

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



**“...show the light  
of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.”**  
- Psalm 80:3b

December 18, 2016 - 11 a.m.  
The Fourth 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

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AT 9 AM TODAY

Holiday shopping and decorating can be extremely hectic. So, if you're certain you see a camel or two, nomadic sheep, piglets, donkeys, kings and a few angels wandering about the buildings and grounds of St. John's Cathedral today, don't be afraid, you're not hallucinating! And there's no need to get out your shepherd's staff or call animal control, because once again it's time for our charming Children's Christmas Pageant during the 9 a.m. service. Our Christmas Pageant has become a much loved tradition at St. John's Cathedral for all our children and families who participate, as well as for those who simply answer the call to "come and see." This is a special opportunity to journey back in time with us to the very first Christmas when God gave the world the best gift of all...Jesus.



# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Voluntary

Magnificat

Dietrich Buxtehude

*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.*

Introit *The Choir will sing the Gregorian "Great O" Antiphons for the season of Advent*

7. O EMMANUEL, our King and Lawgiver, the Desire of all Nations, come and save us, O Lord our God.
8. O WISDOM which hast come out of the mouth of the Most High, and mightily ordered all things. Come and teach us the Way of wisdom.

*Paul Fisher, cantor*

In Procession, Hymn 54

"Savior of the nations, come!"

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

## 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 Collect of the Day

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

*The Celebrant continues*

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The People are seated.*

## READINGS AND MUSIC FOR *MESSIAH* - GEORG FREDERICK HANDEL

First Lesson

God's People are Comforted

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift



The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Chorus

Lift up your heads, O ye gates

*See page 12 in the Messiah Sing-a-long booklet.*

Fifth Lesson

The Rejoicing in Heaven

Revelation 19:1-8

After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power to our God, for his judgments are true and just; he has judged the great whore who corrupted the earth with her fornication, and he has avenged on her the blood of his servants." Once more they said, "Hallelujah! The smoke goes up from her forever and ever." And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who is seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" And from the throne came a voice saying, "Praise our God, all you his servants, and all who fear him, small and great." Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure" - for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

Chorus

Hallelujah

*See page 17 in the Messiah Sing-a-long booklet.*

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 one another in the name of the Lord.*

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Ave Maria I

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*Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.  
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.  
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,  
ora pro nobis peccatoribus  
nunc et in homra mortis nostrae. Amen.*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God  
pray for us sinners  
now and in the hour of our death. Amen.

*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.*

Hymn 66

“Come, thou long expected Jesus”

Stuttgart

The Great Thanksgiving, from the Prayer Book of the Church of England

*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.

*All*  
" It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever!

From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

*The Celebrant and People sing*

Hymnal S-124

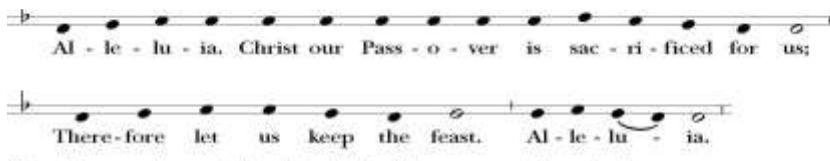
David Hurd

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 Breaking of the Bread

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



*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.)

### ***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

Organ

Prelude on *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

Gerald Near

Hymn 60

“Creator of the stars of night”

*Conditor alme siderum*

## The Advent Prose

*During Advent, the Advent Prose shall be sung—a proper verse for each Sunday.*

Antiphon: Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.  
*(Antiphon repeated each Sunday.)*

Verse 4: Comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry: I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: Fear not for I will save thee: for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer. *(Repeat Antiphon.)*

*Paul Fisher, cantor*

## 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.*

Procession, Hymn 57      “Lo! he comes, with clouds descending”

*Helmsley*

The Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Voluntary

Prelude on *Puer nobis nascitur*

Gerald Near

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*The flowers in Holy Communion Chapel, Cummings Chapel and at the High Altar are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Amelia Shields DeMuth, Amelia Sheilds Ferber, Bayard Shields Ferber, Carl Robertson Kurtz, Jr., Bayard Benoit Shields, Paul L. Ferber, and other members of the Shields and Ferber families, by Paul S. Ferber.*

## THIS 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*.

▶ **Birthday Blessings**

Sunday, December 18

Joann Watson, Daniel Abdelnour

Monday, December 19

Shirley Bush, Samuel Craddock

Tuesday, December 20

Lanea McCrea, Liesl Gavronsky-Howsare, Yetiva Comacho

Wednesday, December 21

Doug Maurer, David Vormack, Sarah Miller, Samuel Holcomb

Thursday, December 22

Tammie Corey

Friday, December 23

Noel Dana, Robert Nichols

Saturday, December 24

John Waidner, Henry Jenks

## THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY, DEC. 19

▶ **Friends of Bill W.**

5:30 p.m. Ingram Lounge

▶ **Boy Scouts**

6 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

TUESDAY, DEC. 20

▶ **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. 21

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

7 a.m. Holy Communion Chapel

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Chorister Rehearsal**

5:30 p.m. Choir Room

▶ **Choir Rehearsal**

7:30 p.m. Choir Room

THURSDAY, DEC. 22

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

## THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL CONTINUED

FRIDAY, DEC. 23

▶ **The Greening of the Cathedral**

9 a.m. Cathedral

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.

▶ **Contemplative Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

SATURDAY, DEC. 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

▶ **Family Service with Holy Eucharist**

4 p.m. Cathedral

Nursery available.

▶ **Holy Eucharist with Bishop Howard,**

Cathedral Brass and Choir

6 p.m. Cathedral

Nursery available.

▶ **Holy Eucharist with Cathedral Brass and Choir**

11 p.m. Cathedral

Incense will be used. No nursery available.

## NEXT SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, DEC. 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

8 a.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Holy Eucharist with Cathedral Choir**

10:30 a.m. Cathedral

## UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, DEC. 26 - OFFICES CLOSED

SATURDAY, DEC. 31 - **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

▶ **The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

5 p.m. Cathedral

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

No nursery available.

SUNDAY, JAN. 1 - **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

8 a.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

10:30 a.m. Cathedral

MONDAY, JAN. 2 - OFFICES CLOSED

▶ **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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!



# 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 this 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.

## ► **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/).

## ► **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](mailto:hlikins@jaxcathedral.org). You can also call Helen at the office (ext. 117) if you have any questions about sending your photos.

## ► **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 Wednesday, January 4, we will hold an Evening Prayer service to commemorate the Epiphany. Beginning the following Wednesday, January 11, we will start Alpha, a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. On Sundays in January and February, the theme for the Dean’s Forum in Taliaferro Hall on Sundays will be, “God and Human Conflict: Living Faithfully in a Violent World.” More details on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening offerings in the spring will be announced.

## ► **Next Sunday for Baptisms: January 8**

If you are interested in having your child baptized, or in being baptized yourself, please contact Parish Coordinator Carl Worrell at our office ([cworrell@jaxcathedral.org](mailto:cworrell@jaxcathedral.org)). The deadline to sign up is Tuesday, January 3!

## ART EXHIBIT RECEPTION, FRIDAY, JANUARY 6 AT 5:30 P.M.

An exhibition by Nadine Terk, entitled "Imagination Cannot Be Caged," is currently being displayed in the cathedral's art gallery, Taliaferro Hall. It will be on exhibition until Sunday, January 15.

Terk is the president of and a performer in the Civic Orchestra of Jacksonville, and is a marvelous visual artist as well as a gifted musician. The works in this exhibition are the result of her internship at the Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival where she was the first Visual Artist in Residence.

The paintings in the exhibition are an exploration of movement and sound. Working in abstraction and thinking about mood and tempo, the paintings represent a bow moving through space as music is created. Terk, as you might suspect, plays the violin. The abstract images move in and out of space in patterns that suggest the musical compositions that are their inspiration. In one painting, Terk turns to nature, and the rays of the sun which appear from the clouds suggest images not unlike those in her other paintings. This magnificent world of nature and imagination that Terk evokes bursts forth and cannot be caged.

A reception and gallery talk by the artist has been scheduled for Friday, January 6 at 5:30 p.m. in Taliaferro Hall.



*You may wish to write any sermon notes on this page.*

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