

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



September 17, 2017 - 9 a.m.
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me, the promise of his word; in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.*

Hymn 437, The Hymnal 1982



A struggle for me often is precisely how and when to tell my unique story, and to whom. What does it cost me to open myself to scrutiny? Frankly, who cares, and why? A story from my life reflects these questions.

Once as a young child at church while kneeling at the Communion rail, I heard the voice of Christ say personally to me: *you are forgiven*.

Bursting with joy, I walked out after church to find people in small groups engaging in the usual after-worship banter. No one was remotely talking about the kind of experience I had. For good or ill, I chose to keep it all to myself.

Why did I hold inside the merciful greatness of the Lord I had so deeply experienced? Did I doubt what happened, or was I afraid others would not take me seriously and think me a kooky kid? I still think about that

moment when God drew so near the breath of the Spirit was upon me, and I wonder about my reticence to share it.

It seems *trust* is at the heart of the matter. In the tradition of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), each person who “works the program” is afforded well-guarded anonymity in order to speak the truth about their lives in recovery. The collective assurance of anonymity at AA meetings is what lends the program its sacrosanct integrity. People come to trust the Higher Power of AA with their very lives. **It’s clearly different in church. We do not afford people anonymity except in private Confession** where what one shares with a cleric is not for public consumption *ever*. Thus, we open ourselves, I believe, according to the perceived nature of our various audiences and the extent to which we trust God with our lives. The more we trust God and one another, the more we become vulnerable in community and share the stories of our redemption.

My story simply is of grace personified. There just is no Allen without God’s grace. I don’t blow my own horn. Rather, I am a forgiven sinner mercifully blessed to find myself in a process of miraculous recovery. Daily I work the program of faith and strive to share God as my story continues to unfold. Together, let us take courage, and tell out, our souls, the greatness of the Lord!

Fr. Allen LaMontagne

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Welcome

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Blessed be our God.
People Forever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

In Procession, The Hymnal 1982, Hymn 648 "When Israel was in Egypt's land"

The Collect of the Day

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

The Celebrant continues

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through 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

Exodus 14:19–31

Lector A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. **The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers.** At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled

before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.

The People stand.

Hymn

A Repeating Alleluia

Calvin Hampton



The Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

*Gospeler
People*

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People are seated.

The Repeating Alleluia is sung again after the reading of the Gospel.

The Sermon

The Very Reverend Kate Moorehead

A period of silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The People stand.

The Prayers of the People

All remain standing as able. The Leader and People pray responsively.

Almighty God, we bring before you this troubled world. Heal us of the hatred that infects our hearts. Help us to listen to one another. Bring peace to all races and peoples.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We are St John's Cathedral and the love of Jesus has changed our lives. Help us learn to tell our stories so that we may invite others to know you and to love you.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Help us to preserve and protect this beautiful earth that you have created, that we may use its resources wisely and with grateful hearts give you thanks.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Be present with all who are lonely, sick or suffering in any way. Show them the light of your presence and give them hope to meet the days ahead.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Embrace the souls of those who have died, that they may find peace in the true story that never ends.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

We ask you to bless the city of Jacksonville. Bring peace to our streets and understanding to our people.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers.

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.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Representatives of the congregation bring forward the People's offerings of money, and other gifts.

Offertory Anthem This Little Light of Mine Spiritual

Junior Choristers and Children's Chapel Friends

The People stand when the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar.

Celebration Hymnal 633 "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharist Prayer III Book of Common Prayer of the Church of Ireland

The People stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

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

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

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

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

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

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:

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

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

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

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, — God of
6 pow - er and might, — heaven and earth — are
11 full of your glor - ry. Ho - san - na in — the high - est.
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.

The Lord's Prayer

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 681 **“In His Time”**
Celebration Hymnal 424 **“The Servant Song”**

The Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

Following communion, Eucharistic Visitors to our homebound members may be sent forth with the following prayer.

Celebrant **In the name of St. John's Cathedral I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.**

People We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

Invitation to the Children

All children are invited to come up to the front of the church to process out with the choristers and be escorted to their Sunday School classes immediately following the service.

The Postcommunion Prayer

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People say together

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, Celebration Hymnal 407 “God Has Spoken by His Prophets”

The Dismissal

People Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

SERMON NOTES

THIS SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

► **Holy Eucharist**

8 a.m. Cummings Chapel

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9 a.m. Cathedral

► **Church on the Mat**

10 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!

► **Christian Formation for all ages**

All Christian Formation classes meet at 10 a.m.

Adult Formation

Cathedral 101 - Ingram Lounge

Are you new to the Cathedral or just want to learn more about our faith and our community? Come join us for informal discussion with clergy and lay leaders.

Dean's Forum - Taliaferro Hall

MY STORY/GOD'S STORY – Hear the stories of some of our leaders. How did they come to know God? What brought them to church? And how can we learn more about our own stories by listening to theirs?

Parents' Group - Dean's Office

Have you been called to be a parent? It is one of the hardest and most rewarding jobs that God can give us. Join parents for confidential discussion, prayer and support.

Centering Prayer - Room 301, Third Floor

Pray in silence with a small group and experience peace of mind.

Care for Creation - Room 305, Third Floor

Youth Formation

6th - 8th grades - Undercroft

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

Children's Formation

Godly Play - Cathedral House

Children ages 3 through 3rd grade are invited to learn about Jesus in an interactive Montessori-based curriculum.

3 and 4 year olds - Room 103

Kindergarten and 1st Grade - Room 104

Second and Third Grade - Room 202

Tweens (Grades 4 and 5) - Room 302

Grades 4-5 meet weekly to explore the scripture through the program The Gospel According to Harry Potter Year 1.

► **Holy Eucharist**

11 a.m. Cathedral

NEXT SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, SEPT. 24

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

► **Sister Cities Peace Concert and Reception**

5 p.m. Cathedral

► **Birthday Blessings**

Sunday, September 17

Susan Bowes, Betty Jean Randall, Nancy Pomar, Lois Lawrence, David Lofton

Monday, September 18

Carol Sims, Walker Hill, Nathan Bissette

Tuesday, September 19

Herbert Fouraker, Jr., Roger Caceres, Mark Sullivan,

Wednesday, September 20

William Fouraker, III

Thursday, September 21

Dorothy Corey, Kim Patrick

Saturday, September 23

Kimberly Mayfield, Matthew Posgay

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY, SEPT. 18

▶ **Friends of Bill W.**

5:30 p.m. Ingram Lounge

▶ **Adult Children of Alcoholics**

6 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Boy Scouts**

6 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

TUESDAY, SEPT. 19

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Yoga**

5:45 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Girl Scouts**

7 p.m. Basement “Coffee House”

▶ **Education for Ministry (EFM)**

7 p.m. Ingram Lounge

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

7 a.m. Holy Communion, Cummings Chapel

12:10 p.m. Healing Service, Cummings Chapel

▶ **Wonderful Wednesday Dinner**

5 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

Suggested donation for dinner: \$5 per adult, \$3 per child under 12

▶ **ASD Music Clinic (Grades 3-7)**

5:30 p.m. Choir Room

▶ **Musical Workshop (Third Grade and up)**

5:30 p.m. Room 202

▶ **Junior Chorister Rehearsal (Pre-K and Elementary School Ages)**

5:30 p.m. Room 201

▶ **Alpha**

6 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **The Restoration Project**

6 p.m. Ingram Lounge

▶ **Art Class**

6 p.m. Painting Place, Basement

▶ **Youth Group**

6:30 p.m. Undercroft

▶ **Choir Rehearsal**

7:30 p.m. Choir Room

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21

▶ **Shakespeare Reading Group**

9:30 a.m., Room 304

The group is currently reading *Henry IV, Part 2*.

For more information about the Shakespeare Reading Group, contact Peter McCranie at petermccranie1@gmail.com.

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Celebration Singers Rehearsal**

5:30 p.m. Choir Room

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22

▶ **Lectionary Bible Study**

10 a.m. Ingram Lounge

▶ **Clara’s at the Cathedral**

11 a.m. Taliaferro Hall

▶ **Contemplative Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

► **Online Member Portal and Church Life app**

Currently, our Bursar, Meredith Cataland, is actively enrolling each of you who are pledging our online membership portal called Access ACS. We encourage you to complete the steps in your welcome email that instruct you how to create your password for the portal. There are several benefits to using this service:

- It makes it easier for you to contact each other, and your small group members using the associated Church Life app.
- It enables you to give online.
- It allows you to access our calendar of events online and through the Church Life app.
- It enables you to view your giving and pledge history.
- It gives you control to edit you membership information.
- It's safe and secure. **Only you can see your membership information.** None of your information is accessible by other Cathedral members, and especially not to the public.
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► **Bookstore News**

Dean Kate's new Advent book, *I Witness—Living Inside the Stories of Advent & Christmas*, is available in the bookstore. Many of us have heard the story of Jesus' birth, but have we lived inside it? Dean Kate invites us to enter the story of salvation with our hearts and minds wide open, experiencing the miracle of Jesus through the eyes of witnesses: Zechariah, Elizabeth, Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, the wise men, and others. This book of daily devotionals for Advent and Christmas is attractively priced for gift giving at only \$7. Dean Kate will sign copies in the bookstore for fifteen minutes after the 11 a.m. service. All proceeds will support St. John's Community Outreach projects.

► **St. Mary's Bag-a-Month Club**

Donate to those in need at St. Mary's! The theme for September is Soups and Cereals. Pick up a marked brown bag this Sunday, fill it and bring it back before the last Sunday of the month.

► **Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD)**

ERD is actively helping hurricane victims in Texas and Florida. To make a donation online, visit their website: www.episcopalrelief.org. If you prefer to send a check, make your check payable to Episcopal Relief & Development Hurricane Fund and mail it to: Episcopal Relief & Development, P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058. Your money will get where it is most needed more quickly if you send it directly to ERD rather than to St. John's Cathedral.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17

► **Area Ultreya**

4 p.m. St. Francis In-the-Field Church, 895 Palm Valley Rd, Ponte Vedra Beach
Please bring a covered dish to share.

SUNDAY, OCT. 1

► **Blessing of the Animals** - St. Francis of Assisi Day

9 a.m. Cathedral Park

► **Civic Orchestra Concert and Reception**

5 p.m. Cathedral

MONDAY, OCT. 2

► **Cathedral Arts Project Inaugural Golf Tournament**

12:30 p.m. shotgun start at Deerwood Country Club

Your involvement will make it possible for CAP to provide the resources and supplies our students need to learn and create. You will help provide them with opportunities to explore their creativity, become critical thinkers and develop the skills that will help them succeed not only in school, but also in life. Contact Jennifer Clements at jennifer@capkids.org to learn more.

SATURDAY, OCT. 7

► **Dr. Philip Jenkins: The Future of Religion**

5 p.m. Cathedral

Come hear Dr. Philip Jenkins speak about the future of religion. How should we interpret the enormous success of prosperity churches across the Global South? Politically, what will be the impact of new Christian movements? Jenkins is the Distinguished Professor of History at Baylor University and Co-Director of Baylor's program on Historical Studies of Religion in the Institute for Studies of Religion. His most recent book, *The Next Christendom*, is available in the bookstore.

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

TUESDAY, OCT. 10

► **Walking the Mourner's Path**

1:30 p.m. Bernie Dooley Library in the Center for Prayer and Spirituality.

This Christ-centered, bereavement and grief support program is a non-denominational, non-profit ministry. We meet for 90 minutes once a week for eight weeks. A workbook offers questions for reflection, and exercises help you define a new relationship with your loved one and find God's direction for your life. As a participant, you are not required to share, however you are provided a safe environment in which to express as little or as much as you need. To learn more, contact Owene Courtney at Owene_courtney@yahoo.com or 904.553.7338. More information can also be found at www.mournerspath.com.

SUNDAY, OCT. 15

► **Book Signing, *The Reformation Project*, by Christopher Martin**

Coffee hour reception after 11 a.m. service in Tafiaferro Hall

Exploring Saint Benedict's twelve steps of humility, Christopher H. Martin reveals how this ancient guide leads to wisdom, strength, and love. Martin, an Episcopal priest, invites us to imagine how we are like Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting, *The Last Supper*, which through years of restoration has had its beauty and clarity revealed as a masterpiece. The book is available in the Cathedral Bookstore.

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