

*The First Sunday after Pentecost
Trinity Sunday*

*May 22, 2016
8 a.m.*



*St. John's Cathedral
The Episcopal Diocese of Florida
Jacksonville, Florida*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
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A joyous and warm welcome to our visitors and guests. Please know how happy our Cathedral community is to have you worship with us. We would love to know our guests, so please fill out a visitor card and drop it in the offering plate as it comes by.

Hymn 362

“Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Nicaea

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Blessed be our God.
People Forever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant and People

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.

The Celebrant and the People say together

The Gloria in Excelsis

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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The People are seated.

The Lesson

Romans 5:1-5

Lector A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.

The Psalm is read in unison.

Psalm 8

O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?

You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;

You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:

All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

The People stand.

The Gospel

John 16:12-15

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People are seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Carl Saxton

The Nicene Creed

The Celebrant and People say

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

All remain standing as able. The Leader and People pray responsively.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially those in the Middle East;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers.

The Confession of Sin

The People kneel. The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant 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.

The Celebrant continues

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

The People stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Clergy and People greet each other in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Representatives of the congregation bring forward the People's offerings of money, and other gifts. The People stand when the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar.

Hymn 51 vs. 1 & 2

“We the Lord’s People”

Decatur Place

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361

The People stand.

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.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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:

The Celebrant and People say

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.

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The Celebrant and People say

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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,

Celebrant and people

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant continues

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.)

The Lord's Table is open to all. Baptized persons are welcome to receive communion. Unbaptized persons are invited to the altar to receive a blessing. To signify that you do not desire communion, please cross your arms over your chest, and a priest will administer a blessing.

The Sending of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Following communion, Eucharistic Visitors to our homebound members may be sent forth with the following prayer.

Celebrant **In the name of St. John’s Cathedral I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s Body and Blood.**
People We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people.

Hymn 371

“Thou, whose almighty word”

Moscow

The Dismissal

People Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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*The flowers in Cummings Chapel and at the High Altar are given to the glory of God,
in thanksgiving for the 50th anniversary of the ordination of David Slaght,
and in thanksgiving for the baptism of Connor Patrick McVay.*

Why do we celebrate Trinity Sunday?

Summer is nearly upon us, and the weather is beginning to show it. For us here at St. John’s Cathedral, our summer service schedule begin this week. Today we make the change to only two services on Sunday mornings, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., both held in the Cathedral nave. We will have Sunday services at these times until September.

Today we also celebrate Trinity Sunday. This is the only feast of the Church year dedicated to a doctrinal concept, to an article of belief rather than to a particular person (such as a saint) or to a historical moment in the life of Christ (such as the Resurrection or the Baptism of our Lord). As such, this celebration highlights one of the central mysteries of our Christian faith – that there is one God in three distinct, yet inseparable, persons.

The recognition of God as Trinity has been with us from the earliest days of the Church. Both St. Ignatius of Antioch and Justin Martyr in the early and mid-second century attest to faith in God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The doctrine was only officially codified, however, in 325 AD at the Council of Nicaea. This is where we get the Nicene Creed we say together on Sunday mornings. The Nicene Creed of 325 gave a very specific definition of Christ as “light from light, true God from true God,” but was less specific on the nature of the Holy Spirit.

It was the First Council of Constantinople in 381 AD that tacked on the belief in the Holy Spirit as a member of the Holy and Undivided Trinity. That is not to say that this belief began with the Councils; they merely solidified as an official doctrine of the Church what was already believed and discussed by theologians from the earliest days.

The Trinity is, however, a doctrine which will always be a mystery to us. We can discuss and define, but we will never be able to fully explain God. There is a story about St. Augustine, one of Christianity’s most famous theologians and bishops, who lived in North Africa in the fourth and fifth century.

The scene is the seashore, where there is a small pool, a little boy with a seashell, and a sandy beach on which St. Augustine, clad in his episcopal robes, is walking, pondering with difficulty the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. “Father, Son, Holy Spirit; three in one!” he muttered, shaking his head. As he approached the little boy who was running back and forth between the sea and the pool with a seashell of water, Augustine craned his neck and asked him: “Son, what are you doing?”

“Can’t you see?” said the boy. “I’m emptying the sea into this pool!”

“Son, you can’t do that!” Augustine countered. “I will sooner empty the sea into this pool than you will manage to get the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity into your head!”

Upon saying that, the boy, who was an angel according to legend, quickly disappeared, leaving Augustine alone with the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity.

And here we are, more than a thousand years after St. Augustine, still struggling to understand yet still believing.

In Christ’s love, Carl + *(The Reverend Carl Saxton, Curate)*

Cathedral Announcements

SUNDAY MORNING CLASS FOR ADULTS, 9:30 a.m. IN INGRAM LOUNGE, MAY 22-JUN. 5
Join the Reverend John S. Rogers for a walk through Biblical and contemporary stories that inform and inspire our relationship with God and one another. Fr. John is serving St. John's Cathedral as an interim priest in May and June while Dean Kate is away on sabbatical.

The topics to be covered are:

Sunday, May 22: "The Inescapable Presence"

Sunday, May 29: "The Spirit of Compassion"

Sunday, June 5: "Grant us Wisdom, Grant us Courage"

WEDNESDAY EVENING SUMMER CLASSES

Join us on Wednesday evenings in June and July for **fellowship, study and reflection. Find what's right for you!**

- ◆ *Velvet Elvis* and NOOMA: An Introduction to Rob Bell - 6 p.m., Ingram Lounge, begins Wednesday, June 1, led by Fr. David Erickson. At age 28, Rob Bell founded Mars Hill Bible Church in Michigan, and under his leadership it was one of the fastest-growing churches in America. In 2011 he was profiled in *Time Magazine* as one of their 100 most influential people. We'll read Rob Bell's first book, *Velvet Elvis: Repainting the Christian Faith*, as well as watch his NOOMA video series.
- ◆ Basic A - 6 p.m., Dean Kate's office, begins Wednesday, June 1, led by Fr. Carl Saxton. Learn about the faith that sustains us here at the cathedral. This class explores the scriptures, why we worship in this ancient tradition and how to become part of the cathedral community.

TRANSFORM OTHERS (AND YOURSELF) BY SHOWCASING YOUR MINISTRY Gather your ministry group and host a fun themed summer breakfast or coffee hour where you can discuss how your group serves Christ. Hand out information and connect with others looking for ways to serve. What ideas do you have? See the NEW Parish Life board outside Ingram Lounge or contact Laura Saxton (632-9104 x 24 or lsaxton@jaxcathedral.org) for more information.

CIVIC ORCHESTRA OF JACKSONVILLE CONCERT Today at 6 p.m., Jacksonville's new 40-piece volunteer orchestra presents its first public concert at the cathedral, which will include works by Beethoven and Bizet. Reception to follow in Taliaferro Hall.

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES OF NORTH FLORIDA EXHIBIT RECEPTION You are invited to enjoy a wine and cheese reception in Taliaferro Hall this Wednesday, May 25 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The *Open Your Home, Open Your Heart* exhibit featuring youth available for adoption from foster care is on display through June 5. It is presented by Family Support Services of North Florida and St. John's Cathedral. FSS is the agency responsible for foster care, family preservation and adoption in Duval And Nassau counties. FSS staff will be on hand at the reception to talk about the children available, and answer any questions you may have on the adoption process. There are also opportunities to find out about mentoring, volunteering, and other ways you can make a difference **in a foster child's life right here in our city.** Please RSVP to events@fssnf.org no later than Monday, May 23 or call 418-5842 for more information.

NEXT STATIONS OF THE CROSS SERVICE All are invited to a service of the Stations of the Cross in Cummings Chapel at 5 p.m. every fourth Friday of the month, except in November and December. Join us for **this month's offering of the Stations of the Cross** this Friday, May 27 at 5 p.m. in Cummings Chapel.

HABIJAX BLITZ BUILD The Episcopal Coalition is participating in Habijax's Blitz Build week from June 7-10. We will be installing vinyl siding, landscaping, and other finishing touches to 12 new homes in the New Town neighborhood. During that week, we will be part of a greater celebration, as Habijax is celebrating its 2,000th new home. We are in need of volunteers 16+ years of age. Lunch will be provided each day. Contact Patricia Young-Jones at patichee@hotmail.com for more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, SATURDAY, JULY 9 Come join us for summer fun at the cathedral! Children ages 4 through fourth grade are invited to a day of music, stories, animals, food and games on Saturday, July 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Younger children may leave after lunch. Registration is requested. Contact Beth Wilson at wils25@bellsouth.net for more information.

LOVE THE HISTORY OF ST. JOHN'S

CATHEDRAL? Docents lead groups on tours of our beautiful sanctuary and grounds. To learn more about being a docent, contact Fr. Carl Saxton at csaxton@jaxcathedral.org.

New or Visiting? Welcome to St. John's Cathedral!

We'd like to know who you are! Please fill out a Visitor's Card found in your pew and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. After the 8 a.m. service, please join us for breakfast and fellowship in Taliaferro Hall. After the 10:30 a.m. service, please join us for coffee and fellowship in Taliaferro Hall. Assistive Listening Devices are available to enhance worship services for the hearing-impaired. A large-print edition of our service bulletin is also available. Nursery care is available during Sunday services. Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you have any questions, please call us at 904-356-5507 or check out jaxcathedral.org.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

- Sunday, May 22 The First Sunday After Pentecost: TRINITY SUNDAY
Family Promise Week
8 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Cathedral
9 a.m. Breakfast is served - Taliaferro Hall
9:30 a.m. Theology 101 - Ingram Lounge
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Baptism - Cathedral
Noon AgeWell Workshop - Ingram Lounge
12:30 p.m. Celebration Singers Rehearsal - Room 201
12:30 p.m. Daughters of the King Training - Room 304
6 p.m. Civic Orchestra of Jacksonville Concert and Reception - Cathedral and Taliaferro Hall
- Monday, May 23
5:30 p.m. Friends of Bill W. - Ingram Lounge
- Tuesday, May 24
12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist - Cummings Chapel
5:45 p.m. Yoga - Cummings Chapel
7 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting - Taliaferro Hall
7 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting - Coffee House
7 p.m. EFM - Ingram Lounge
- Wednesday, May 25
7 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Holy Communion Chapel
12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist - Cummings Chapel
5:30 p.m. Family Support Services Exhibit Reception - Taliaferro Hall
- Thursday, May 26
9:30 a.m. Shakespeare Reading Group - Ingram Lounge
Noon Lectionary Bible Study - Ingram Lounge
12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist - Cummings Chapel
- Friday, May 27
11 a.m. **Clara's at the Cathedral** - Taliaferro Hall
12:10 p.m. Contemplative Holy Eucharist - Cummings Chapel
5 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Cummings Chapel
- Sunday, May 29 The Second Sunday after Pentecost
8 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Cathedral
9 a.m. Breakfast is served - Taliaferro Hall
9:30 a.m. Theology 101 - Ingram Lounge
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Cathedral
12:30 p.m. Celebration Singers Rehearsal - Room 201
12:30 p.m. Daughters of the King Training - Room 304

Birthday Blessings

Sunday, May 22
Linda Martin, Heather Johnston, Colin Thakkar,
Richard Still, Paris Nichols

Monday, May 23
Julia Stark, Brett Puckett, Howard Mullis,
Fouad Zabaneh, Ian Burr

Tuesday, May 24
Jeremy Johnston, Mark Romano

Wednesday, May 25
Leta Stever, Matthew Knight

Thursday, May 26
Mary May, Annette Boling, Richard Faulkner,
Joann Tredennick, Chris Steilberg, Nicholas Masters

Friday, May 27
Sharon Wilburn, Jeremiah Moore, Emma Kate Beard

Saturday, May 28
John Nelson, Susan Hatch, Judy Sweeney

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