

# Welcome to **St. John's Cathedral**

**“Be patient, therefore, beloved,  
until the coming of the Lord.”**

- James 5:7a



December 11, 2016 - 9 a.m.  
The Third Sunday of Advent

LOVE *at the* CORE.

Welcome to St. John's Cathedral! We are so glad that you are here.

We worship God in the heart of the city. We are surrounded by the poor in an area of town that is often neglected. In his life, Jesus often ministered to the poor and needy, and we believe that by worshipping **God in the urban core, we can catch a glimpse of God's love.**

We welcome all people. Our nursery is open all morning on Sundays. We would love to get to know you better, and you can help us by filling out a visitor card located in your pew and placing it in the offering plate as it comes by, or by handing it to an usher. Please let us know if you need prayers and if you would like us to email you our online newsletter. Listening devices are always available for the hearing impaired and large-print bulletins for those who have trouble with their eyesight. Please ask an usher if you need these items or anything else. We want to help you feel at home here.

We believe that worship should be beautiful and sacred, a moment to hush the hurriedness of our lives and experience the peace of God. I **hope that you feel God's love this morning.**

Faithfully,

The Very Reverend Kate Moorehead,  
Dean

## YE OLDE ENGLISH CHRISTMAS DINNER THIS WEDNESDAY

Christmas dinner is one of the biggest and most special meals of the year. It is a chance to enjoy a wonderful feast with family and loved ones. At St. John's Cathedral we offer a special Christmas experience in the form of an Olde English Christmas dinner to enjoy with your parish loved ones.

We invite you to join us for a traditional English Christmas dinner as Taliaferro Hall is transformed into an enchanted evening filled with scrumptious fare, carolers singing of the joys of the season, and a special visit from Father Christmas with trinkets for the little ones. We will add a little "pop" to the evening with classic Victorian Christmas crackers!



The menu highlights our very own Chef Heather's creations, including mouthwatering prime rib and oven roasted chicken, a variety of tasty vegetable accompaniments, and ending with a posh panettone bread pudding topped with delectable maple whisky Bavarian sauce.

The dinner is this Wednesday, December 14. Seating begins at 6 p.m. with dinner and music starting at 6:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$12, with children's tickets (12 & under) at \$6.



Please make your reservation as soon as possible. You may contact Judy Maurer at the cathedral office at 356-5507 or simply send Judy an email at [jmaurer@jaxcathedral.org](mailto:jmaurer@jaxcathedral.org) letting her know how many are in your party.

This is a Christmas tradition that can be enjoyed by all and certainly should not be missed!

*"The earth has grown old with its burden of care, but at Christmas it always is young. The heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair and its soul full of music breaks the air, when the song of angels is sung."*

*~ Phillips Brooks (1835-93), American Episcopal bishop who wrote "O Little Town of Bethlehem."*

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Welcome

*On each of the four Sundays of Advent, a candle is lit on the Advent wreath as the light of Christ comes into the world.*

## 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.

*Children age four through fifth grade follow the Cross in procession to Children's Chapel in Cummings Chapel. The children rejoin their families at the Peace.*

In Procession, Celebration Hymnal 241 "Arise, Shine"

The Collect of the Day

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

*The Celebrant continues*

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The People are seated.*

The Lesson

James 5:7-10

*Lector* A Reading from the Letter of James.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

*A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.*

*The People stand.*

Celebration Hymnal 243 "Emmanuel"

*Gospeler*

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

*People*

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. **And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.**” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, **and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.**

*Gospeler*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*The People are seated.*

## The Sermon

The Reverend Canon David Erickson

*A period of silence for reflection follows the sermon.**The People stand.*

## 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*

Hear us, good Lord, as we pray to you with the words, Lord, come among us.

Almighty God, we ask you to guide us as we seek to bring about your peace in this broken world. Help us to find a way to heal the division that threatens to divide this nation. Guide us to seek and serve justice. Keep our loved ones safe. Help us to show both mercy and compassion. You alone can guide us. Lord, we wait for you.

*Lord, come among us.*

Be present with those who are sick or suffering in any way. Bless those who mourn. Comfort the lonely in this holiday season and come to the aid of those who are poor and in need. I invite you to speak aloud the names of those in need....Lord, we wait for you.

*Lord, come among us.*

Embrace the souls of those who have died. May they see you face to face. I invite you to speak aloud the names of those who have died....Lord, we wait for you.

*Lord, come among us.*

Bless this community, Lord, as we seek to worship and serve you without fear. Help us to make space for you in our busy lives so that we may be ready for the coming of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Lord, we wait for you.

*Lord, come among us.*

We give you thanks for the many gifts that you have given us: for the love of family and friends, for our children, for the gifts of music, art and literature, for the freedom to worship you, and for this beautiful cathedral. Lord, we wait for you.

*Lord, come among us.*

*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.

*Silence*

*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 says*

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 Christ be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

*The Clergy and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Announcements

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Good News!

Natalie Sleeth

*St. John's Senior Choristers*

*As the Altar is prepared for Communion, representatives of the congregation collect the offerings of the People. The people stand when the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar.*

Celebration Hymnal 244 "Come thou long expected Jesus"

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharist Prayer III

Book of Common Prayer of the Church of Ireland

*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 our thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues*

Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you for your goodness and your love. When we turned away you did not reject us. You came to meet us in your Son, welcomed us as your children and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

*He opened wide his arms upon the cross and, with love stronger than death, he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.*

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on the night before you died you came to table with your friends. Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying, Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

*Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the bread of life.*

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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; do this in remembrance of me.

*Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the true vine.*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:

*Dying, you destroyed our death, rising, you restored our life; Lord Jesus, come in glory.*

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

*As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace, one in Christ, our risen Lord.*

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity: with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven, for ever praising you and singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, — God of  
pow - er and might, — heaven and earth — are  
full of your glor - ry. Ho - san - na in — the high - est.  
Bless - ed — is he who comes — in the  
name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na  
in — the high - est. — Ho - san - na  
in — the high - est.

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.  
*Amen. Amen. 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*           The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

*People*               *We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Remember that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

### ***Please join us at God's table.***

*All baptized people are welcome to receive communion. Everyone is welcome to come to the altar for a blessing. If you would like a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest. You are also invited to receive prayers and anointing with holy oil in one of our transept chapels (Ascension to the south, and Holy Communion to the north) where anointers wait to pray with you.*

## Music at Communion

Celebration Hymnal 461

“In Remembrance”

Celebration Hymnal 633

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

## Invitation to Parents and their Children

*All children are invited to attend our Sunday School classes immediately following the service. Parents are encouraged to escort their children to their Sunday School class. If you are unsure of where your child's Sunday School class is located, Terry Hunt, our Director of Children's Ministries, is at the back of the sanctuary to assist you.*

## The Postcommunion Prayer

*The Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The Celebrant and People say together*

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

May Almighty God watch over you who wait for Christ to come again, you who long to see His face. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

In Procession, Celebration Hymnal 443   “O Zion, Haste”

## 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,  
and in loving memory of Marcia Dooly.*

## SERMON NOTES

# THIS SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, DEC. 11

► **Holy Eucharist**

8 a.m. Cummings Chapel

► **Holy Eucharist**

9 a.m. Cathedral

► **Please note: Today is the last Sunday of**

Christian Formation classes for all ages before the holidays. Sunday classes will resume on January 8.

► **Christian Formation for all ages**

All Christian Formation classes meet at 10 a.m.

**Children's Formation**

Pre-K to Kindergarten - Room 5, Basement

1st - 3rd grades - Room 202, 2nd floor

Tweens Formation

4th - 5th grades - Room 302, 3rd floor

Youth Formation

6th - 8th grades - Undercroft

9th - 12th grades - Room 304, 3rd floor

Adult Formation

Centering Prayer - Room 306, 3rd floor

This is a time in community to experience centering prayer as well as explore appropriate readings and reflections. All are invited.

The History of "Silent Night" with Tim Tuller -

Taliaferro Hall

Our Canon for Music will take us through the history of this most beloved Christmas hymn.

► **Senior Chorister Christmas Concert**

10:15 a.m. Cathedral

The St. John's Senior Choristers, directed by Paula Merritt, will perform special songs for the season before the 11 a.m. service. Soloists are Helena Maldonado, Katelyn Altman, Michael Maldonado, Caitlyn Scheider and Luke Whipple. Christmas poem by Penelope Nelson. See you there!

► **Holy Eucharist**

11 a.m. Cathedral

► **Advent Healing Service**

5 p.m. Cummings Chapel

This service is a time for anyone experiencing feelings or situations that make this holy season difficult.

► **Birthday Blessings**

Sunday, December 11

Beth Wilson

Monday, December 12

Linda Stem, Beverly Bonaparte, Haley Hakimian

Tuesday, December 13

John Barry, Robert Hyde, Rose Lindblad,

Keith Reed, Carol Mackoul

Wednesday, December 14

Tom Vickery, Nancy Altman

Thursday, December 15

Robert Burns, Lynda Erwin, Amy Currey

Friday, December 16

Emmy Cerveny, Peggy Croom, Anil Suthar,

Gus Hubert, Paul Moriarty

Saturday, December 17

Carolyn Foley, Tim Engemann, Carrie Gentry,

Eve Erstling

## ANNOUNCEMENT

► **Growing into the Fullness of God:**

Stewardship 2017

God is doing amazing things in and through St. John's Cathedral, and we are all invited to grow into God's fullness through a financial pledge to the life and ministry of the cathedral. Pledge cards are available in the church office and the back of the church. You may also pledge online at [www.jaxcathedral.org/pledge-2017/](http://www.jaxcathedral.org/pledge-2017/).

## THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY, DEC. 12

► **Friends of Bill W.**  
5:30 p.m. Ingram Lounge

► **Boy Scouts**  
6 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

TUESDAY, DEC. 13

► **Holy Eucharist**  
12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

► **Yoga**  
5:45 p.m. Cummings Chapel

► **EFM (Education for Ministry)**  
7 p.m. Ingram Lounge

► **Girl Scouts**  
7 p.m. Basement “Coffee House”

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14

► **Holy Eucharist**  
7 a.m. Holy Communion Chapel  
12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

► **Chorister Rehearsal**  
5:30 p.m. Choir Room

► **Ye Olde English Christmas Dinner**  
6 p.m. Taliaferro Hall  
See the lead article on page 2 for more information.

► **Choir Rehearsal**  
7:30 p.m. Choir Room

THURSDAY, DEC. 15

► **Lectionary Bible Study**  
12 p.m. Ingram Lounge

► **Holy Eucharist**  
12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

► **Celebration Singers Rehearsal**  
5:30 p.m. Ascension Chapel

FRIDAY, DEC. 16

► **Clara’s at the Cathedral**  
11 a.m. Taliaferro Hall

► **Contemplative Holy Eucharist**  
12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

► **Holly Jolly Christmas Sing-a-long**  
Concert with Karim Zabaneh  
7:30 p.m. Taliaferro Hall  
Join us for this Christmas spectacular featuring beloved songs of the season! Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased from the church office. Proceeds will go towards the cathedral and Karim Zabaneh’s education.

SATURDAY, DEC. 17

► **Men’s Bible Study**  
8 a.m. Room 304

► **Daughters of the King Meeting**  
10 a.m. Ingram Lounge

► **Christmas Pageant Rehearsal**  
10 a.m. Cathedral  
The rehearsal will last until 11:30 a.m. All children are welcome to participate in our Christmas Pageant, and those participating should come to this rehearsal. Adult volunteers are also needed. For more information, please contact Cheryl Bowen at 904-349-0922 or cherydi33@icloud.com

## ANNOUNCEMENT

► **Send us your photos!**

If you have taken any photos from any cathedral events within the past year, we would love to include them in a year-in-review slideshow! This slideshow will be shown at our Annual Parish Meeting in early 2017. Please email all photos to Helen Likins, Communications Coordinator, at hlikins@jaxcathedral.org. You can also call Helen at the office (ext. 117) if you have any questions about sending your photos.

## NEXT SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, DEC. 18

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

8 a.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Holy Eucharist with Christmas Pageant**

9 a.m. Cathedral

Celebrate the coming of Christ through story and art from our talented cathedral children.

▶ **Holy Eucharist with *Messiah* Sing-a-long**

11 a.m. Cathedral

Join us as Canon for Music Tim Tuller and the Cathedral Choir lead us in singing selections from Handel's *Messiah*.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

▶ **Donate Christmas Flowers**

You can contribute donations towards flowers for our Christmas Eve and Day services in honor of your loved ones. If you donate by Wednesday, December 21, we can list the names of your loved ones in the Christmas Eve and Day bulletins. Donation envelopes are located in the pews, or you can donate online at [www.jaxcathedral.org](http://www.jaxcathedral.org) and click "Donate Altar Flowers" under the Give tab.

▶ **St. Mary's Bag-a-month Club - December Items**

Donate to those in need at St. Mary's! The theme for December is first aid supplies. Pick up a marked brown bag this Sunday and fill it with pain and fever relievers, cough and cold medicine, band aids, etc. Bring your bag back before the last Sunday of the month.

▶ **Feed the Homeless**

Monday, Jan. 2, Sulzbacher Center

Dinner preparation begins at 2 p.m. and is served at 6 p.m. Please call Don Wucker at 398-4776 for more information.

▶ **Adult Christian Formation 2017**

After the holidays, our Wonderful Wednesday dinner and programs will resume on Wednesday, January 4, and our Sunday Christian Formation classes will resume on Sunday, January 8. On Sundays in January and February, the theme for the Dean's Forum in Taliaferro Hall at 10 a.m. on Sundays will be, "God and Human Conflict: Living Faithfully in a Violent World." More details on this class and Wednesday evening offerings in the spring will be announced at a later date.

# *Season's Blessings*

## *Advent and Christmas at St. John's Cathedral*

Friday, December 23

The Greening of the Cathedral,  
9 a.m.

The Sanctuary Guild invites everyone to join them for this festive event in preparation for Christmas! Bring your family and friends to assist in adorning our beautiful church with garland, wreaths and poinsettias. A variety of refreshments will add to the good cheer of this beautiful Christmas experience.

**You don't have to be an interior decorator to help; all hands are welcome.**



Saturday, December 24 -  
Christmas Eve

4 p.m., Family Service with  
Holy Eucharist\*

6 p.m., Holy Eucharist with  
Bishop Howard and brass and  
tympani\*

11 p.m., Holy Eucharist with brass  
and tympani - incense will be used  
at this service.

Sunday, December 25 -  
Christmas Day

8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.,

Holy Eucharist  
in celebration of the birth of Christ.

Saturday, December 31 -

**New Year's Eve**

The Festival of Nine Lessons  
and Carols, 5 p.m.

A candlelight service of Christmas  
scripture and traditional carols sung by  
the Cathedral Choir.

*\*Nursery available*

## CALL FOR VESTRY NOMINATIONS AND CONVENTION DELEGATES

The Vestry bylaws provide for a nominating committee to nominate candidates for vacancies on the vestry as well as candidates for the offices of Delegate to the Diocesan Convention.

Qualifications for Vestry members (4 to be elected): A Vestry nominee must be a **communicant of St. John's Cathedral in good standing for a period of at least 12 months prior to election**; if a nominee has served two full terms (for a total of six years), there must be a two-year break before he or she may be nominated again; must be actively involved in the ministry of the Parish; must be willing to accept active leadership, including responsibility for decision making that represents the entire Parish; must, if called upon, serve on the boards of affiliated corporations of the Cathedral; must be willing to invest the time necessary in the ministry of leadership, including attendance at worship, Vestry meetings and other scheduled Vestry activities, special events, and satellite activities; and must be otherwise eligible. In addition to the above qualifications contained in the bylaws, the Vestry believes that nominees for service for the next three-year term should possess special skills, gifts and talents in visionary and strategic thinking, be courageous, and have skills in fiscal planning and policy.

Diocesan Convention Delegates (2 to be elected): **Per the St. John's Parish by-laws**, the Sr. Warden fills one of the 5 delegate positions. The remaining four convention delegates serve a two year term, with one or two rotating off each year. At the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting, we will elect two delegates and two alternates for the 2018 diocesan convention. It is critically important that you obtain the permission of your nominee before submitting his or her name to a Nominating Committee member. (Please note: the By-Laws have been amended so that parishioners choose Vestry members by election at the annual meeting rather than through a selection (lottery) process.) Send nominations to Helen Likins, Communications Coordinator at [hlikins@jaxcathedral.org](mailto:hlikins@jaxcathedral.org). Nominations will be forwarded to and reviewed by the nominating committee members: Bill Erwin, Don Lester, Ginny Myrick, John Adams, Deborah Baker, Tommy Donahoo and Faye Wisner.

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
and Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Just click the Live Broadcast link on the homepage.

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904-584-3116. (Example: \$20)