

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



December 18, 2016 - 9 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

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 Bidding Prayer

The Celebrant says

Dear People of God: In this Advent Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us **hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose and the glorious redemption** brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise. But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for the Church in our country and in this city. And because God particularly loves them, let us remember the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord. Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore. The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above, may the King of Angels bring us all. *Amen.*

Scene 1 - An angel visits Joseph in a dream

The First Reading

Matthew 1:18-23

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'

Celebration Hymnal 243

"Emmanuel" *(sung twice)*

Scene 2 - The Annunciation

The Second Reading

Luke 1:26-31, 38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Scene 3 - The Visitation

The Third Reading

Luke 1:39-47

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she **entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."** And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

Organ

Noël X

Louis-Claude D'Aquin

Scene 4 - The Registration

The Fourth Reading

Luke 2:1-5

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.

Celebration Hymnal 250 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" *Stanzas 1-2*

Scene 5 - The shepherds are visited by angels

The Fifth Reading

Luke 2:8-14

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!"

Celebration Hymnal 278 "Angels We Have Heard on High" *Stanzas 1-3*

Scene 6 - Jesus in a manger

The Sixth Reading

Luke 2:6-7, 16

While Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, 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. The shepherds went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Celebration Hymnal 281 "What Child Is This?" *Stanza 1*

The Seventh Reading

Matthew 2:1-11

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Celebration Hymnal 288 “We Three Kings” Stanza 1

A period of silence for reflection follows the hymn.

The Dean concludes the pageant with the reading of John 3:16-17. The children then sing “Happy Birthday, Jesus” at the manger.

The children are invited to remain at the altar during The Great Thanksgiving.

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

Ordinary Baby
Cheryl Bowen, soprano

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:

The image shows three staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of". The second staff contains: "pow - er and might, heaven and earth are". The third staff contains: "full of your glor - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases connected by slurs.

17
Bless - ed is he who comes in the

22
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

26
in the high - est. Ho - san - na

30
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 251

Celebration Hymnal 249

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

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 258 **“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”**

The Dismissal

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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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 Shields 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.

SERMON NOTES

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 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.



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and Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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