

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



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

it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Chorus And the Glory of the Lord

See page 3 in the Messiah Sing-a-long booklet.

Second Lesson The Birth of Jesus Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, **“Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, **“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”**

Chorus Glory to God

See page 8 in the Messiah Sing-a-long booklet.

Third Lesson The Lamb of God John 1:29-34

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

Chorus Behold the Lamb of God

See page 10 in the Messiah Sing-a-long booklet.

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

Reihards Dubra

*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 People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord! As a mother tenderly gathers her children you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

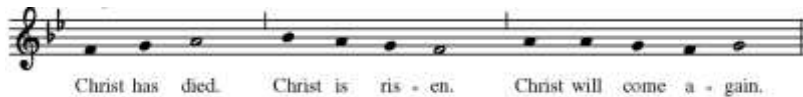
At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends, and taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you 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, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

The Celebrant and People sing,



The Celebrant continues

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us into the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory. Remember Lord your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace. Bring us at the last with John and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendor for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by him, with him, and in him, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

The Celebrant and People say

Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

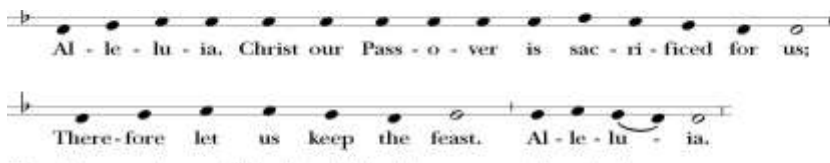
The Celebrant continues

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

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.



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

Laneia 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 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/.

► **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.

► **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). 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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