Dave Marken, John Wallingford, Clay Starwalt, Jess Jordan

Kids: Virginia Byers, Silas & Jaren Farley, Liza Starwalt, Emma & Meis Shimizu, Grady Weiler, Jack & Owen Crissey, Claire, Maren, Josey & Steen Jordan

Hanging Flower Basket Pick Up

Thank you for ordering your flower baskets from Altar Guild. Just a reminder to pick up your order Saturday May 6, 8:30a-10:00 am at the Welcome Center. See you then!

Save the Date!

West Central Abbey is having a Fundraiser, April 28th from 5:30—8:00pm at 1832 W. Dean Ave. There will be live and silent auctions, merchandise to purchase and a scavenger hunt. Hors d'oeuvres, and beverages will be served.

Please mark your calendars and support West Central Abbey as they seek to “cultivate justice, joy, compassion, and peace in the heart of the West Central neighborhood.”

Please contact Ann Harder with any questions: 509-994-8938 or annharder@gmail.com. The ticket link is now live if you want to start letting people know.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/abbey-makers-fundraiser-tickets-594101402287>

Palm Crosses

Join the Altar Guild in making Palm Crosses on Saturday, April 1st from 10 AM to Noon in the Great Hall. No “crafty” talent required! Instruction provided. Bring a pair of scissors and help prepare for Palm Sunday.

Spring Grounds Cleanup Day

It was a (chilly but) spirited Spring Clean-up Day! Thanks to all volunteers – from the Cathedral and from Boy Scout Troop 258 for your hard work and to the Landscape & Grounds subcommittee for organizing and supporting the volunteers.

Photo credit: Jennifer Ogden



A Windfall Story

From Linda Finney

Mary and I open The Windfall on Friday afternoons at 12:30. Mary generally heads for the back room to process donations, and I wake up the cash register and put the change in. Then, I usually take a broom and tidy up.

The last Friday of February, we were going through our usual routine. A couple, one of our regulars, came in to shop. I noticed a piece of paper and a few leaves by the door and went to sweep them up. The piece of paper looked like play money, at first, and then I realized it was a \$100 bill. I put it in the box next to the cash register while I figured out how to proceed.

The couple were our only customers. I went up to the woman and asked her if she'd dropped any cash. She said “No,” and called to her husband. He walked up to us, searched his pockets, and turned green. “Yes,” he said, “I lost some cash.” I asked how much, and he said, looking truly miserable, “It was a \$100 bill.” His wife looked crushed.

I walked over to the cash register, retrieved the bill, and gave it to him. Their faces transformed immediately. They were so happy and thanked me over and over. They continued to shop, paid for their purchases, and they thanked me about five more times.

Mary and I talked it over afterwards. She said, “There is so much meanness out there, and people taking advantage of each other. Our job is to lift each other up, watch each others' backs, and build community.” Exactly.

That couple had a good weekend—and it could have been so different for them. Maybe their faith in their fellow citizens increased a bit. If the money had disappeared, they might have spent Friday evening in recriminations.

If the guy had dropped the bill on the sidewalk in front of The Windfall, it would have been gone. But when you open The Windfall door, cross the threshold, and come inside, things are different.

Easter Flower & Music Donations

Help beautify the Cathedral during Easter! Special décor and Easter music are possible only through generous gifts from members and friends of the Cathedral. Make checks payable to “St. John’s Cathedral” and mark them for either *Easter Flowers* or *Easter Music*. Checks marked for both flowers and music will go equally to both funds. Please note in whose honor the gift is given. After Easter, The Chimes will publish a list of all those in whose honor donations were given.



Music Notes

By Andrea Olsen

The Music Ministry has been hard at work preparing for the upcoming Easter season and are looking forward to our Easter morning services with our traditional Brass quartet. Although we will not have use of the organ our Easter music offerings will be no less joyful. I am so proud of the level of musicianship our various ensembles continue to demonstrate, as well as, though less obvious, the strong sense of community our Music Ministry provides. As our membership continues to grow so does our camaraderie as we warmly welcome newer members into our midst. It is this ministry aspect of our program that continues to make me proud of every member of our team. The care and support they show to and for each other is inspiring and is a great example of living into Christ's call to love one another.

As we approach the end of Women's History month, I turn your attention to the completion of our Lent service music honoring the work of African American composer Florence B. Price. The Easter season service music will come from Schubert's Deutsche Messe.

Upcoming music highlights include an Easter Evensong on Sunday April 23 at 5:00pm which will feature a composition by our very own Jim Holmes. In addition, several area schools will be giving their end-of-year choral concerts. I hope to see you at one (or all!) of these exciting music ministry events.

Hosanna in the Highest!

Hope for Creation

From John Wallingford

In the first chapter of Genesis, after God separated the waters from the land (v 9) God declared it was good (v 10); after creation of plants (v 11) God saw it was good (v 12); after the creation of the sun and moon (v 16) God saw it was good (v 18); after the sea creatures and birds were created God saw it was good (v 21); after the land creatures were created (v 24) God saw it was good (v25). But after man was created (v27) God did not see it was good! It was only when God looked at man in the whole of creation did was the whole pronounced to be very good (v 31).

Don't forget we are part of the whole.

I've been told whatever is happening to the climate is part of God's plan. And I wonder, does that mean Episcopalians working to live in harmony with nature are also a part of God's plan?

The Hope for Creation conference has set us on the path to EXPO+50, as intended. Environmental Stewardship will be one of the 5 areas of emphasis. What

would you like to do and see at EXPO+50 to celebrate care for the environment? What might the Cathedral offer? A talk with Robin Wall Kimmerer or Katharine Hayhoe? Leading electric busloads of people on tours of the waste water treatment facility or waste to Energy or Barr-tech composting? Holding a weeklong vigil the earth? A litter collection march from the Cathedral to Riverfront park? What events by others will we join? Tree planting with Lands Council? River clean up with Riverkeepers? A demonstration of solidarity with the Climate Center. Advancing a resolution through our diocese? What vision of harmony can Spokane hold up to the world for the next 50 years? We will have a moment on the world stage. Now is the time to think what we would like to say. Contact John Wallingford, jwallingford@gmail.com, for more information.

The Eastertide Sunday Forum

The Bible is the word of God, or is it?? Are we a people of the book? How can we be a people of the book if we don't have the book? Virgil Dedas will offer questions, questions, and questions, as well as an answer or two. Please come to the Sunday Forum as we explore the formation of the New Testament beginning on April 16.

Passages

Rest in Peace

Sheryl Anderson

2/17/1953—2/15/2023

Lynn Schmidt

7/10/1942—3/3/2023

Harry Estep

3/31/1953—1/21/2023

Sheila Brierley

8/16/1938—3/13/2023



Notes from the March Chapter Meeting

Dear Friends,

Chapter met in the Ellis Conference Center on Tuesday the 21st of March. Spring was definitely in the air. Some of us even came without our Winter coats! And after last month's busy agenda, we finally took time for some introductions. I was especially interested to learn more about our new members Addie Townley, Dave Marken, Karen Byrne, and Carolyn Holmes, but I learned plenty of new things about other members, too. (This year's membership is especially rich in teachers and librarians!)

Karen Martin got to deliver some good news about the budget: while we're still in a deficit for the year, the congregation has answered the call for new and increased pledges, so the deficit has shrunk dramatically since our last meeting. We also saw a big increase in plate offerings through Tithely. So a big thanks, from all of us, to everyone who has pledged their support this month. And thanks to everyone who has tried Tithely.

We also discussed: snow removal, signs, liaisons to committees at the cathedral, upcoming coffee hours, and preparations for Holy Week. It is a busy time at the Cathedral. We officially set a date for a Chapter retreat in May--which is a big deal, since we haven't had one since the pre-pandemic days!

Lastly, Dean Heather asked our prayers for our friends at St. Stephen's and for Bill Osborne, who has announced his retirement. I'm sure you'll all join me in wishing Bill and the congregation a smooth transition and many blessings on their next steps.

I always come away from Chapter meetings feeling inspired, and this month was no exception. I hope you can share in that feeling, too. Members of our congregation--new arrivals, old-timers, and everyone in between, are sharing their gifts in exciting ways every day.

Peace,

Charlie Byers, Senior Warden

Scenes from the Fat Sunday Pancake Brunch and Pancake Races

Many thanks to the team from Cathedral Life, Family Ministries, and others who helped make it a joyful end to the season after the Epiphany.

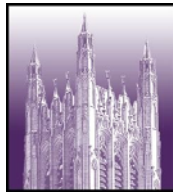




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9 Easter 8a Worship 10:30a Worship— Begins in the Great Hall	10 Cathedral Closed for Easter Monday 4p Service League 5:15p Youth Symphony	11 10a Staff 4:30p Connoisseur Concerts 4:30p Finance 5:30p Contemplative Group 6p MA	12 10a Holy Eucharist 11a Bible Study 630p Al Anon	13 930a Tapestry 5p Jr. Choir 5:30p Handbell 7p Choir	14 6p Al Anon	15 11a Beverly & Doug Lee funeral
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Worship Services

Sunday

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:30am Outdoor Communion
(Welcome center patio)
5pm Holy Eucharist Rite III

Wednesday

10am Holy Eucharist Rite II
(North Transept)

Windfall

The Windfall is open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with regular hours: Thursday and Friday 12:30pm-5:30pm, and Saturday noon-5pm. Come visit us at 1024 S. Perry. Donations are currently being accepted at the store during business hours.

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Chimes is **Monday, May 8th**.
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Date Reminders

4/2—Palm Sunday
4/6—Maundy Thursday
4/7—Good Friday
4/8—Easter Vigil
4/9—Easter Sunday
4/16—Easter Egg Hunt
4/22—Hope for Creation
Conference & Earth Day
5/14—Mother's Day
5/19—St. John's Music Series
Rachmaninoff Concert
5/29—Memorial Day

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