

THE CANTICLE

From The Dean . . .

“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.”

This sentence is taken from one of the prayers of thanksgiving after communion (BCP page 366). This lovely prayer is a useful summary of our Eucharistic theology. It has its roots in the prayer of thanksgiving of the 1549 Anglican Book of Common Prayer, and occurs at the crucial moment in our worship which functions as a hinge between our Eucharistic meal and our vocation as missionaries to the world.

Once we have been nurtured by the faith community, and fed with the spiritual food of the body and blood of Christ, we are “sent out” to be the body of Christ in our everyday lives.

As regular worshippers, we are enamored by the religious pageantry by which the Church tells the story of God Sunday by Sunday. We ought never to forget, however, that a more accessible representation of the Gospel emerges from the individual events and experiences of our daily life. We are living witnesses to Christ in the way we that treat one another, especially those who are strangers to us. We can be Christian missionaries through the values articulated in the way we spend our time and money. We can be effective evangelists by finding ways to share bits of our own life of faith with friends and colleagues, not as cult members desperate to create converts, but as thirsty souls who, having found an oasis of refreshment, seek to reveal its location to others who are also parched.

As a new year begins, I pray that as a community, we will continually seek ways that we can nurture and feed our own spiritual appetites, while at the same time offering our lives as witnesses to the bountiful love given to us through Jesus, our risen Lord.

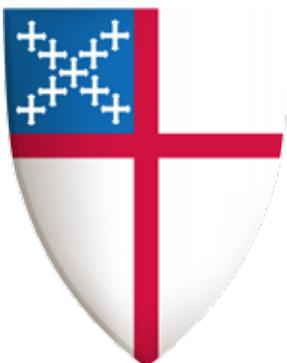
The Bishop’s Annual Visit

Bishop Thompson makes his official annual visit at the 10:00 AM Eucharist on Sunday, January 21. He has invited The Rev. Ed Bacon to be our guest preacher that morning. Fr. Bacon retired as rector of All Saints’ Episcopal Church, Pasadena, CA., authored the book, *8 Habits of Love: Open Your Heart, Open Your Mind*, and was a guest on Oprah’s, *Super Soul Sunday*. You won’t want to miss hearing this dynamic preacher.



Cornell University Chorus in concert

Saturday, January 11
7:00 PM



THE
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

WELCOMES YOU

LECTIONARY TEXTS
(Sunday Readings)

January 7

Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

January 14

1 Samuel 3:1-10
Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

January 21

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:6-14
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

January 28

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28



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The Right Reverend
Morris K. Thompson, Jr., *Bishop*

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The Very Reverend David A. duPlantier,
Dean

The Reverend Canon Steven M. Roberts

The Reverend Canon David B. Lowry,
Theologian in Residence

The Reverend W. Gedge Gayle, Jr.,
Priest Associate

The Reverend Travers C. Koerner,
Priest Associate

The Reverend Bridget K. Tierney,
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VESTRY

2018

Kendall Genre,
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Lawrence Marrione, Rick Mithun

2019

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Dan LeGardeur (Treasurer)

2020

Alan Brackett, Laura Brown, (Secretary)
Robert Clepper

2021

John Sibal, Steve Smith,
Borden Wallace

Weekly Liturgies

Sundays

8:00 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Spoken)
1928 Prayer Book

10:00 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Sung)
Rite II (Rite I in Lent)

6:00 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Sung)
Real Presence

Weekdays (M-F)

12:15 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist

Saturdays

9:30 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Spoken)
Rite II

Submissions for Cathedral publications
are always welcome.

*Items for the February, 2018 issue of
The Canticle are due January 12.

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From Advent House

The Rev. Bridget K. Tierney

Blessed New Year! I never can figure out how another year has passed so quickly, but I guess that is a good thing, right? Some upcoming news for Advent House Book Club in order to entice those of you who might be thinking about joining us. We begin again on 8 January 1- 2:30 PM reading "The Islamic Jesus: How the King of the Jews Became a prophet of the Muslims by Mustafa Akyo."



Here's part of the review from Amazon:

The Islamic Jesus not only tells the story of Jesus, and his mother Mary, as narrated in the Qur'an. It also explores how this Islamic picture of the Nazarene resonates with pre-existing Christian sources, especially Apocrypha. In particular, it unveils the fascinating similarity between Islam and "Jewish Christianity," a strain in the early church that got branded as a heresy.

Jewish Christians were observant Jews who honored Jesus as a human -- not divine -- Messiah, and sought salvation by faith and works, not "by faith alone." Akyol shows how their peculiar

creed vanished in history after the first few Christian centuries, but only to be reborn in 7th century Arabia by a new prophet named Muhammad. This provokes puzzling questions about the origins of Islam.

The Islamic Jesus also offers an "Islamic Christology," and probes into Muslim beliefs on the "Second Coming." Perhaps most provocatively, it even contemplates, "What Jesus can teach Muslims today" -- at a time, Akyol argues, when Muslims are haunted by their own Herods, Pharisees and Zealots.

I choose it on the recommendation of my good friend, The Rev. Rob Courtney, who had a group at St. Paul's Lakeview read it. He said people really got involved - not everyone liked or agreed with it, but they all got a lot out of it. Sound interesting? Plan on joining us - all are welcome! We really have a good time together.

Blessings for 2018,

Bridget+

The Year's Holiday Party

In an effort to be more child-friendly, the Cathedral is offering childcare for youngsters. The whole family is invited!

Please enter through one of the back portals - 6th Street, The Parking Lot, or the Diocesan Parking Lot. (For security, the Saint Charles Avenue doors will be locked.)

We hope to see everyone!



O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants 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.

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| 1 - Theresa DeJarnette | 20 - Sandy Jackson |
| 2 - Diane Genre | 20 - Laurie St. Paul |
| 5 - Jen Jones | 21 - Yvonne Browning |
| 6 - George Haynes | 21 - Carol Butcher |
| 8 - Andrew Poland | 21 - Sarah Morris |
| 10 - Andrew Spangenberg | 21 - Robin Werner |
| 10 - Harlan Bush | 21 - Liam Whalen |
| 12 - Amelia Airey | 24 - Michael Martin |
| 16 - Delta Dwyer | 28 - Lucille Whitley |
| 17 - Sam Kellum | 29 - Donovan Airey |
| 17 - Todd Meyers | 29 - Kendall Genre |
| 18 - Ricky Dunn | 30 - Judson Mitchell III |
| 19 - Steven Klein | 31 - Vikki Shofstahl |
| 19 - Chris Waltermann | |

If your name isn't listed, we don't have your date of birth in our records. Please send an e-mail to acs@cccnoia.org or call the cathedral office and we'll be sure to wish you a Happy Birthday next year!



NEVER STOP DREAMING

An open letter from CHRIS BEARY, founder of *GRACE AT THE GREENLIGHT*

Dear Friends of Christ Church Cathedral:

In 2014, I formed *Grace at the Greenlight* with a mission to serve the needs of New Orleans' homeless. We offered the basic essentials - food, water and community. We dreamed of making a positive impact in the lives of people who had lost hope or thought they had been forgotten.

Over the last 3 ½ years, we have been able to make our dream a reality by feeding over 75,000 meals, passing out over half a million bottles of water and sending 1,279 people home. With the holidays approaching, we are so very thankful for our sponsors and the participants who have given us the means to offer help, and hope, to those who need it most. ***We could not have gotten where we are today without the generosity of our Christ Church Cathedral family.***



At our third anniversary this past June, we developed a "dream goal" to send 750 people home from June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018 - our fourth year of operations. ***A dream goal is one currently out of your grasp but something you reach for as motivation.***

Today, for us, dreams are coming true. As of mid-December, we have sent 348 people who were homeless in New Orleans, home to loved ones across the country. Of those 348

people who have found a new home, **74 were children** with their parents. Finding a home for 348 homeless people not only fulfills their dreams, it fulfills their loved ones' dreams of having their families reunited.

We are very close to providing 750 people with a home this year. ***Will you help us reach our dream goal?***

A homeless person living on the street in New Orleans costs our city nearly \$3,500 per month in taxpayer dollars. **But it costs Grace at the Greenlight just \$250, on average, to send each person home.** And, after 3 months, **less than 4% of the people we send home to loved ones have returned to the street.** No other homeless housing program in New Orleans has such an astounding success rate. ***The dream of home really does happen!***

We're nearly 50% of the way to making the dream of home a reality for 750 homeless men, women and children. ***Please consider making a \$250 donation to Grace at the Greenlight, so that our goal can become the dream of someone in need.***

The *Grace at the Greenlight* community, in particular, the 348 people we've helped to go home, are so very thankful this holiday season.

Merry Christmas to you and your family. ***Never stop dreaming ...***

Peace and Love,

Chris Beary

P.S. - Your gift, in any amount, will help us serve the needs of homeless men, women and children living on the street in New Orleans. To make a donation, please visit our website: <https://www.graceatthegreenlight.org/make-donation/> or mail a check to ***Grace at the Greenlight, 330 Carondelet Street, Suite 200, New Orleans, LA 70130.***

Baptism

is especially appropriate at the Easter Vigil, on the Day of Pentecost, on All Saints' Day or the Sunday after All Saints' Day, and on the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord (the First Sunday after the



Epiphany). It is recommended that, as far as possible, Baptisms be reserved for these occasions or when a Bishop is present. (BCP, page 312). *Our next opportunity for baptism is January 7.* Please contact Canon Roberts for more information.

Christian Formation

“Early Christian Literature that didn’t get into the New Testament”

“Twenty-seven books were accepted by the Church as the “New Testament.” Many other books were written in the first century that didn’t get into the approved scripture of the Church. Many of the ‘non-canonical’ texts were very much respected, but didn’t make the cut; others were scurrilous and deserved to be ‘thrown-aside.’ In this offering we will read and discuss some of the ‘good’ books and some of the ‘bad’ books. The texts can be found in two readily available and very reasonably priced anthologies. The first is Cyril Richardson (ed.) Early Christian Fathers (Library of Christian Classics, vol. 1) and the second is Lost Scriptures: The Books that did not Make it into the New Testament (Bart Ehrman, ed). Both books are available from Amazon at less than \$10 each.

The sessions will meet on Wednesday afternoons, February 28, March 7, 14, 21 and April 11, 18 and 25. There will also be a single day session on Saturday, April 28.”

Christian Education for Children:

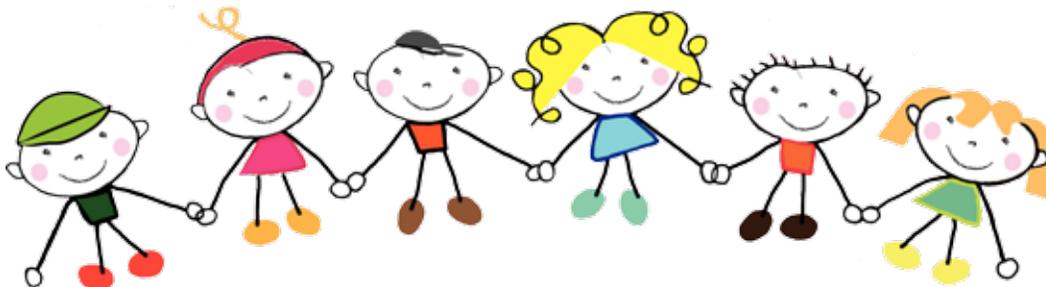
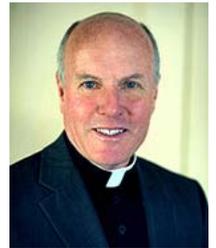
Education and breakfast will begin on Sunday, August 27 for children from kindergarten through sixth grade. Breakfast will be served at 9:55 AM. The curriculum will focus on the Old Testament. The children will join their parents at worship at the offertory so they can receive Communion. Visitors and newcomers are most welcome.

Ask the Theologian-in-Residence:

Do you ever have questions about theology, liturgy, history or the scripture readings in the church? Here is your chance to ask your questions to the Theologian-in-Residence. On the third Sunday of each month, you can pick-up your goodies from coffee hour after the 10:00AM service and come to the adjacent Martin Room where Canon Lowry will attempt to answer your questions. There will be a box in the Cathedral in which you can leave your questions or you can e-mail Canon Lowry at lowrydavid36@gmail.com. That may help him answer your questions more coherently.

The Rev’d Canon David B. Lowry, Ph.D.

Canon David Lowry is theologian in Residence at Christ Church Cathedral Cathedral. He is also currently co-writing a book about business ethics and the future of religion in a hyper-globalized world. Ordained in 1972, he served as curate and rector of Christ Church, Manhasset, New York, rector of Church of the Nativity, Indianapolis, Indiana, canon pastor of the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City, New York and Dean of Christ Church Cathedral in New Orleans. He was associate professor of Biblical studies and Interim Dean of the Mercer School of Theology in the Diocese of Long Island and Interim Director of the Desmond Tutu Center at the General Theological Seminary. He is president of the board Children’s Orchestra Society of New York and a member of the board of missions for the highlands of West Papua, New Guinea. From 1990 until 2004 he served as a vice president for the Freeport-McMoRan companies and president of the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation.





Hermes Parade Party Fundraiser
Stuart Hall
Friday, February 9

Sixth Street entrance
to Stuart Hall

Doors Open at 5:30 PM

All are invited to the annual Hermes Parade Party! Please bring friends.
There are three beautiful uptown parades that night:

Krewe of Hermes
6:00 PM

Krewe d'Etat
6:30 PM

Krewe of Morpheus
7:00 PM

So come out, have a great meal, hear some fabulous music, catch some beads and raise money for a worthy cause. Stuart Hall will remain open until 9:00 PM for food, fellowship and clean bathrooms. We hope to see you there!

(Please speak to Dan LeGardeur if you wish to park in the lot. Space is extremely limited.)

We need your help to make the fund-raiser a success. Please sign up to bring a batch of your favorite spaghetti sauce, a loaf of bread, a bag of salad mix, a King Cake, or some soft drinks. Sign up sheets are posted on the main bulletin board leading to Stuart Hall. Volunteers are also needed to fill a variety of jobs; decorating crew, kitchen helpers, ticket takers, drink servers, food runners and cleanup crew. A complete list is posted in Stuart Hall. And if you would like to underwrite the cost of the event, donations will be gladly accepted. Just note "Hermes Parade" on your check. Thanks for your support! Our thanks go to Dan & Barbara LeGardeur for coordinating this event.

Please contact them for more information at 304-9941, dlegardeur@gmail.com or b.legardeur@gmail.com.

Coffee Hour

Visitors to the cathedral are often surprised by our Coffee Hour. I've heard many a person say they were going to go home and tell their church about our hospitality.

You can help us keep up our reputation for great hospitality by volunteering to host Coffee Hour one Sunday. Drinks are provided by the cathedral and volunteers provide their choice of food. Host with a friend or two. If you have no time to shop and prepare food, donations are always gladly accepted. For additional information or to volunteer, contact Kathy Boy, 891-1360 or kboydaj@yahoo.com. Recent hosts: May and Ava Leonard, and the Advent House Board.

Many thanks to all!

Altar Flower Donations



Thanks to all of you who have donated flowers for the cathedral and chapel. There are still opportunities for you to donate flowers in memory or thanksgiving of loved ones. Please sign up on the sheet in Stuart Hall or for more information, contact Sandy Jackson - (504) 717-3185 - sditra@tulane.edu.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Friday, January 5
Holiday Party in Stuart Hall
6:00 - 8:00

January 11
Cornell University Chorus Concert
7:00 PM

February 2-4; February 7-13
Mardi gras parades on Saint Charles Ave.

Friday, February 9
Hermes Parade Party

Sunday, February 11
Parade Sunday
Services at 8:00 and 9:00 only



Wednesday, February 14
Ash Wednesday
Services at the Cathedral at 7:30 AM, 12:15 PM and 6:00 PM
Ashes to go at locations around the city.

Sunday, March 11
Annual Parish Meeting and Election of Officers

Sunday, April 1
Easter Day