

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



**“...the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom  
of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”**

- Matthew 13:43

July 23, 2017 - 10:30 a.m.  
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

LOVE *at the* CORE.

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

St. John's Cathedral has always stood on this very spot, Billy Goat Hill, the highest geographical point in Jacksonville. When the population began moving out of the downtown area in the 1960's, this congregation felt strongly that God was calling us to stay here in the heart of the city. Since that time, the Cathedral has birthed all kinds of ministries, caring for the homeless, for children and the elderly, and working to promote the arts, education and healthcare. We are now striving to create a vibrant neighborhood around Billy Goat Hill, a place where diverse peoples of many income levels can live and grow together. We believe that by **worshipping and serving 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

# A STEP TOWARDS BEING GOOD STEWARDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND OUR RESOURCES AT THE CATHEDRAL

Dear Friends,

In the fourth chapter of Peter's first book in the New Testament, we are called to be good stewards. As Junior Warden, I want to share an initiative that is almost complete where the Properties Committee and Vestry determined to implement a solution that would be good for the environment and for our financial resources.

One of the biggest contributors to our electric bill is lighting. Traditional incandescent bulbs are highly inefficient, because only 20% of the energy used to light the bulb goes to the actual lighting; the remaining 80% goes to heat. As we investigated different alternatives, LED lighting was the clear choice. LED lighting is 80% more energy-efficient, emitting very little heat and lasting 25 times longer than incandescent lighting. The technology has evolved dramatically so that we can light the Cathedral with lighting that looks virtually identical to our previous lighting. The cost of the change will be paid back in approximately one year, which will yield an annual budget savings of almost \$30,000. The change will also reduce the load on our HVAC systems, as our old light bulbs registered 187° (yes, our Facilities Manager Tim Engemann actually checked the temperature of our lighting!) and our new LED lights are only 70°.



LED lighting is also good for our environment. Not only do we not needlessly use electricity, LED lights contain no toxic chemicals and are 100% recyclable. Our old fluorescent lights contained a variety of toxic materials, including mercury, and had to be disposed of with care.

The Department of Energy tells us that LED lighting has the greatest potential for energy savings of any strategy for the United States, and St. John's Cathedral is proud to be a part of the solution.

*Martha Cox, Junior Warden*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ► **Looking for a devotional?**

We encourage you to take and use the Forward Day by Day devotionals, located at the back of the church or at the church office, as part of your daily spiritual practice. You can also take copies for your friends as well!

### ► **Calling all brass players!**

Members of our Cathedral community are interested in starting our own volunteer brass group to play at informal events. If you play a brass instrument, and would like to learn more about joining this group, please contact Tim Tuller at [ttuller@jaxcathedral.org](mailto:ttuller@jaxcathedral.org) or Bill McNeiland at [w.mcneiland@comcast.net](mailto:w.mcneiland@comcast.net).

### ► **Bookstore flash sale!**

Get 50% off regularly priced books and gifts starting now through July 31! (Sale does not include clearance books.)

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

Voluntary

Cantabile

César Franck

Introit

Teach me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

In Procession, Hymn 482

“**Lord of all hopefulness**”

*Slane*

*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.*

## 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.

Hymn 9

“**Not here for high and holy things**” (*Stanzas 4-6*)

*Morning Song*

The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

And also with you.

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*The Celebrant continues*

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The People are seated.*

The Lesson

Romans 8:12-25

*Lector*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption.

**When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the**

creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

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

*The Psalm is read in unison.*

Psalm 86:11-17

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; \*  
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, \*  
and glorify your Name for evermore.

For great is your love toward me; \*  
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men seeks my life; \*  
they have not set you before their eyes.

But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*  
give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.

Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; \*  
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

*A period of silence for reflection follows.*

*The People stand.*

Hymn 613

“Thy kingdom come, O God!”

*St. Cecilia*

The Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He

answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

*Gospeler*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*The People are seated.*

The Sermon

The Reverend Allen LaMontagne

*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.*

We bring to you, God, the people who we have met this week, the people who come into our minds today, the people who are hungry, lonely, suffering, or grieving. We pray for all who remain on our hearts.

Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

We bring to you, O God, our troubled world. Bring peace to those countries who are at war, fearful under the threat of terrorism, or cut down by hunger and poverty. Bring peace to our own nation and to the streets of Jacksonville.

Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

We bring to you, O God, the souls of those who have died. We ask that you would embrace them and give them the gift of eternal life.

Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

We bring to you, O God, this beautiful planet. May we learn to honor and preserve its beauty and to give thanks for its resources.

Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

We bring to you, O God, the many gifts that you have given us. We thank you for the gifts of friendship, family and for this Cathedral, our church home.

Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant concludes the prayers.*

## The Confession of Sin

*The People kneel. The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Celebrant continues*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
*Amen.*

## The Peace

*The People stand.*

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

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

## Welcome and Announcements

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### The Offertory

Panis Angelicus

César Franck

*Panis angelicus fit panis hominum;*  
May the Bread of Angels Become bread for mankind;

*Dat panis caelicus figuris terminum:*  
The Bread of Heaven puts all foreshadowings to an end;

*O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum Pauper, servus et humilis.*  
Oh, thing miraculous! The body of the Lord will nourish the poor, the servile, and the humble.

*Te trina Deitas unaque poscimus;*  
You God, Three and One, we beseech;

*Sic nos tu visita, sicut te colimus;*  
That You visit us, as we worship You.

*Per tuas semitas duc nos quo tendimus, Ad lucem quam inhabitas. Amen.*  
By Your ways, lead us where we are heading, to the light that You inhabitest. Amen.

*Karim Zabaneh, tenor*

*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 487

“Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life”

*The Call*

#### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharist Prayer A, BCP Page 361

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues*

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.



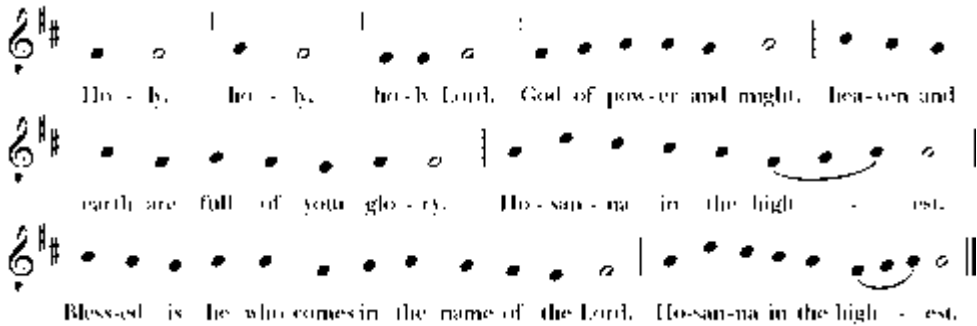
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*The Celebrant and People sing*

Sanctus

Hymnal S-124

David Hurd



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - 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.

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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

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

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

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*The Celebrant and People sing*



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

*The Celebrant continues.*

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

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

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

*The Celebrant and People say together*

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

Hymnal S-169

Ray W. Urwin

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord. My flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord." The score includes dynamic markings like *mf* and *ff*, and articulation like accents.

*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

Aria

Ich will auf den Herren schau'n, BWV 93

J. S. Bach

I will look upon the Lord and always trust my God. He is the true miracle-worker. He who can make the rich poor and bare and the poor rich and great after His will.

*Paula Merritt, soprano; David Avery, oboe; Cindy Miller, cello*

Hymn 302

“Father, we thank thee who hast planted”

*Rendez à Dieu*

Motet

Verily, verily

Thomas Tallis

Verily, verily I say unto you: except ye eat the flesh of the son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

The Postcommunion Prayer

*After Communion the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

In Procession, Hymn 423 “Immortal, invisible, God only wise”

*St. Denio*

The Dismissal

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

*People*

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Voluntary

Festal Flourish

Gordon Jacob

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*The flowers in Cummings Chapel and at the High Altar are given to the glory of God.*

## SERMON NOTES

## THIS SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, JUL. 23

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

8 a.m. Cathedral

▶ **Summer Breakfast**

9 a.m. Taliaferro Hall

During summer breakfasts, we encourage you to relax and enjoy getting to know one another. A special table in Taliaferro Hall will be designated for those who simply want to talk with others about faith and theology. There will also be a Craft Corner during the breakfast hour in Taliaferro Hall for children of all ages to enjoy.

▶ **Church on the Mat**

9:15 a.m. Cummings Chapel

Using the principles of yoga, professional teachers will lead a gentle class integrating body, mind and spirit with the reading of Scripture. Bring your yoga mat!

▶ **Care for Creation**

9:15 a.m. Ingram Lounge

Interested in learning about what you can do to care for the environment? This group seeks to promote good environmental practices in a Christian framework, and will begin discussion by reading Pope Francis' encyclical letter, *On Care for Our Common Home*. Copies are available at our bookstore for \$15.

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

10:30 a.m. Cathedral

Children's Chapel will be offered during this service in Cummings Chapel.

## NEXT SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, JUL. 30

▶ **See Sunday service times and Christian Formation offerings above.**

# THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY, JUL. 24

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

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

TUESDAY, JUL. 25

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JUL. 26

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

▶ **Faith and Film series**  
6 p.m. Taliaferro Hall  
Every Wednesday in July, join us as we explore issues of faith in film! Bring your own snacks. Child care will be provided. Discussion after the movie will be led by clergy and lay leaders. Our final movie will be *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

▶ **Art Class**  
6 p.m. Painting Place, Basement

THURSDAY, JUL. 27

▶ **Shakespeare Reading Group**  
9:30 a.m. Ingram Lounge  
The group is currently reading *Henry IV, Part 2*. For more information about the Shakespeare Reading Group, contact Peter McCranie at [petermccranie1@gmail.com](mailto:petermccranie1@gmail.com).

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

▶ **Celebration Singers Rehearsal**  
5:30 p.m. Choir Room

FRIDAY, JUL. 28

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

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

▶ **Stations of the Cross**  
5:30 p.m. Cummings Chapel  
This service is offered every fourth Friday of the month, except in November and December. All are invited.

▶ **Birthday Blessings**

Sunday, July 23  
Candy Hodgkins, Tim Miller, Rebecca Wucker

Monday, July 24  
Carol Campbell, Linda Miller-Dowie,  
Mark Hulsey, Beth Arnold, Vik Slen,  
James Mullis

Tuesday, July 25  
Bill Boling, Beth Briand

Wednesday, July 26  
John Jessee, Richard Saucier, Miriam Dillard,  
Ryan Cox, Matthew Fouraker, Kayla Little,  
Avery Meide

Thursday, July 27  
Troy Farquhar

Friday, July 28  
Allen Poucher, Brent Terry, Lily Knechtle,  
Ivy Dearsman, Liam Dearsman

Saturday, July 29  
Jay Wright, Darlene Spence, Gloria Miller,  
Cathy Corey, Jennie Richards, Connor Milo

## UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, JUL. 31

### ► **Ichetucknee Youth Group Trip**

7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Youth Group will be tubing down the Ichetucknee River. We will meet in the Cathedral Park at 7:30 a.m. to carpool to the river. The cost is \$10 for tube rental and entry to the park. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP via email to Devanne Jones at [djones@jaxcathedral.org](mailto:djones@jaxcathedral.org).

SUNDAY, AUG. 6

### ► **Reception for Helen Likins**

11:30 a.m. Taliaferro Hall

MONDAY, AUG. 7

### ► **Feed the Homeless**

2 p.m. 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.

### ► **Men's Grill 'n Chill**

6 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

All men of the cathedral are cordially invited to this fellowship dinner on the first Monday of each month. Bring your own steak (or chicken, or fish or veggie burger) to cook and a drink. A starch, vegetable, salad and bread will be provided. We suggest a donation of \$3. Men, please consider bringing your sons with you, regardless of age. This is a monthly opportunity for all the men of the cathedral to gather, so please join us!

### ► **Coming soon this fall: Civil Discourse Series at the Cathedral**

Three deliberative forums will be held over the next several months and will take place from 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in Cummings Chapel. The forums invite people to discuss difficult topics of local relevance. Forum outcomes help inform the Cathedral's ministry but also contribute to national conversations by use of post-forum questionnaires.

Health care remains a topic of national significance, and one aspect of this broad issue is caring for people at the end of life. Bonnie Bedenbaugh of Community Hospice and Jody Giles, author of *The Missing Pieces Plan*, will participate in the forum on Monday, August 21, titled *End of Life: What Should We Do for Those Who Are Dying?* On Thursday, September 14, citizens from Jacksonville will join Cathedral members to deliberate on *Safety and Justice: How Should Communities Reduce Violence?* Given the violence in Jacksonville and across the nation, the Cathedral is participating in a national conversation on this issue. The final forum for the year on Monday, November 6, will complement the Cathedral Outreach Council's multi-year emphasis on hunger in Jacksonville. We will use a dialogue resource entitled *Land of Plenty: How Should We Ensure that People Have the Food They Need?*

We want people with a range of perspectives to participate in deliberative forums. Routinely, we share concerns with family and friends about polarization and uncivil behavior reported in the media. Christ's Church can be a place to model respect for differences of opinion and work together for the common good of God's creation. Please plan to participate and indicate your interest in one or more of the forums by contacting Carl Worrell at [cworrell@jaxcathedral.org](mailto:cworrell@jaxcathedral.org).

## A FAREWELL MESSAGE

*“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.” - 1 Peter 4:10-11*

Dear Friends,

During these six years working at St. John’s Cathedral, I cannot tell you how much I have learned and grown, as I have tested and developed my gifts to the glory of God. The experiences I have had here, along with all the people I have come into contact with, have truly been a blessing for me. Even before I started working here, this place has long been a second home to me ever since I was in middle school. I fully intend to apply all that I have learned here to the opportunity that I am now preparing myself to pursue.

As many of you already know, I have accepted an offer to join the Episcopal Service Corps in South Hadley, Massachusetts, and will be leaving Jacksonville in late August. My last day in the office was this past Friday. The Episcopal Service Corps is a national network of young adults living in intentional communities devoted to service, justice, discernment and prayer. I have thought and prayed about participating in this program for several months now, and am convinced that this exciting opportunity will further help me in achieving my professional, personal and spiritual goals.

I am truly grateful for all that this cathedral community has offered me in education, mentorship and support, and will never be able to thank you enough for the wonderful opportunity it has been to work here and be with you all of these years. Please know that you will certainly be in my thoughts and prayers. I hope that you will all continue to strive together to cultivate the many gifts of this cathedral community to the glory of God.

*Helen Likins, Communications Coordinator*

*We would like to thank Helen for the countless hours she has spent in service to this glorious cathedral and its community. Helen is a child of this cathedral in its truest meaning. She grew up here, worshiping with her family, and then post-college continued to grow here as she undertook her first professional job. We are now launching her into the next chapter of her life, and she will continue her worship and service of the Lord working with the Episcopal Service Corps. We are all so grateful for the chance we have had to watch her grow in this time we have spent together. Her talents are something we have all been in awe of along the way, and she will be a true blessing to all she comes in contact with in her future endeavors. Please join us on Sunday, August 6, after the 10:30 a.m. service for a farewell celebration in her honor. We are also collecting a purse to help send her on her way as she prepares for her move to Massachusetts. Helen, we will miss you, but we are confident that this is not a goodbye, but a farewell until we see you again.*

*Meredith Cataland, Bursar*

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