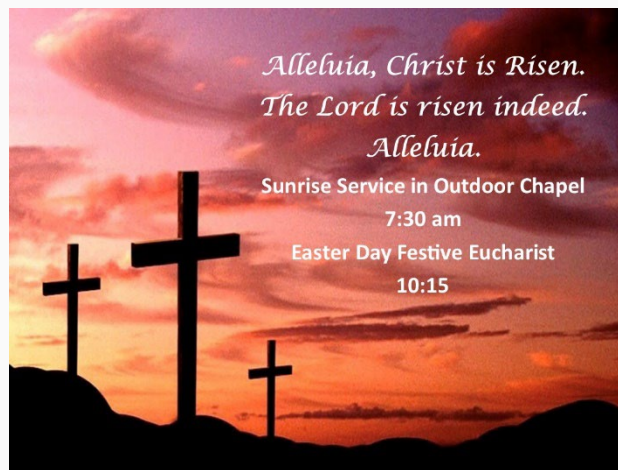


St. John's
Episcopal Church
Oklahoma City, OK

Fab Friday - March 30, 2024



Well, it's Saturday and I must ask your forgiveness for such late announcements. I hope that you have time to enjoy this before it is completely obsolete.

Baptism - I have learned, once again, so much since I joined the St John's Family. Before I was out for surgery, I was able to sit in on Fr. Nate's Sunday Forum for new members and those seeking confirmation. I am going to have to start over next year. This year, however, we studied "*Being Christian*" by Rowan Williams. For those of you who don't know that name, including me, he was the 104th (yes 104th) Archbishop of Canterbury from 2002-2012. What a marvelous overview of the essentials of Christianity from his perspective.

Per Archbishop Rowan, there are four essential elements of the Christian Life: baptism, Bible, Eucharist and prayer. The first chapter addresses baptism and I wanted to share a couple of quotes from the Bible and his text that spoke directly to me.

"Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:3-4)

Now this may be a very familiar passage for you but it was new to me. I never thought of baptism and resurrection being so closely associated.

Another point he makes is "To be baptized is to recover the humanity that God first intended." "...baptism means being with Jesus 'in the depths'; the depths of human need, including the depths of our own selves

in their need -- but also in the depths of God's love; in the depths where the Spirit is re-creating and refreshing human life as God meant it to be." This explains just where I am in my spiritual development and a place I will return to often when the chaos of the world seems so overwhelming and ominous. I will remember that I am baptized in Him and find calm and orientation when I do.

This is a book you might want to pick up for your library. It has quickly become a favorite of mine as I wander through this thing called Christianity. Come, join me.

Here are the bulletins for the [Easter Vigil](#) (Saturday evening), [Sunrise Service](#), and the [Easter Sunday service](#). Remember, we are serving a **catered breakfast at 9:15**. There's something everyone will like.

Christ is Risen, He is Risen INDEED!
Nancy

PS: While Fr. Nate is on sabbatical from the Academy, his contact email is nathan@commonplacebooksokc.com.



The flyer features a background image of a cathedral and a stone. Text on the flyer includes: 'Faith Journeys' logo, 'Join us on a pilgrimage to England & Scotland', 'June 22 - July 3, 2025', 'Especially designed for St. John's Episcopal Church Oklahoma City, OK', a photo of Rev. Nathan Carr, 'Rev. Nathan Carr Pilgrimage Host', and 'Registration opens soon! More details forthcoming'.

It's not just a rumor. The itinerary is done and registration will open soon for our pilgrimage to England and Scotland in the summer of 2025. Watch the front bulletin board and area for information about the **upcoming tour which will be amazing!** I cannot wait to register. Are you planning to go?



Do you recognize this logo? It is the logo for the Instant Church Directory. What's that, you ask. Well, if you don't know the answer, ask someone at church.

If you want access to the new online church directory, it's as simple as downloading the Instant Church Directory from your app store and creating an "account". Once you have an ID and password, you will be able to find all members and communicants of St John's in seconds.

The directory has photos. If your photo wasn't taken in the Nave last fall, you can still have a photo with the same background. All you need do is contact Jason Pierce (yes, Ron and Priscilla's son) at jason@grandlifeoriginals.com to make an appointment for a photo session at his studio.

Questions: Contact Nancy at stjohnsokc@yahoo.com for full information.

Outreach Ministry





Save the Date for April 6 when we will be volunteering for Oklahoma City Beautiful's LitterBlitz. Enjoy a day in the sun with your brothers and sisters of SJEC. To learn more about this opportunity, click here [LitterBlitz](#).

More information about our April 6 day of service will be available soon, as will a sign up sheet in the Narthex.



Cookies, Bars, Cakes, Breads, and Scones, Oh My!

Help us raise money for a new adult-size changing table for St. John's Church. As our congregation grows, we want to be ready to welcome people of all ages and abilities. This is an important addition to our church to make this goal possible.

Bring your favorite sweet treat to sell at our Sunday bake sale to help us with this project.





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