

THE CATHEDRAL CHIMES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist

Holy Week and Easter at the Cathedral

April 9—Palm Sunday

8am Holy Eucharist

10:30am Holy Eucharist, Liturgy of the Palms *Nursery Care Available*

April 13—Maundy Thursday

5:30pm Soup Supper

7pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist

April 14—Good Friday

7am Good Friday Liturgy

Noon Seven Last Words

7pm Candlelight Service *Nursery Care Available*

8:30pm “Membra Jesu Nostri” by Dieterich Buxtehude

April 15—Holy Saturday *No 5:30pm worship today*

7pm The Great Vigil of Easter *Nursery Care Available*

April 16—Easter Day *Nursery Care Available*

8am Holy Eucharist celebrating the Feast of the Resurrection *incense-free*

10:30am Holy Eucharist celebrating the Feast of the Resurrection

April 23—The Second Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Eucharist

10:30am Holy Eucharist and Flowering of the Cross

Noon Parish Easter Party and Easter Egg Hunt



Palm Crosses—Please join the Altar Guild in making Palm Crosses on *Saturday, April 8*, at 9am, in the Conference Center. No “crafty” talent required! Bring a pair of scissors, and help prepare for Palm Sunday.

Maundy Thursday Soup Supper—On *Thursday, April 13*, at 5:30pm, the Brotherhood of St. John and Daughters of the King will host a quiet soup supper in the Great Hall. All are welcome.

Good Friday Candlelight Worship—On *Friday, April 14* at 7pm, the youth of the Cathedral will lead the Candlelight Worship service. This service uses candlelight, readings, shadows and sounds to give us an added understanding of the passion. This service is an excellent opportunity for children to learn about the crucifixion story and the meaning it has in our faith. Nursery care will be available.

From the Dean

By the Very Rev. Bill Ellis

For a very long time I considered the primary importance of Christianity had to do with my personal relationship with God. To believe in Christ as the Incarnation of God and to respond to that truth with gratitude for what God has done for me was to stand at the threshold of salvation.

I can't pinpoint the moment when that began to shift, nor even the moment when the shift was completed; all I can say is that I look at faith in general, and Christian faith specifically, entirely differently now. I no longer believe that Jesus came to save me. To be fair, I don't believe he came to save you either.

What I now believe is that salvation is not a private affair between God and the individual believer. Salvation is a totally public, totally social, totally "political" affair between God and the world. As I see it now, the death and resurrection of Jesus was not designed to atone for my particular sins and failings. The death of Jesus was a judgment on the whole world, and the resurrection of Jesus was God's forgiveness of the whole world.

The point is that the death of Christ, and his resurrection was not about me. It wasn't about you either. It was about us, about all of us. It was, and is, about a world that so badly wants to create a perfect society and can't. It is about the frustration we all experience not only by our own imperfections, but by the imperfections we see in others. In the end, the

death and resurrection of Jesus is always and only about the one thing that matters in this world, the one and only thing that can hold us together. It is about forgiveness, forgiveness of *everything*. Ponder that for a moment. The resurrection of Jesus is about forgiveness for those things that you and I are not sure are forgivable.

One reason I say that is that without forgiveness society is not possible. Part of our problem today is that we are trying to live at a social and political level without forgiveness. It can't be done, and the fracturing we are seeing in American life is a direct result of that. If I am too pure to forgive you, and you are too pure to forgive me, we can't live together. God wants us to live together, of that I am sure. God wants reconciliation, a world at peace with itself, and that cannot be done without what God did for the whole world in the death and resurrection of Jesus, which was to forgive everything, even—perhaps especially—the crucifixion. God forgave the world the unjust execution of Jesus by torture; in light of that, what is it that you and I find so important that we cannot forgive?

As we move into Holy Week and Lent perhaps we might consider this: the death and resurrection of Jesus was not about a private relationship between God and you or God and me. It was about God and the whole world, and because we are part of the whole world, we have been swept up into it, into that new possibility of a life whose center is forgiveness.

Inquirer's Class Begins April 19

Want to learn more about the history and traditions of the Episcopal church? Interested in being confirmed as an Episcopalian? Mark your calendars now for the Spring 2017 Inquirer's Classes. Led by Dean Bill Ellis, the classes will meet *Wednesdays, 7pm-8pm*, April 19 through May 31.

The first session will encompass a brief review of the history of Christianity, with a special emphasis on the beginnings of the Anglican Communion. Each class after that will explore a different aspect of our Anglican practice, theology and polity.

All are welcome, whether you are a newcomer to the Cathedral or have been here your whole life. This class is also full preparation for those who would like to make an adult affirmation of their baptismal vows when Bishop Rehberg comes for her annual visit to the Cathedral on Sunday, June 4.

Guest Preacher

By Bill Ellis

I will be in Chicago for the North American Dean's Conference the last weekend of April, and no, neither the Cubs nor the White Sox are home then. That weekend, though, the Rev. Gordon Giles, a priest in the Church of England, will be here from London to preach at the 10:30am service and to lead the Adult Forum at 9:15am.

Gordon is here for a seminar at Whitworth, but his Sunday morning is unscheduled, and he has agreed to be with us that day, for which I am grateful.

Plan on attending both the Forum and the 10:30am service on **April 30**. It will well repay your interest.

Music at the Cathedral

By Tim Westerhaus, Music Director

As we continue our Lenten journey towards Easter for two more Sundays, the anthems and ritual music recognize the duality that “God so loved the world” even as we know this means that “surely he died on Calvary. We sing this message with music from the Anglican treasury to Mohawk poetry by Tekahionwake.

On **April 2**, the Cathedral Choir sings William Dawson’s arrangement of the spiritual “Soon ah will be done” and John Stainer’s “God so loved the world.” We celebrate Palm Sunday on **April 9**, processing from the Great Hall with song. This liturgy is one of contrast: we begin by waving palms and singing “Hosanna” in praise of Jesus, but mid-service the liturgy shifts to the Passion. Our music mirrors this split: our liturgy opens with the bright choral introit *Hosianna dem Sohne Davids* (Hosanna to the Son of David) by Gesius, followed by a festive setting of All Glory, Laud and Honor with our Chancel Ringers. The tone of our prayer shifts with the spiritual “Calvary” and Eric William Barnum’s haunting setting of Mohawk poetry in “The Brier.”

Maundy Thursday, **April 13**, commemorates the washing of the feet with a setting of the text *Ubi*

caritas (Where charity and love are found, God is there) by Maurice Duruflé. The Cathedral Choir leads music at this service, which includes the ritual stripping of the altar.

The spirituals that appeared throughout Lent are part of the Cathedral’s broader initiative to pray with the richness of our African American musical tradition, which culminates in our **Good Friday Seven Last Words in African American Spirituals** on **April 14**, at 12 noon. Designed as a lunch-hour service and shorter than in past years, this will be a rich offering of spirituals sung by congregation and choir, including “There is a balm in Gilead” and “Soon ah will be done” by William Dawson; “Swing low, sweet chariot,” “Nobody knows the trouble I’ve seen,” and “Give me Jesus” by Moses Hogan; “Sometimes I feel” by Alice Parker; and “Calvary” by Steven Sametz. A diverse group of Cathedral soloists share their passionate singing: Andrea Olsen, Amanda Rood, Nicholas Fritschler, and Isaac Robbins.

Our Junior Choir leads our **Good Friday Candlelight** service at 7 pm, a participatory service of darkness rich in ritual.

Mark your calendars for a special **Good Friday Spiritual Concert**, at 8:30pm, presented by the Cathedral Kantorei, Collegium Or-

chestra, and guest dance company. Performing the baroque Dieterich Buxtehude’s *Membra Jesu nostri*, this exquisite music and poetry is enlivened with dance under the direction of Karla Parbon, dance faculty at Gonzaga and Whitworth Universities. Each of the work’s seven parts are dedicated to a part of Jesus’s body (to the feet, knees, hands, side, breast, heart, and head), and in each section vocal soloists emerge from the Kantorei Choir, including Amy Porter, Andrea Olsen, Amanda Rood, Eric Betz, and Joshua Vander Plaats. This spiritual musical event is free, and donations are gratefully accepted to underwrite the costs of this offering for our Spokane community.

Easter Sunday, **April 16**, shines with the resplendence of the Cathedral Brass and Chancel Ringers at both morning services, and the Junior Choir adds their voices at the 10:30am service. We invite all to sing with us Handel’s “Hallelujah” chorus from *Messiah*, full of the resurrection joy in new life!

Soli Deo gloria!

Easter Flowers / Music

Help beautify the Cathedral for Easter! Special décor and music are possible only through generous gifts from members and friends of the Cathedral.

Please contribute now. 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 Easter decorations and music were given.

Good Friday, April 14

Seven Last Words in African American Spirituals

Noon • St. John’s Cathedral Choir

Candlelight Worship

7pm • Cathedral Youth Group and Junior Choir

Buxtehude’s *Membra Jesu nostri* (The Limbs of our Jesus)

A Spiritual Concert with Dance on Good Friday

8:30 pm • Cathedral Collegium Ensemble, Cathedral Kantorei Choir

Timothy Westerhaus, conductor

Dance Ensemble, Karla Parbon, director

Children and Youth

By Michelle Klippert
Children & Youth Coordinator

Sunday Morning Schedule

Every week:

9:15am • Nursery Care

9:45am • 7th-12th grade in Youth Room

10:30am • Children's Church in Room 143

Youth Group

The Youth Group meets in the Crypt, 6pm-8pm, every Wednesday for food, fun, fellowship and formation. We will meet every week in April including over spring break for those that are in town. The Youth Group is for all youth in 7th-12th grade. Friends are always welcome to join us!

Dance & Potluck

Every month on the first Friday the Cathedral hosts a Contra dance for people of all ages, single, married or whole families. There is live music along with Susan Davankovich who calls the dances while teaching them to everyone. It is a fun way to spend an evening and enjoy the company of other people. The evening starts with a 6:30pm with a potluck followed by dancing until 8pm—all in the Great Hall. Join us on **Friday, April 7!**

Save trees and reduce costs—subscribe to the emailed *Chimes*:
secretary@stjohns-cathedral.org

The deadline for the May *Chimes* is **Monday, April 24**
secretary@stjohns-cathedral.org

Pretzel Sales

Children, youth and adult volunteers will be making pretzels in the kitchen at 9:15am through Palm Sunday.

Pretzels are sold in the Great Hall after the 10:30am service. Pretzels are 50¢ each or \$1.25 for 3.

This year all of the proceeds from the sale of pretzels will be donated to World Relief to help them with their ministries for refugees throughout the world.



Sign up for CAMP!!

This summer enjoy the beauty of Camp Cross while filling up your spiritual cup during fabulous worship, morning programs, games, and fellowship with a great community. Camp sessions are available for everyone to enjoy.

For more information, and to sign up for camp, please go to:
www.campcross.org



Moving? New phone number?
Let the office know:
rbanta@stjohns-cathedral.org

Parish Health and Wellness Fair

Sunday, April 23
after the 10:30am Service

General Health Information
and Screenings

Spring Blood Drive



Easter Egg Hunt

On **Sunday, April 23**, we will hold the annual Easter Egg hunt!

Following the 10:30am service there will be an Easter Party, sponsored by the St. Nicholas Guild, at the Coffee Hour in the Great Hall.

After the children have had refreshments we will gather on the lawn outside of Jewett house for the Easter Egg Hunt. All children from babies until 18 years of age are welcome to participate.

You may bring your own Easter baskets or you are welcome to use bags that will be provided. Please pray for good weather!



Spring Clean Up

As we know, many hands make light work, so join the fun as we clean up the Cathedral grounds! Bring yard tools and gloves and join the "Garden Party" on **Saturday, April 22.**

We'll meet—in sunshine, clouds or drizzle—to beautify the lawns and flower beds. We plan to work 9am-1pm, but if you can't be here the entire time, please help for as long as you can.



Yoga at the Cathedral

Join instructor Lisa Silvestri Wehr for a one-hour yoga class in the Cathedral at 3pm on **Sunday, April 23** for the final yoga session of the program year.

For all experience levels; bring a mat if you have one.

We'll start up again on August 27—mark your calendars and plan to join us!



Dean Search Update

*Karen Martin and Eric Baldwin
Co-Chairs, Dean Search Committee*

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Parish Survey – we received 166 responses! The Survey results provide important initial information to help populate the Committee and launch Dean Search activities.

Currently, the Committee is comprised of the two Co-Chairs, Karen Martin and Eric Baldwin, and our Chaplain, Deacon Barbara Novak. We have met with the Diocesan Transition Minister, Reverend Susan Cleveley, Bishop Gretchen Rehberg, and the Cathedral Chapter.

An important task is to populate the Committee. The Committee will be comprised of 11 total members; we will need a diverse group with a mixture of strengths and talents. Sub-committees will also need energetic and committed individuals to assist with many tasks. Please prayerfully consider how you are able to contribute. We will have an “Interest Form” to complete, which will help us to understand how to put to best use the gifts of Cathedral members.

Please look for further announcements regarding the Committee.

Also coming soon, will be activities around deploying the Committee and communicating its charter.

Thank you for your prayers, thoughts, and positive encouragement while we launch this important search process.

Hanging Flower Baskets for Sale

By Karen Martin

Your Altar Guild is excited to offer Hanging Flower Baskets for sale. This was a huge success last year, so we are doing it again. The 14” baskets are fresh, colorful, and healthy as they are grown by a local greenhouse in many different flower and color combinations. Each container will have a zonal geranium, a trailing petunia, and an accent flower such as ipomoea, biden, scaevola or lobelia. The baskets are beautiful and are perfect for your home or as a Mother’s Day gift (which is Sunday, May 14).

Altar Guild members will be available in the Great Hall before and after the 10:30am service on Sunday, April 2 and April 9 to take orders. The hanging baskets are a reasonable \$25 each. Make your check payable to St. John’s Cathedral with “Altar Guild flower basket” in the memo field.

Baskets will be available to pick up at the Cathedral on Saturday, May 6, around 9am. **Orders**

are due by April 9, so don’t delay!

If you can’t place your order in person, you can also leave a message with Joan in the Cathedral office at 509-838-4277, and an Altar Guild member will call you to take your order.

100% of Altar Guild funds stay at the Cathedral. We know many of you purchase baskets each spring, so we hope you purchase from us and benefit the Cathedral at the same time!



Sample picture—somewhat similar to the plants for sale

Bookstore News

The Cathedral Bookstore will be open in April. Current hours are 11am-2pm on Tuesday and after services on Sunday.

We are looking for volunteers to expand the schedule. If you like people, want to welcome folks to St. John’s, and will handle a computerized cash register, this may be a perfect fit! Please call Karen Byrne at 535-3181.

Passages

Memorial Services

March 31, at St. Stephen’s

Church: *Barrett Kelland Lindsey*, 9/20/1941-3/24/2017

April 8, at 2pm: *Jean Lora Ringhoffer Shields*, 2/19/1929-3/12/2017

From the Curate

By the Rev. Nic Mather

Discernment is a word that you hear thrown around in the church world that may or may not mean what you think it means...

There are many types of discernment. As we work towards calling a new Dean, the parish will discern together our hopes, our fears, our vision for this place and this community moving forward in the next year, five years, 20 years, and on. People who are interested in pursuing a call in ministry enter into a formal discernment process, where they meet with a trusted group of community members who agree to enter into a mutual discernment with that person, discerning both the seekers call to ministry and how that will impact the immediate parish community. But, discernment should not be limited to making decisions for the future of the church, rather, discernment should a tool for us to utilize as we seek to understand what it is we are called to do in this life. In discerning, we do so with the acknowledgement that God bestows upon each and every one of us certain gifts which, when fully realized, can enable us to pursue a life that is fulfilling and helps us realize our true selves.

This type of discernment, discernment through prayer for understanding how we are to live into our vocational call (or even discover what that vocational call may be), is centered in our understanding of faith at work in the wider world. I wish everyone had the opportunity to do formal vocational discernment, working with trusted members of the communi-

ty who can help you realize what you are truly called to do in this life. But, this is not always an option, and so we want to present to the Cathedral community an opportunity to, at the very least, begin this process in community with others who are also seeking greater clarity about what it is God may be calling them to do with this one life we live.

“Callings” will be a **free** one-day retreat on **Saturday, April 22**, focused on helping you begin the process of vocational discernment, listening for where God is calling you to live out your life in faith and work.

Beginning with check-ins and continental breakfast at 8:30am and ending with dinner at 6pm, “Callings” is hosted here at the Cathedral in the Great Hall.

Childcare will be provided if we receive RSVPs for at least 2 children needing care by **April 9**. We will be accepting RSVPs for Callings through **April 19**, but encourage you to respond as soon as possible so we can be fully prepared. You can RSVP by contacting Fr. Nic at nmather@stjohns-cathedral.org (please note any dietary restrictions in your RSVP)



Commonplace—St. John’s Young Adult Ministry— meets on **April 9** for Pub Theology, at 6pm, their regular 2nd Sunday of each month gathering at the Park Inn.

Follow us online at: [facebook.com/commonplacespokane](https://www.facebook.com/commonplacespokane)

Staff Resignation

By Bill Ellis

Michelle Klippert, our Coordinator of Children and Youth Ministries since 2001, has taken a new job as a hospital chaplain and will start her new duties in the middle of June. Her natural empathy, listening skills and spirituality will make her a very fine chaplain, and I know that you all will join me in wishing her the very best. Nevertheless, her career change gives us some work to do.

First is the need to recognize her work at the Cathedral over the past sixteen years, and we have chosen to do that on **Sunday, May 21**, after the 10:30am service. A small committee has been appointed to organize that party, and they will be getting more information out to you as plans progress.

Second is the question of her successor. Though I will be retiring at the end of June I would like to find a new Children and Youth Ministries Coordinator before I go. I won’t be hasty; if the right person does not surface before the end of June then Chapter, together with the interim clergy the Chapter engages, will make this hire. I am, however, confident that we can find a suitable person before it comes to that.

There will of course be much more to say as time goes on, but for now I want to extend to Michelle my great thanks for all she has done for the Cathedral. I appreciate her work, I appreciate her, and I am grateful for the time she has given to the ministry of Christian formation for our youth and children over these past sixteen years.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8a Worship 9:15a Adult Forum 10:30a Worship & Children's Church 4p Chorale Concert	3 4:45p Jr Choir 6p SAT Prep	4 7a Brotherhood 9:15a Staff 12p St Nicholas 5:30p Prayer 6p Scouts 6p SAT Prep	5 10a Worship 10:45a Bible Study 5:30p Worship 6p Lent Program 6p Youth Group 6:30p Al Anon 2	6 5:30p Book Club 5:30p Handbells 7p Choir	7 6p Al Anon 6:30p Potluck & Dance	8 9a DAR 9a Palm Cross making 12p Integrity 2p Memorial Service 5:30p Worship
9 8a Worship 9:15a Adult Forum 10:30a Worship & Children's Church 12p Altar Guild 6p Commonplace	10 4:45p Jr Choir 5:30p Service League 6p Youth Sym 6p SAT Prep 7p Choir	11 9:15a Staff 12p Brotherhood 4:30p Finance 5:30p Prayer 6p Scouts 6p SAT Prep	12 10a Worship 10:45a Bible Study 6p Youth Group 6:30p Al Anon 2 7p Choir	13 5:30p Handbells 5:30p Soup Supper 6p Parenting 7p Worship 8:30p Rehearsal <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	14 7a Worship 12p Worship 6:30p Al Anon 7p Worship 8:30p Concert <i>Good Friday</i>	15 9a SAT Prep 7p Easter Vigil <i>Holy Saturday</i>
16 <i>Worship at 8am and 10:30am</i> <i>Easter</i>	17 4:45p Jr Choir 6p St Monica 6p Youth Sym 6p SAT Prep <i>Cathedral & Offices Closed</i>	18 7a Brotherhood 9:15a Staff 5p Youth Sym 5:30p Prayer 6p Scouts 6p SAT Prep 6:30p Chapter	19 10a Worship 10:45a Bible Study 6p Youth Group 6:30p Al Anon 2	20 5:30p Handbells 6p Parenting 7p Book Club	21 12p Landscape 6p Al Anon	22 9a Spring Clean Up 5:30p Worship <i>Callings</i>
23 8a Worship 9:15a Adult Forum 10:30a Worship & Children's Church 12p Health Fair 3p Yoga	24 4:45p Jr Choir 6p Youth Sym 6p SAT Prep	25 9:15a Staff 12p Brotherhood 5:30p Prayer 6p Scouts 6p SAT Prep 6:30p Search	26 10a Worship 10:45a Bible Study 4:30p Foundation 6p Youth Group 6:30p Al Anon 2	27 11:30a Discernment 5:30p Handbells 6p Parenting 7p Choir	28 4p Rehearsal 6p Al Anon	29 9a SAT Prep 10a Rehearsal 5:30p Worship
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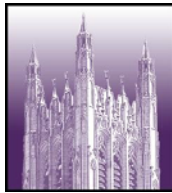
St John's Java — Sunday • Tuesday & Wednesday, 9a-12p

Bookstore — Sunday • Tuesday, 11a-2p

Tours — Sunday • Friday (1st & 3rd) & Saturday, 11a-2p

The Windfall, 1024 S. Perry — Tuesday-Friday, 12:30p-5:30p • Saturday, 12p-5p

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through liturgy, outreach, hospitality and education
we all discover what it means to be beloved children of God*

Lenten Evening Program Continues

Our annual Lenten Wednesday night program continues through April 5. Our topic this year is *You are the light of the world*. Each Wednesday evening in Lent our speaker(s) will talk about where in this world they see people revealing the light which is from God.

March 29—We will hear from some members of our youth group.

April 5—The Rev. Woody Garvin will make a presentation.

As always, we offer the Eucharist and a soup, salad and bread supper prior to these presentations. The schedule is:

5:30pm Eucharist
6:15pm Soup Supper
7pm-8pm Program

Childcare provided

Worship Services

Sunday

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:15am Adult Forum
10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II
& Children's Church

Wednesday

10am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Saturday

5:30pm Holy Eucharist Rite II

March 8—April 5
Lenten Eucharist
Wednesday at 5:30pm