

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church FEAST OF JACKSON KEMPER

Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.



From Wikipedia the free encylopedia Jackson Kemper (December 24, 1789 – May 24, 1870) in 1835 became the first missionary bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America. Especially known for his work with Native American peoples, he also founded parishes in what in his youth was considered the Northwest Territory and later became known as the "Old Northwest" (Indiana, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Nebraska), hence one appellation as bishop of the "Whole Northwest". [11] Bishop Kemper founded Nashotah House and Racine College in Wisconsin, and from 1859 until his death served as the first bishop of the Diocese of Wisconsin. [2]

Early life

Baptized David Jackson Kemper by Dr.

Benjamin Moore, the
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Wednesday, 24 May 9:30am

Announcements and Welcome

Dorothy Gutwein

Opening Sentences (Please stand as you are able)

Leader: The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will

worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for such the Father

seeks to worship him.

Confession of Sin

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Short Silence may be kept.)

All: 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.

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

Leader: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Leader chooses <u>either</u> the Venite or the Jubilate and invites the people to read along aloud

Venite

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving * and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, * and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, * and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, * and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, * and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

OR

Jubilate

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; * serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *

he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; * give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; * and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Liturgy of the Word: (Please be seated for the lessons)

First Lesson: A Reading from 1 Corinthians (3:8–11):

The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord People Thanks be to God

Psalm: (67): (read in unison)

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, * show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, * your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, * for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; * may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, * and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Gospel Lesson: (Please stand as you are able)

Reader:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (28:16-20):

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

Reflection on readings / homily (optional)

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Leader The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Leader Let us pray.

O God, who sent your son Jesus Christ to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that we, like your servant Jackson Kemper, may proclaim the Gospel in our own day, with courage, vision, and perseverance; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Christ our life, You are alive - in the beauty of the earth:

People: in the rhythm of the seasons, in the mystery of time and space, Alleluia

Leader: Christ our life, You are alive - in the tenderness of touch

People: in the heartbeat of intimacy, in the insights of solitude, Alleluia

Leader: Christ our life, You are alive - in the creative possibility

People: of the hardest conversation, of the dreariest task, of the most threatening event, Alleluia

Leader: Christ our life, You are alive - to offer re-creation

People: to every unhealed hurt, to every deadened place, to every damaged Heart, Alleluia.

Leader: Christ our life, You are alive – to give us encouragement

People: to face our fears, to wrestle with our doubts, to overcome our disappointments, Alleluia.

Leader: You set before us a great choice, death in our souls without you or Life abundantly and eternally with you.

People: Therefore, we choose life.

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Leader: The dance of resurrection soars and surges through the whole creation, **People: This is your grace through which we live. So let us live fully and thankfully. Alleluia.**

Collect for the Renewal of Life

Leader: O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Other Intercessions and Thanksgivings: Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, Travel, Gratitude

Prayer of General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Leader: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

People: We are called to love and serve.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and

the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all for evermore.

Amen.

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Assistant Rector of his parents' congregation at New York City's Trinity Church, he would eventually drop the given name "David." He had been born in the Hudson River Valley of New York, where his parents had taken temporary refuge during a smallpox outbreak in New York City. His father Daniel Kemper had been a Deputy Clothier-General in the Continental Army during the American Revolution. His mother, Elizabeth (Marius) Kemper, descended from well-known families of the Dutch New Amsterdam era.

Kemper entered <u>Columbia College</u> at the age of fifteen, where he studied theology under <u>Dr. Henry Hobart</u> and graduated in 1809 as the <u>valedictorian</u> of his class.

Career

Relocating to <u>Philadelphia</u>, Kemper was ordained a deacon of the <u>Episcopal Church</u> in 1811 by Bishop <u>William White</u>, and a priest in 1814 as he served at <u>Christ Church</u>. Particularly interested in evangelism, Kemper even persuaded his elderly mentor to make a missionary journey to western Pennsylvania during which also he founded St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in <u>Wheeling</u>, <u>West Virginia</u>. [1]

In 1835, the Episcopal Church's General Convention decided to consecrate missionary bishops to preach the <u>Gospel</u> west of the settled areas. Fr. Kemper was the first chosen. After being consecrated as a bishop he promptly headed west for Indiana and Missouri. Since most clergy who had lived all their lives in the settled East were slow to respond to his call to join him on the frontier, Kemper determined to recruit priests from among men already in the West. He established a training college in <u>St. Louis</u>, <u>Missouri</u>, for that purpose, which failed in 1845 for lack of funding. He went on to found <u>Nashotah House</u> in 1842 and <u>Racine College</u> in <u>Wisconsin</u>. Kemper also founded the mission parish that became the <u>Cathedral Church of All Saints</u> in <u>Milwaukee</u>.

Kemper constantly urged outreach to the <u>Native American</u> peoples, and translations of the Scriptures and the services of the Church into their languages. His first official act as Missionary Bishop, in what would become Wisconsin, was laying the cornerstone for a new frame church building for <u>Hobart Church</u>, <u>Duck Creek</u>, which served the <u>Oneida</u> Indian Mission. Perhaps more significantly, the first ordinations in what would become Wisconsin were also at Hobart Church. There Kemper ordained William Adams and James Lloyd Breck, two young recruits from the East who helped him establish Nashotah House Seminary, on October 9, 1842. He was regularly invited to the Oneida reservation at Duck Creek by chief <u>Daniel</u> Bread. Est Kemper ordained a Native American, Enmegahbowh, of the Ottawa tribe as a deacon in 1859.

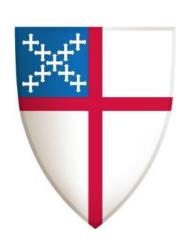
Kemper supported the Oxford Movement, although he maintained the importance of separation from the Roman Catholic Church. He ordained James De Koven as a priest in 1855, and supported Benjamin Onderdonk during his trial. In 1846 Kemper purchased a property adjacent to Nashotah House where he lived the rest of his life. From 1847 until 1854, Kemper served as Provisional Bishop of the newly formed Diocese of Wisconsin, and then served as its diocesan bishop from 1854 until his death in 1870. Kemper also supported creation of a new diocese, though he did not live to see the formation of the Diocese of Fond du Lac come to fruition. Bishopstead, his residence in Delafield, Wisconsin, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Kemper Hall, an Episcopal school for girls in Kenosha, Wisconsin that was named after him, is also listed on the National Register.

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