

THE CATHEDRAL CHIMES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist

In-person Worship

It is an understatement to say this past year has been challenging. The individual and collective mental, emotional, and spiritual health of the congregation has suffered. We all miss being together.

As vaccinations continue to increase, we are cautiously offering in-person worship, Holy Eucharist, Rite 2, **on Sundays at 10:45am.**

We will continue to offer our online worship at 9am, via Facebook and YouTube, with outside communion at the Welcome Center patio offered 10:45am-noon.

The in-person worship services are not exactly like our pre-pandemic services. Attendance is capped at 30 households per service. At this time, these services are open to Cathedral member households only, not to the general public. Reservations are required in order to maintain our records for contact tracing and to ensure that physical distancing in the Cathedral can be kept. Masks are required to be worn for the whole service by everyone inside the Cathedral.

In order to limit the amount of time we spend together inside, the worship service is a brief Eucharist. Music is offered on the organ and by a soloist. We are able to carefully share in the Eucharist, following protocols established during the outdoor worship services this past summer.

You can sign up for a service by using the link in the Monday Cathedral Connections email or calling the office, 9am-4pm.

We are grateful to be able to worship in-person. We ask for your prayers as we live into this new process and proceed with best practices for continued safety.

Online Worship

We continue to offer **Holy Eucharist, Rite 2, on Sundays at 9am**, with a carillon prelude beginning at 8:45am. This service includes organ and hymns, and is live-streamed on our [Facebook page](#). If you're not able to tune in as we broadcast, you can go to the Facebook page anytime afterward and play the video. We also livestream the services on YouTube, with that link being provided in each week's Friday Cathedral Connections.

Persons who would like to receive communion may come to the Cathedral's Welcome Center patio, 10:45am-noon, and receive communion outside. Those with mobility issues may remain in their car in the circle drive and the clergy will bring communion to them.

Sunday Forum Series

On the Sundays in Eastertide, join us on Zoom as we explore the Book of Romans. Paul's letter to the Romans has often challenged and renewed the church in its relationship with itself and the larger culture in which it shares. Adult Formation invites you to hear its message again in our time and place. What might it say about our own desires and cultural enmities, our relationship with the gospel and power, our prayer life and confidence in God? Dig in with us on Sundays during Easter. Join us **Sundays, 10:30am-11:30am, April 11-June 13!** All are welcome! Look for the link in the Friday Cathedral Connections email.

Coffee hour via Zoom, 10:15am-10:30am, continues. This is the same Zoom link as the Sunday Forum; look for that link in the Friday Cathedral Connections email.

An Opportunity to Support Outreach

The Cathedral's Outreach Committee has additional funds to allocate this spring because of generous donations by Cathedral members. We encourage Cathedral members to make a contribution to one of the organizations on the list below and Outreach will match this donation with our donated funds. These are community mission partners that the Cathedral's Outreach Committee has supported in the past year.

*Please make your check out to the agency of your choice from the list below and send it to the Cathedral by Mother's Day, **May 9.*** These checks will be delivered to the organization along with matching funds from the Cathedral.

It is our hope that these spring donations and matching funds will help our community recover from a long and difficult time.

- Grant School
- Second Harvest
- Family Promise
- Cup of Cool Water
- Our Place Ministries
- Shalom Ministries
- Daybreak Youth Services
- Mid-City Concerns Meals on Wheels
- Mid-City Concerns Senior Center
- VOA Crosswalk
- West Central Abbey
- SNAP
- World Relief Spokane
- Stephen R. Novak Foundation
- Martin Luther King Jr. Family Outreach Center

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From the Dean

By the Very Rev. Heather VanDeventer

Dear Cathedral Family,

Recently, I have had the honor of working with a few parishioners to create their funeral plans. These funeral plans are being made in advance of death and not because of a dire diagnosis. Each person has a healthy sense of their mortality and a desire to be able to be truly planful. Making a funeral plan in advance gives the person an opportunity to clearly lay out how they want for their service to happen. We discuss other details about whether and how to have a reception, when should the actual burial happen (whether they will be buried in the columbarium or at a cemetery), and contingency plans for how a service would happen while coronavirus precautions still exist.

I particularly enjoy the planning of the liturgy itself. I realize that “enjoy” may sound like an odd word to use for funeral planning but the real conversation is about what hymns, readings, prayers, and stories speak to the living and life of the person. We sit together to share stories, to learn about children, grandchildren, and friends, and to hear what faith texts speak to their heart and soul. Of course, these conversations also happen with family members after a person’s death but there is a gift in having these conversations in advance.

When I was in college, my maternal grandparents died in a car accident. I remember what a gift it was that each of my grandparents had written out some instructions. These were not on a neat form but were easy for my mom and my uncle to find. My grandma’s instructions gave clear instructions to not use any sheep passages from Scripture. For whatever reason (and I have my guesses), she did not want even the 23rd Psalm used. Even though my grandpa’s instructions would have allowed for some sheep stories to be used, we could honor

her wishes at their funeral. My paternal grandparents died over a decade apart but each also left instructions for my dad and my aunts to use. These instructions added to the experience of working with my grandma to plan my grandpa’s funeral. Various clergy worked with my grandparents across the years to help shape and form these plans, as well as work with the family after their deaths. But having these notes, along with notes written on bulletins saved from other funerals, made planning their funerals, their celebrations of life, much less of a chore.

After these 14 months of dealing with COVID-19 and being made very aware of the frailty of our life, I encourage you to take some time to work on your end of life plans, including funeral plans. Each one of us has instructions to leave and affairs to put in order: end of life directives detailing what kinds of medical interventions do we want or not want; where to find the important papers and various accounts; making sure wills are accurate and up to date. For those with young children, it is important for spouses to agree on who will serve as guardians for their children in case of disaster – and then to make sure those guardians are willing to serve in that role. It is wise to engage experts for some of these conversations – talk with your doctor about end of life directives, find a financial planner to work with you, and find a lawyer to create a will.

For pre-planning of your funeral, I encourage you to also engage an expert and to be in touch with one of the clergy at the Cathedral to have a conversation. I would be honored to have a conversation with you, as would Arlen, Kristi, or Paul. Together, we would walk through the burial liturgy, discuss readings from the Bible and possible hymns, and think about involvement of family and friends in the service. The Cathedral office has a file of parishioner funeral plans – perhaps you already have

plans on file. If that is the case, now may be the right time to revisit those plans, make sure contact information for family members is up to date, and possibly change an item or two in the liturgy.

One of my favorite phrases in our funeral liturgy comes from the preface used in the Eucharistic prayer, for those who choose to have the Eucharist as part of their funeral. It is this: “For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended.” Our eternal life with God begins in our earthly life and our day in and out following of Jesus. At our death, our eternal life with God continues in ways that are new and a mystery as we come fully into God’s presence. My other favorite phrase comes from the Commendation when the priest and congregation together make this assertion, “All of us go down to the dust yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.” It is in faith that we plan for how we want our life to be celebrated at the end of our days. It is in Christian hope that we plan for the end of our days without fear but rather in the sure and certain knowledge of God’s love for us.

In Christ’s Peace,
Dean Heather

Farewell

Saying farewell this week is bittersweet. Even as I look forward to exploring new adventures in retirement, I am sad to leave the Cathedral. It has been a privilege to serve as the secretary for the past twelve years. You have provided connections and community, and I have come to care deeply for you, the people of this congregation. I appreciate the support and understanding you have given me, and trust you will offer the same to my successor. I will continue to hold you in my heart, and look forward to bumping into you occasionally around town.

Blessings,
Joan Sulser

Music at the Cathedral

By Andrea Olsen
Director of Music Ministry

The first year of the pandemic seemed to drag on, but it seems that once we passed the 1-year anniversary, time sped forward and I can't believe that the last several weeks of the program year are upon us!

I continue to be impressed and grateful for the flexibility and adaptability of our Cathedral staff, lay leadership, volunteers, and congregation members! This year has brought us many, many, challenges and as I reflect back on a year of music ministry during a pandemic, I am grateful for the determination, commitment, and creativity of our Music Ministry Team! (You can experience the past year in review by watching our March Music Series on our Facebook or YouTube channel!) I could not be more thankful to our team: John, Brendan, Eric, Byrl, McKenzie, and our Choral Scholars, for their dedication and leadership, as well the members of the Cathedral Choir, Junior Choir, and Cathedral Ringers for their gifts of time and talent!

As we look towards Pentecost, our musicians shall continue to bring you live and virtual hymns and anthems through mid-June. If you're like me and find your faith best expressed and experienced through music, you can always listen (and sing-along!) again from home via our Facebook and/or YouTube platforms.

The St. John's Music Series will continue with *The Dushe Moya Mass* by The Rev. Dr. David T. Gortner:

Dushe Moya translates from Old Slavonic to "my soul" and is an expansion of the phrase "Bogoslovi, dushe moya, Gospoda", or "Bless thou the Lord, O my soul", from the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. Written in 1996, this musical setting of the entire Eucharistic celebration stretches beyond our

usual Western plainsong, or metered styles, and draws us into the patterns of music and worship found in another part of the worldwide Christian family. As I began to discover the incredibly broad heritage of music in Christian worship across the world, I was especially taken by the music of Orthodox and Coptic liturgies. This mass setting, written in Russian Orthodox musical style, brings choir and congregation together in prayers and responses in four-part and six-part chants and can be used in portions or in its entirety, combining it with other chants and hymns already commonly in use by the Episcopal Church.

Tune in on **Sunday, May 23 at 4pm**, for this virtual event on our [Facebook page](#) and our [YouTube channel](#).

Thank you, Dr. Gortner, for sharing this composition with the St. John's Music Ministry!
Hosanna in the Highest!

Opportunity for Prayer

The Cathedral is open for individual private prayer by appointment with the office. Individuals who are members of the Cathedral congregation may contact the secretary to arrange for access to the Cathedral for private prayer. Please be in touch beforehand: secretary@stjohns-cathedral.org

Masks are required.

Building Access

The secretary is in the office most days, but the building is not yet open every day. If you need to pick up or drop off something, you can do so on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**, 9am-4pm. Please call or email first so we know to unlock the door for you: secretary@stjohns-cathedral.org

The Cathedral offices will be closed Memorial Day, Monday, May 31.

Chancel Flowers

Many thanks to those who helped beautify the Cathedral and enhance our worship during April! The flowers in the Chancel were given to the glory of God ...

April 11

- ◆ By Robert Stevens in recognition of Bennet Robertson's 8th birthday
- ◆ By Otto and Denny Schatz in loving memory of their parents Arthur and Eve Ewert, and Elrick and Elsie Schatz
- ◆ By JoAnn M. Nielsen in loving memory of her parents Dr. and Mrs. John K. Martin and her brother Dr. John K. Martin Jr.
- ◆ In loving memory of Filomena Morgado Luna, José Cornejo Ulloa, and all those who have died as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, by Katherine Karr-Cornejo and Sebastian Cornejo
- ◆ By Liesel Kittlitz and Harper and Reese Baldwin in celebration of Eric Baldwin's birthday

April 18

- ◆ By Eric Baldwin and Liesel Kittlitz in celebration of the anniversary of our wedding

April 25

- ◆ In loving memory of Lynn Baiter by her daughters Heather O'Keefe and Kelly S. Heck, and grandchildren Ashlyn O'Keefe and Dylan O'Keefe

Passages

Joy! *Huw Franklin Duncan*, born April 2 to Rebecca and Aaron Duncan

Youth Ministry

The Youth Group continues to gather and connect virtually. The Senior High generally meet the 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays of the month, and the Junior High generally meet on Wednesdays. Contact youth minister Elaine Patrick for more info: youth@stjohns-cathedral.org

From the Priest Associate

By the Rev. Arlen Farley

I was in my early 30s when I attended an open Alcoholic Anonymous (AA) meeting for the first time. A very close friend in Seminary was as disciplined with his meeting attendance as he was with his morning run and saying the Daily Office in community. He was generous enough and courageous enough to invite me along with him. Though I'm not an alcoholic I'd been curious about AA since I read a book about grace by the writer Philip Yancey in high school. Yancey made it sound like what was going on in those meetings was often more transparently about grace than what was going on in church. I believed him because he was a good writer and because the upper middle class professionalism of the church I grew up in made me sometimes feel embarrassed about the brand names on my dress clothes.

Another good friend is celebrating 16 months of sobriety and it reminded me of my experience at that open meeting. I've heard there are good meetings and so-so meetings and not-so-great meetings, but this was a good meeting. A room packed with 20-somethings who didn't necessarily share my faith, but seemed to embody it better, talking about what they were grateful for just today, how they were making a job transition and aware in a new way of why they always drank in times like this before, but were trying to do the terrifying thing where you feel your feelings instead right now. Another talked about how he was celebrating 10 years of sobriety and shared, within the very smart time-limit, how he had started a whole sports league for other people who needed something to do with the time they had been spending drinking before.

This all reminds me of being a 20-something myself, trying to start

a new church and share the gospel in San Francisco. One of the devoted members of this new community had recruited a drummer (who didn't identify as Christian) for our praise team on account of his generosity and perhaps also on account of his unrequited romantic interest in her. Even though he wasn't interested in the gospel as I understood it, he was eager to pray together, as that was a life-saving part of his recovery relationship with the higher power he also called God. We prayed together one night after a service in his pickup truck and I can remember few moments of shared prayer in my life where I was more aware of God's presence.

I guess the recovery community has been on my mind as we seem to be seeing hope on the pandemic horizon in the US. I know it has been an especially hard time for many in recovery and many of us who could use the word recovery in our lives even though we don't live with the particularly deadly disease of alcoholism. The recovery community reminds us (perhaps especially us Christians) that the grace we trust is right here in life-saving community and spiritual practice every single day. It is where 2 or 3 gather together and tell each other the truth. It can save our lives and make our church's life worth saving if we let it.

Marsden Scholars Named

Xitlali Cruz of Chelan High School, and Lilian Smith of Coeur d'Alene High School, have been named as Marsden Scholars by the Chapter of St. John's Cathedral. Each will receive a \$7,500 scholarship for the 2021-22 academic year.

Six Scholars applied for renewal and all six were granted.

Moving? New phone number?

Let the office know:

rbanta@stjohns-cathedral.org

Easter Flowers / Music

Many thanks to those who helped beautify the Cathedral for Easter! Special décor and music are possible only through generous gifts from members and friends of the Cathedral.

- ◆ Anne Lauderbaugh, in memory of John & Laurie Brewer
- ◆ Doug & Judy Beane, in memory of deceased family members
- ◆ Jim & Elaine Foerster
- ◆ Ron & Robin Morissey
- ◆ Robert Stevens, in memory of William R. Ellis
- ◆ Joel & Joy Moore
- ◆ Diana Stoffregen, in honor of Afton Bybee Rollins Jacobson
- ◆ Suzanne Harris
- ◆ Andrea Olsen
- ◆ Dorothea Shoup, in memory of Rev. Dr. & Mrs. E Finch Parsons; in honor of Nina Beegle; in loving memory of Margie Coombs Farris
- ◆ John & Karen Wallingford, in thanks for the life of Regina B. Manser
- ◆ Heather VanDeventer & David Gortner
- ◆ Michel Campbell
- ◆ Lucretia Pladera
- ◆ Stephen Thew & Pam Kohlmeier, in thanksgiving for their children
- ◆ Carol Wilson

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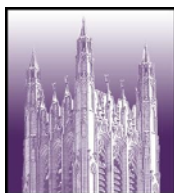
The deadline for the June *Chimes* is **Monday, May 24** secretary@stjohns-cathedral.org

Cathedral Videos

If you miss tuning into the Sunday morning worship service, forget to connect for a St John's Music Series program, or don't use Facebook, you can find videos of these offerings on the Cathedral [YouTube channel](#).

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 28 9:30a Staff—Zoom 5:30p Handbells 6:30p AI Anon 6:30p Racism Discussion—Zoom | 29 7p Choir—Zoom | 30 10a Eucharist 11a Bible Study 6p AI Anon | 1 9a Flower Basket pick-up |
| 2 9a Worship—Facebook 10:15a Coffee Hour—Zoom 10:30a Forum—Zoom 10:45a Worship | 3 5p Junior Choir | 4 10:15a Staff—Zoom | 5 5:30p Handbells 6:30p AI Anon | 6 4p Family Ministry—Zoom 7p Choir—Zoom | 7 11a Bible Study 6p AI Anon | 8 |
| 9 9a Worship—Facebook 10:15a Coffee Hour—Zoom 10:30a Forum—Zoom 10:45a Worship | 10 9a Recording 5p Junior Choir | 11 9a Recording 4:30p Finance—Zoom | 12 9a Recording 9:30a Staff—Zoom 5:30p Handbells 6:30p AI Anon 6:30p Racism Discussion—Zoom | 13 9a Recording 5:15p Property—Zoom 6:30p Cathedral Life—Zoom 7p Choir—Zoom | 14 9a Recording 11a Bible Study 6p AI Anon | 15 3p Recording |
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| 23 <i>Pentecost</i> 9a Worship—Facebook 10:15a Coffee Hour—Zoom 10:30a Forum—Zoom 10:45a Worship 4p Music Series—Facebook | 24 5p Junior Choir | 25 | 26 9:30a Staff—Zoom 5:30p Handbells 6:30p AI Anon 6:30p Racism Discussion—Zoom | 27 7p Choir—Zoom | 28 11a Bible Study 6p AI Anon | 29 |
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through liturgy, outreach, hospitality and education
we all discover what it means to be beloved children of God*

Stay Connected



Although our beautiful building is mostly closed, our church isn't! We continue to gather for worship and prayer and music and pastoral care and learning and fellowship ... through phones and computers and tablets.

Our Facebook page is the place to check for most of these

offerings: www.facebook.com/StJohnsCathedralSpokane

Sometimes, we get inspired and add an offering at short notice.

Usually, we announce gatherings and how to check in through our Monday and Friday "Cathedral Connections" email—delivered to your email address. You can be added to the Cathedral Connections mailing list by contacting the office: secretary@stjohns-cathedral.org

Worship & Formation

Sunday

9am Online Worship
via Facebook: www.facebook.com/StJohnsCathedralSpokane
via YouTube: watch for link in Friday Cathedral Connections

10:30am Sunday Forum
via Zoom: watch for link in Friday Cathedral Connections
preceded by 10:15am Coffee Hour, via the same Zoom link

10:45am In-person Worship
registration required; contact the office for more info