

THE CANTICLE

From The Dean . . .

A new year is upon us, and we find ourselves living more and more in a world of complexity and dilemma. World-wide financial instability; climate change; trade wars, immigration dilemmas...interesting times indeed.



Some of you may recall that some years ago we hosted the *Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes' Annual Conference*. The keynote speaker was from the *Institute for the Future* and he told us in **that in the face of dilemma we need a story, not an answer**: Narrative enables us to function in the context of dilemmas. As time passes, this concept really seems to ring true.

Crossword puzzles are to be solved, but life is to be lived. It is naïve of us to imagine that our scientific endeavors will eventually rid us of all of life's challenges. Let's face it, after thousands of years of human civilization, we haven't even conquered the pervasive mosquito.

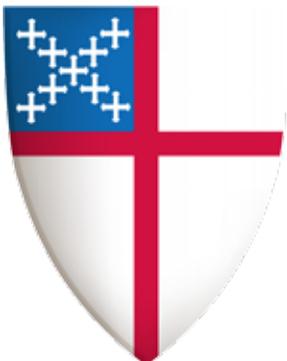
What we do have, however, is a powerful story. The mystery of the Word made flesh reminds us that our creator is with us and in us and around us at all times and in all places. As my favorite verse in Psalm 31 reminds us, God shows us "the wonders of his love in a besieged city."

As we move through the Sundays of Epiphany, the Gospel readings remind us that Jesus' adult ministry was one of inviting people to follow Him all sorts and conditions of people. He did not begin by identifying one's flaws and offering "self-help" solutions. He began by creating a community, perhaps the most resilient and powerful force on the planet.

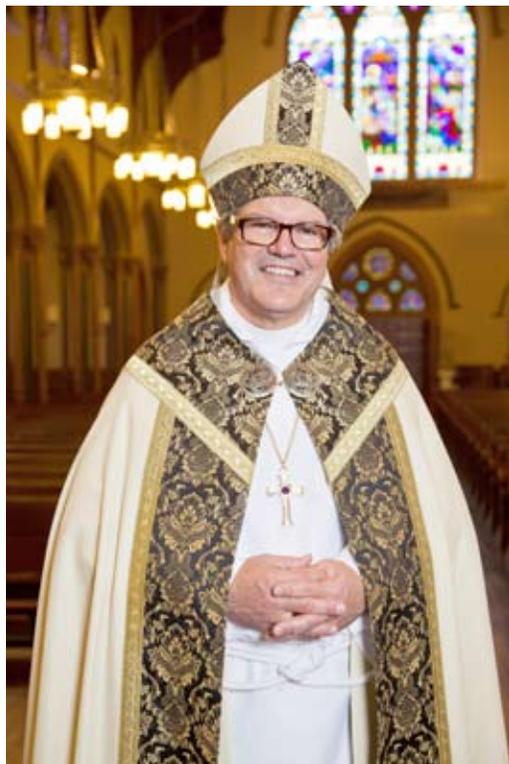
This Cathedral parish is, above all else, a community of faith within the context of our Diocese. We are honored to serve as the seat of the Bishop, and to host Diocesan functions, but our greatest honor is to provide a refuge to those battered by life's dilemmas and complexity, to offer them a holy space to contemplate the greatest story ever told, and to allow its saving grace to surround, heal and empower them to be God's agents of love, hope and reconciliation in our complicated World.

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THE
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH



WELCOMES YOU



The Bishop's Annual Visit

Bishop Thompson makes his official annual visit at the 10:00 AM Eucharist on Sunday, January 20. The celebration will include Confirmation, Reception, and Baptism.

LECTIONARY TEXTS
(Sunday Readings)

January 6

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

January 13

Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 20

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

January 27

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21



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Morris K. Thompson, Jr., *Bishop*

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The Very Reverend David A. duPlantier,
Dean

The Reverend Canon Steven M. Roberts
Mr. Jarrett R. Follette, *Canon Precentor*
The Reverend Canon David B. Lowry,
Theologian in Residence

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VESTRY

2019

Ryan Garrity, Angela Kellum,
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2020

Alan Brackett (Senior Warden),
Laura Brown (Secretary),
Jethro Celestin

2021

John Sibal (Junior Warden),
Steve Smith, Borden Wallace

2022

Justin Allen, Melissa Montero,
Jennifer O'Brien

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, 2019 issue of
The Canticle are due January 15.

Please e-mail articles to
canticle@cccnola.org.

Send photos to
photos@cccnola.org

Sunday bulletin and/or weekly e-blast
announcements should be submitted
before noon on Tuesdays to
canticle@cccnola.org.

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WGSO 990AM

Sunday Morning 10 AM Eucharist
Live Broadcast on WGSO 990 AM
Radio.

Online streaming and downloadable
podcast at www.wgso.com
Broadcasts underwritten in part by
St. Martin's Episcopal School.

The Feast of the Epiphany

One of the oldest feasts of the Church, Epiphany falls on a Sunday this year (January 6). We will celebrate with a Choral Holy Eucharist at 10:00. The choir sings the Communion Service in A Minor of Harold Darke.



Three Visiting Choirs

Three choirs will stop here at the Cathedral on their annual spring choir tours. Mark your calendars!

Friday, March 15, 2019

The University Choir of Sewanee in Concert

Friday, March 29, 2019

The Choir of St. Thomas Episcopal High School, Houston sings Evensong

Thursday, April 4, 2019

The Mississippi College choir in Concert.

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 - sditta@tulane.edu.

Holiday Party

Friday, January 4

6:00 - 8:00 PM

The Home of Vicki Moreland
3440 Chestnut Street

Childcare by reservation
at the Cathedral



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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| 2 - Diane Genre | 20 - Sandy Jackson |
| 2 - Brandon Cline | 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 | 27 - John Woynicki |
| 17 - Sam Kellum | 28 - Lucille Whitley |
| 17 - Todd Meyer | 29 - Donovan Airey |
| 18 - Ricky Dunn | 29 - Kendall Genre |
| 19 - Steven Klein | 29 - Jackie Gunter |
| 19 - Renee Nicholl | 30 - Judson Mitchell III |
| 19 - Chris Waltermann | 31 - Vikki Shofstahl |

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



Dear Christ Church Friends,

It's that time of year when Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative celebrates the opportunity we have been given to serve the children and families of New Orleans. We are asking that you share the mission and make a gift in support of affordable housing for the low-income working families of New Orleans.

In 2017, Jericho Road merged with Project Homecoming, Inc., another local community development nonprofit to further advance our capacity and expand our reach across New Orleans. Because of this, we have been able to provide affordable housing and educational opportunities to many more families.

This year, we also created a one-of-a-kind workforce development program for the underemployed people of New Orleans. Participants receive real wages, work on real affordable housing projects, and gain real contracting skills to build stable careers. One of the program participants, Issac, stated:

“Being in the program is allowing me to work in a stable environment, gain new skills, and work with new people.”

The work has already come to life with the development of five new affordable single-family homes in Gentilly — a historically affordable, tight-knit community for working families. The program produced much needed repairs to twelve homes for low-income, disabled and elderly residents in Central City. Our participants are looking forward to learning and doing even more through the program's

next steps. Will you join with us to create even more opportunities in 2019?

Jericho Road believes that building healthy and thriving communities means investing in the lives of residents at ALL levels. Through affordable housing, educational opportunities, community revitalization, and workforce training, we are looking forward to more equitable and prosperous lives for ALL of New Orleans.

To donate, please mail your check to 2919 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA 70115 or visit our website at www.jerichohousing.org and click on the donate button.

For questions, please contact Peter Davis at development@jerichohousing.org.

Warmest wishes from us to you!

The Jericho Road Team



From Advent House

The Rev. Bridget K. Tierney

Blessed New Year!

Some of you asked me about the Ignatian scripture meditation that I mentioned in my Advent House Sunday sermon. It is sometimes called Imaginative Contemplation and it is really simple for you to do yourself. Pick a scripture, one that matters to you, or one that is giving you some trouble. Read it to yourself a few times to be very familiar with it. Read it out loud, read different translations (try The Message translation by Eugene Peterson), and when you feel ready, put the scripture aside. Close your eyes. Relax. Take some deep breaths and be comfortable. Enter the scene. What does it look like? Feel like? Is it hot weather or cool? Daytime or night? What does it smell like? Who is there? What do they look like? Who are you? You can be anyone! Just let it happen - no boundaries, let God have it and trust God and the process. When you are finished, write down what happened and share it with someone! Let me know if you need my help with it. Mostly, just try it!

Advent House Book Club will be back on Monday 7 January 2019, 1-2:30. We will begin with "Britt Marie Was Here" by Fredrik Backman (we love him and have read "A Man Called Ove" and "My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She is Sorry") We have been reading "Girl Meets God" by Lauren Winner and will go back to it after Britt Marie. The chapters are the seasons of the church year, so we have more in store.

Here are reviews of both:

Britt-Marie can't stand mess. A disorganized cutlery drawer ranks high on her list of unforgivable sins. She begins her day at 6 a.m., because only lunatics wake up later than that. And she is not pas-



sive-aggressive. Not in the least. It's just that sometimes people interpret her helpful suggestions as criticisms, which is certainly not her intention. She is not one to judge others - no matter how ill-mannered, unkempt, or morally suspect they might be. But hidden inside the socially awkward, fussy busybody is a woman who has more imagination, bigger dreams, and a warmer heart than anyone around her realizes.

Funny and moving, observant and humane, Britt-Marie Was Here celebrates the unexpected friendships that change us forever, and the power of even the gentlest of spirits to make the world a better place.

The child of a Jewish father and a lapsed Southern Baptist mother, Lauren F. Winner chose to become an Orthodox Jew. But even as she was observing Sabbath rituals and studying Jewish law, Lauren was increasingly drawn to Christianity. Courageously leaving what she loved, she eventually converted. In *Girl Meets God*, this appealing woman takes us through a year in her Christian life as she attempts to reconcile both sides of her religious identity. Here readers will find a new literary voice: a spiritual seeker who is both an unconventional thinker and a devoted Christian. The twists and turns of Winner's journey make her the perfect guide to exploring true faith in today's complicated world.

If you are available on Monday afternoons, think of joining us. We have a lot of fun sharing books and our lives and are very open to new folks joining us.

Blessings,

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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 13.* Please contact Canon Roberts for more information.



Lenten Adult Education Program

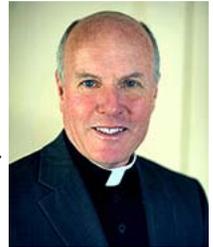
Spring, 2019

The Reverend Canon David B. Lowry

The cornerstone of Christian theology is the TRINITY. However, the Trinity is the most vexing part of Christian belief. How could God be three different persons at the same time? How could God still be one? Since the end of the 3rd century AD the church has struggled with how to explain—and often defend—the Trinity. In Lent, we are going to take-on that issue. Every Sunday at our Eucharists we affirm to doctrine of the Trinity when we say the Nicene Creed. But what are we actually affirming? Do we still (or have we ever) fully affirmed that God is one yet in three distinct persons? Much has been written about the Trinity—most of which is incomprehensible to theologians, clergy, and even good lay-persons. Catholic theologian Karl Rahner has written a short introduction to the topic (The Trinity). It is available from Amazon and other booksellers. It will be my task to bring in many other voices on the Trinity, including the Church Councils dating back to Nicaea (325 CE), Chalcedon (451 AD), Augustine of Hippo, Thomas Aquinas, Karl Barth, Juergen Moltmann, Rowan Williams, and Raimundo Pannikar. Specific dates and times will be forthcoming.

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.



Thank you choir!!

December 15, 2018

Christ Church Cathedral New Orleans
2919 St. Charles Ave.
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To: The Very Reverend David Allard duPlantier, Dean
Clergy & Staff

From: Creative Solutions Monday's Al-Anon Meeting

We wish to thank you; Dean, as well as all of the Clergy & Staff, at Christ Church Cathedral New Orleans. Due to your generous support, families who have a loved one; family or friend, suffering from the horrible symptoms of addiction, have a place to come, to find solutions.

AL-ANON'S DECLARATION

Let It Begin With Me

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help
let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen
always be there, and...*Let It Begin With Me.*

Dean, due to you and all your Clergy & Staff, we the members of the Monday's Creative Solutions Group are able to do...Just That! Each week no less than 25-people show up. Some have come from many states in our country(New York, Iowa, California) as well as far off places such as Canada; Japan; and, England. They were visiting New Orleans and; " needed a meeting," while here.

Drug and alcohol abuse, literally kills. And, many times it is not just the person addicted to some substance. Families and loved ones also die. They die from the trauma of living day-to-day with an affliction, even the experts in the field admit to being confused by... "what will work."

And, so, at this wonderful Remembrance; Celebration, of, Christmas Time...a time associated with love & giving, we of Creative Solutions would like to Thank Each of You for your year-round dedication to providing that to our Creative Solutions Group, specifically; Al-Alanon Family Groups in general; as well as, The Community-at-Large.



LIFT YOUR GAZE - LIFT YOUR HEART YOGA IN THE CATHEDRAL

Cathedrals evolved to become spaces which invite the eyes and the heart to lift toward the heavens. The arches point the way for eyes to lift; the stained light from windows high above entice the vision higher; and the lofty vaulted ceilings complete the illusion.

Yoga teaches that the heart follows the eyes. This yoga practice will focus on opening the heart to loving kindness, accepting the human-ness of our selves and others and creating a lightness in the heart. But 'you gotta move' to teach your heart to open.

All Levels of Experience are Welcome

Every Tuesday

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Cost: FREE (Donations are welcomed but are not required)

What to Wear: Comfortable, layered clothing

What to Bring: A yoga mat



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: Judith Loudon and the Advent House Board.

Many thanks to all!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Friday, January 4
Holiday Party at the home of Vicki Moreland
6:00 - 8:00

Sunday, January 6
Choral Eucharist for the Feast of the Epiphany

Sunday, January 20
The Bishop's Annual Visit: Confirmation, Reception,
Baptism at the 10:00 AM Eucharist

February 22-24; February 27-March 5
Mardi gras parades on Saint Charles Ave.



Friday, March 1
Hermes Parade Party

Sunday, March 3
Parade Sunday
Services at 8:00 and 9:00 only

Wednesday, March 6
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 17
Annual Parish Meeting and Election of Officers

Sunday, April 21
Easter Day