

A WARM WELCOME
to Visitors and Newcomers!



Our Children's Ministry
Meets downstairs during the 11 a.m. service most weeks. The children will process downstairs during the Gradual Hymn.



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The Cathedral **MESSENGER**

**Welcome to the Anglican Cathedral of
St. John the Baptist
12 January 2025
The Baptism of the Lord**

Coming up this week...

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| Wednesday | 7:30 p.m. | The Cathedral Choir | Crypt |
| Thursday | 6:30 p.m. | The Cathedral Vestry Dinner | Crypt |

The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for February 16th, immediately following the 11 a.m. service. If you need to submit a report for 2024, please contact Jill in the Office. We will need to elect 4 new Vestry members, a Youth Vestry member, and a new People's Warden. If you are interested in putting your name forward for any of these positions on Vestry, please contact the Dean or one of the Wardens. The Financial Statements for 2024 will not be available at this meeting, but will be presented to the Congregation when they are available.

Confirmation Classes for this year begin today! We pray for our young people and leaders who will be making this journey towards Confirmation in the weeks ahead. The Service of Confirmation is scheduled for June 15th. If you or someone you know would like to join this Confirmation preparation, please contact the Dean as soon as possible.

Lectionary Readings for next Sunday, January 19th:

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11.

11:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist (BAS)

Setting: **St. Anne Parish Eucharist (D.F. Cook)**

Opening Hymn: **293 There's a voice in the wilderness** *Ascension*
The Gathering of the Community BAS p. 185

The Gloria

The Collect of the Day *p. 348*

The Proclamation of the Word

Isaiah 43:1-7 **Sharon Stuckey**

Psalm 29 p. 738

Acts 8:14-17 **Rohan Dawkins**

Gradual Hymn: **738 Spirit of the living God** *Invocation*

The Holy Gospel: **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

Sermon **The Very Reverend Roger Whalen**

The Confession and Absolution p. 191

The Peace p. 192

Offertory Hymn: **CP 42 Crashing waters at creation** *Marching*

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts p. 348

Eucharistic Prayer #3 (*Proper preface p. 218*) p. 198

The Lord's Prayer p. 211

The Breaking of the Bread #6 p. 213

THE COMMUNION

Anthem: ***What star is this?*** **Jay Althouse**

Prayer after Communion p. 349

Doxology p. 214

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: **CP 656 She comes sailing on the wind** *She flies on*

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We gratefully acknowledge donations to:

The General Fund † *In loving memory of Sadie Hamilton* on the anniversary of her birthday from her family

The Altar Guild Fund † *In loving memory of the Hannah Squires* from her daughter Linda Nightingale, son-in-law Jim and Grandchildren.

Monthly Special Offering Intentions: Our special intention for this month is **"Initial giving for the New Year"**. Please write **"Initial"** on your envelope or in the memo of your electronic donation.

Lent 2025

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which is on March 5th this year. Even though we are still in Epiphany, our planning for Lent has already begun. We are planning a couple of changes to the way we will observe Lent, and we would appreciate any feedback you may have for us.

Wednesday Compline: for many years we have held a mid-week service of Compline throughout Lent. In the past few years attendance at this service has been extremely low. Last year, regular attendance was less than 5 people (other than the choir and clergy), and there were weeks with 1 or 2, and even no people in the congregation. As much as we love Compline, we have to question whether we continue with this practice. Knowing that some people will join the service on-line, we could perhaps make services from previous years available at the appropriate times. If you would like to share your thoughts about Lenten Compline, please contact the Dean.

Lenten Book Study: on Sundays in Lent we will be taking a **virtual journey to the holy land**, with the guidance of the Very Rev'd Canon Richard Sewell, Dean of St. George's College in Jerusalem. During the pandemic, realizing that people were not able to make pilgrimages to the holy lands, Dean Sewell prepared a Lenten Study with reflections, videos, and study questions, to allow people to join in a virtual pilgrimage. That study is now available in book form. We will use this book to guide us on a virtual journey this Lent. The book is called, **"River through the Desert: a Lenten journey in the holy land,"** by Richard Sewell. You can purchase the book yourself (about \$22 through on-line sites such as Amazon and Chapters-Indigo) or the Dean is happy to make a bulk purchase. So, if you are interested in this study, **please contact the Dean**. Also, please let the Dean know if you would like him to purchase the book on your behalf. The plan is to meet in the Crypt at 4 p.m. each Sunday in Lent: we would share the reflection, watch the video, and look at the questions provided. For those who want to stay on, we could then share supper together. We would hopefully be finished by about 6 or 6:30, giving people time to get home before dark (through most of the weeks!). Please speak to the Dean for more information.

Crashing waters at creation,

ordered by the Spirit's breath,
first to witness day's beginning
from the brightness of night's death.

2. Parting water stood and trembled
as the captives passed on through,
washing off the chains of bondage –
channel to a life made new.

3. Cleansing water once at Jordan
closed around the one foretold,
opened to reveal the glory
ever new and ever old.

4. Living water, never ending,
quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Well-spring, source of life eternal,
drench our dryness, make us whole.

2025 Calendars featuring the Cathedral's beautiful stained-glass windows are now available for \$15.

Upcoming Sunday Services:

January 19th: 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

– 11 a.m. BCP Choral Eucharist

January 26th: 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

– 9 a.m. BCP said Eucharist

– 11 a.m. BCP Choral Mattins

February 2nd: The Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)

– 11 a.m. BCP Choral Eucharist

February 9th: 5th Sunday after Epiphany

– 11 a.m. BCP Choral Eucharist

Weekday Morning Prayer:

9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

She comes sailing on the wind

*Refrain: She comes sailing on the wind,
her wings flashing in the sun;
on a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight,
her song rings out through the night,
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.*

1. Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.
And from the heart of God the Spirit moved upon the earth,
like a mother breathing life into her child.

2. Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight
when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.
Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts found new delight,
and then down the ages still she flew on. *Refrain...*

3. To a gentle girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she came,
a whisper softly calling in the dark,
the promise of a child of peace whose reign would never end,
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart.

4. Flying to the river, she waited circling high
above the child now grown so full of grace.
As he rose up from the water, she swept down from the sky,
and she carried him away in her embrace. *Refrain...*

5. Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,
after dawn returned in flame of rising sun,
the Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled,
bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on. *Refrain...*