

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

GALVESTON, TEXAS



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, Jan. 25, 2026

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

10:30 a.m.

Trinity Episcopal Church

Founded in 1841 and still making history.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God, and in memory of Martha Castillo.



To donate altar flowers in memory, thanksgiving, or in honor of someone, scan this QR code, visit www.trinitygalv.org/give or contact the church office at 409.765.6317 or info@trinitygalv.org.

Please select the Altar Flowers fund from drop-down Fund menu.

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays – 8:00 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion

Sundays – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

Sundays – 10:30 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion & Music

Wednesdays – 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Visit www.trinitygalv.org/calendar
for a complete listing of services, meetings and events.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children's Chapel is held during the Sunday 10:30 a.m. service each week, and welcomes children, ages 4 through 5th grade. Children should remain in the sanctuary until the processional hymn and watch for the director of Children's Ministries to walk down the center aisle. At that time children may join her and walk to the Children's Chapel located on the cloister. Children's Chapel is led by two Safeguard-trained adults. At the Peace, children will be brought back to their families in time for Holy Communion.

CHILDREN'S NURSERY

The nursery is open each Sunday from 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Prelude

Aria

Charles Callahan

Processional Hymn 388

"O worship the King"

Hanover

The Celebrant begins

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**
Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gloria (S-279)

Gerald Near

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the Lessons

Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Following the Lesson

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27:1, 5-13 (Sung by all. Changes pitch after the backslash)

Robert Kennedy



The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I / fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I
be a/feard?

One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I / seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my / life;

To behold the fair beauty of the / LORD *
and to seek him in his / temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his / shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a / rock.

Even now he lifts up my / head *
above my enemies round a/bout me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great / gladness; *

I will sing and make music to the / LORD.

Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I / call; *

have mercy on me and / answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my / face." *

Your face, LORD, will I / seek.

Hide not your face / from me, *

nor turn away your servant in dis/pleasure.

You have been my helper; cast me not a/way; *

do not forsake me, O God of my sal/vation.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Following the Lesson

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 533

“How wondrous and great”

Lyons

The Gospel – Matthew 4:12-23 *Please stand*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
 on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee
 of the Gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
 have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of
 death
 light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat

with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Following the reading of the Gospel

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Jimmy Abbott

The Nicene Creed – Please stand

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our bishops, Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector and Brian, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, Donald, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Galveston, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

You are invited to add your own prayers and thanksgivings, silently or aloud.

The Celebrant will offer a collect.

Parish Prayer List

Cort Thornton, Debbie Williams, Carol Ramirez, Maggie Bahmandeji, Carolyn Speich, Shirley Ellis, Sandra Sterling, Jennifer Kelso, Brenda Atchley, Tim Nelick, Mike Ellis, Elizabeth Sullivant, Tom Kimbrough, Leta Higgins, Mary Bratton, and Roger Lindsey.

Those in active military service, especially Christopher Citti, Charles Lewis, John Parker Unbehagen, Theo Unbehagen, John Kelso, Jr., and David Middleton.

Those celebrating birthdays in January, especially Jan Grizzle, Robert Krout, Marcie Edwards, Andrew Fulton, Jim Thompson, Caroline Botik, Jeannie Campbell, Sean O'Rourke, John VanDewalli, John Kelso, Sarah Holzheuser, Joseph Painter, Claudia Stein, Makenzie Walser, Bart Adriance, Emma Bilbrey, Lauren Gamble, Mary Jones, Albert Shannon, T. C. O'Donnell, Nathan Fiegel, Tyler Garza, Tom Kimbrough, Kay Perkins, Charles Barkmann, Jeannie Hughes, Jennie LaRue, Caroline Livanec, Shad Ybarra, Ryder Bilbrey, Michael Stein, Andy Shelton, Christie Campbell, Olivia Meyer, Evangelina De Los Santos, Patricia Fox, Melissa Massey, Preston Botik, and Erin Trout.

Pastoral Care

It is our joy to be with you in prayer whether it is serving Communion at home, praying before hospital visits, or a special service of anointing. Our clergy would like to know how we can be of assistance to you in your time of need. Please scan our QR code to share your needs with us.



Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. The people may kneel or stand.

Deacon and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

- Welcome and Announcements –

Offertory Anthem

“Christ, whose glory fills the skies”

T. Frederick Candlyn

Trinity Choir

The anthem text can be found on page 7 in the Hymnal

Offertory

Thank you for your generosity that supports our mission and ministry. You may make your Sunday offering in one of three ways:

- *By placing your offering in the plate during the Offertory, or*
- *By scanning the QR code with your phone, or*
- *By using the Square credit card scanner in the Narthex*



Visiting with us? Let us know you're here!

Fill out the contact form with this QR Code so that we may connect with you!

Presentation Hymn 490 (Verse 1) – Please stand

Houston

I want to walk as a child of the light

I want to follow Jesus

God sent the stars to give light to the world

The star of my life is Jesus

In him, there is no darkness at all

The night and the day are both alike

The Lamb is the light of the city of God

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

THE HOLY COMMUNION
The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus (S 129)

Robert Powell

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant (Kneel or remain standing)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you

have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer (said by all)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem (S-169)

Ray Urwin

My flesh is food indeed,
and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me,
And I in them.

My flesh is food indeed,
and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Instructions for receiving Holy Communion

- *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*
- *If you are not baptized and want to be, please contact our clergy.*

- Please be guided by the ushers to the communion rail.
- You may drink or intinct (dip wafer) from the common chalice.
- Gluten-free wafers are available – signify request for GF wafers by extending palms down.
- To receive a blessing only – cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymns

Hymn 126

"The people who in darkness"

Dundee

Hymn 321

"My God, thy table now is spread"

Rockingham

Postcommunion Prayer (Kneel or stand)

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

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.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn 530

"Spread, O spread, thou mighty word"

Gott sei Dank

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Trumpet Tune”

Charles Callahan

LEADERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

CELEBRANT

The Rev. Jimmy Abbott

CURATE

The Rev. Chase Bradley

LECTOR

John Prochaska

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

Jerry Mansfield and Rick Swanson

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Joseph Painter

TRINITY CHOIR

Maggie Abbott	John Hurley	Joe Stanfield
Dave Ekstrum	Jane Mansfield	Georgeann Strong
Mark Giles	Bill Noble	Mary Townsend
Mary Grasso	Caroline O'Connor	Cheryl Tucker
Chris Hofstad	Erin Scofield	Patty Wood

USHERS

Angela Clark, Team Leader

Tom Clark, Margie Frantz, Richard Peoples
and Bill Stewart

This week at Trinity

Sun., Jan. 25

Worship services
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Church Sanctuary

*No Sunday School this week,
please join us for our Annual
Meeting in Upper Eaton Hall at
9:30 a.m.*

Annual Meeting

9:30 a.m.
Upper Eaton Hall

*Daughters of the King
New member installation*
During 10:30 a.m. service
Church Sanctuary

Mon., Jan. 26

Women's Bible Study
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Kelso Room

Tue., Jan. 27

*Men's Breakfast
and Bible Study*
6:30 a.m. - El Jardin Restaurant
413 24th Street

HAPS Class

5:30 p.m.
Eaton Hall

Wed., Jan. 28

*Ordination of
The Rev. Chase Bradley*
6:30 p.m. - Church Sanctuary

Thur., Jan. 14

Geezers Lunch Group
11:30 a.m.
Sonny's Place Restaurant

Fri., January 30

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

LOOKING FORWARD

Fri., Feb. 6

First Friday Lunch & Learn
Paulie Gaido
Noon
Lower Eaton Hall

Sat., Feb. 7

Brotherhood of St. Andrew
Bi-monthly meeting
11:45 a.m. – Kelso Room

Sun., Feb. 8

Daughters of the King
Monthly meeting
11:45 a.m.
Episcopal Student Center

You are cordially invited...



God willing

The Right Reverend Jeff W. Fisher

Bishop Suffragan in the Diocese of Texas
will ordain

Chase Bradley Kennemer

to the Sacred Order of Priests
in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church

The twenty-eighth of January,
in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-six at
6:30pm

Trinity Episcopal Church
2216 Ball Street, Galveston, TX, 77550
Your prayers and presence are requested

Clergy please wear red stoles

Trinity Top Picks

TODAY

Sunday, January 25 – ANNUAL MEETING

9:30 a.m. Upper Eaton Hall

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING – NEW MEMBER INSTALLATION

Sunday, January 25 – 10:30 a.m. worship service

Join us during the 10:30 a.m. worship service today as the Benjamin Eaton Chapter of the Daughters of the King install new members Sarah Adams, Mary Cooper, Martha McLeod, Jane Munoz, Dixie Posert and Mary Jo Shortes.

NEXT WEEK

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Monday, January 26 – 5:30-7:30 p.m. – Kelso Room

Each Monday during the school semester, we present the Women's Bible Study. Open to ladies of any church or denomination, ladies gather each week and begin with a social time, then dive right in to their chosen bible study program. This first meeting of the semester will introduce which study will take place this semester.

ORDINATION OF THE REV. CHASE BRADLEY

Wednesday, January 28 – 6:30 p.m. – Church Sanctuary

Please join us as we witness the ordination of the Rev. Chase Bradley Kennemer, as he pledges his life and ministry to our Lord Jesus Christ.

As a parish, we will be giving Chase some new vestments for an ordination gift. If you would like to contribute to this gift, you may write a check to Trinity and put "Ordination Gift" in the memo line.

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH AND LEARN – PAULIE GAIDO

Friday, February 6 – Noon – Lower Eaton Hall

Join us for our lunch and learn with complimentary (light) lunch and a special look at Galveston's history!

I have always had a deep and abiding interest in the history of Galveston and the Civil War. In my view, what came to be known as the Battle of Galveston not only was the most important naval battle of the War, but arguably one of the greatest "David against Goliath" improbable victories in the entire history of naval warfare. The indisputable heroism and utter audacity of the officers and men of, what can only be sympathetically described

as, the Confederate Navy, we movie-goers associate with the likes of Indiana Jones and Errol Flynn, but it is history, not fantasy, and it unfolded in our backyard. – Paulie Gaido



So that we may prepare adequate food, please RSVP with QR Code listed here.

TRAVEL WITH TRINITY – ENGLAND PILGRIMAGE! Nov. 8-18, 2026

Join Trinity Episcopal Church and *Faith Journeys* tours this fall for an 11-day, 9-night adventure pilgrimage to England! From Canterbury, Dover, Oxford, Coventry, Bath, Salisbury and London, we'll tour historic English cathedrals, share in Evensong and share fellowship among storied historic locations. Estimated trip cost (with economy airfare from IAH included) is \$6,845 per person based on double occupancy. (Land only cost is \$5,281).

Deadline to commit to joining us on this fantastic trip and to pay initial deposit (\$500 pp) is **January 30, 2026**.

Email info@trinitygalv.org for more information.

The Service of Admission

The Benjamin Eaton Chapter of
The Daughters of the King
and
The Ben E. Chapter of
The Junior Daughters of the King



*Prayer and Service for the spread of
Christ's Kingdom since 1885*

PRESIDER: It is my privilege to present Sarah Adams, Mary Cooper, Martha McLeod, Jane Munoz, Dixie Posert and Mary Jo Shortes as candidates for membership in The Order of the Daughters of the King®.

JUNIOR DAUGHTER DIRECTRESS: It is my privilege to present Ava Jensen, Landree Rivera and Rylee Rivera as candidates for Junior Membership in The Order of the Daughters of the King®.

CLERGY: O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you, we ask you to bless these candidates who will make their promises of Prayer and Service. May they have strength and courage to faithfully fulfill them for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Addressing the candidates:

CLERGY: The Daughters of the King® is an Order for women whose mission is the extension of Christ's Kingdom, especially among women and girls, through prayer, service and evangelism.

Do you desire to become a member of The Order of the Daughters of the King®?

SENIOR CANDIDATES: I do.

CLERGY: Do you desire to become a Junior Member of The Order of the Daughters of the King®?

JUNIOR CANDIDATES: I do.

CLERGY: Do you promise to obey faithfully the two Rules of the Order, the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service? To offer your support to the clergy for the good of the parish and the extension of Christ's kingdom? To wear faithfully the cross of the Order? And to work for its purposes, as God may give you the opportunity?

SENIOR CANDIDATES: I do with God's help.

CLERGY: Do you promise to wear the cross faithfully, to observe a daily Rule of Prayer and Service, always praying for and working towards the spread of Christ's Kingdom and making an earnest effort to lead others nearer to Christ through His Church?

JUNIOR CANDIDATES: I do with God's help.

CLERGY: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit I receive you as Members and Junior members of The Order of the Daughters of the King®.

Addressing the congregation:

CLERGY: Will you support these women and young women in their ministry of prayer and service?

CONGREGATION: We will.

The Clergy then blesses the senior crosses.

CLERGY: Bless, O Lord, these crosses and grant to your servants now admitted into this Order such an abundance of your grace that they may wear this sacred symbol in the spirit of humility and with devotion to the service of the King of kings. *Amen.*

The Clergy then blesses the junior crosses.

CLERGY: Bless, O Lord, these crosses, that they who wear them may always be your faithful and willing servants, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Each new member is presented her cross with the following words:

“Accept and wear faithfully the cross of the Order, remembering the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, “Take up your cross and follow me.”

ALL NEW MEMBERS: Almighty God, help me to pray so faithfully that I may draw near to you and learn your will. Help me to serve so joyfully that others may be drawn to you. May your Holy Spirit guide me each day, that all I think, do, or say may be pleasing in your sight. I ask it all for the sake of Him whose cross I wear, my King and Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ALL DAUGHTERS OF THE KING®: O Eternal Father, you have sent us your Son to teach us things pertaining to your heavenly Kingdom. Give your blessing to our Order wherever it may be throughout the world. Grant that we, your Daughters, ever may discern your truth and bear the cross through the battles of our earthly life. Give us strength to overcome temptation and the grace to work to spread your Kingdom and to gather your scattered sheep within your fold. Pour out upon us the sevenfold gift of the Holy Spirit that we may always remember it is your work we are called to do; that all we think, do or say may be pleasing in your

sight. We ask it all For His Sake, our King and Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**JUNIOR DAUGHTERS PRAYER,
SAID BY MEMBERS AND DIRECTRESS:**

God of Love, God of Life, God of Holy Strength, guide us, that by our daily practice of Prayer and Service, we may draw others to Christ. Help us to reach up in hope, receive in spirit, respond in faith, and reach out in love for all. We pray that Your Kingdom will come for all creation, all people living together in love and peace. For His Sake. *Amen.*

CLERGY: May your love, O Lord, help these Daughters and girls live lives of love, and may your holiness lead them to be examples of virtue, that they, strengthened by your Holy Spirit, may pray and serve you all their days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CLERGY: The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

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