

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

**“For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance”**

Matthew 25:29a



November 19, 2017 - 8 a.m.  
The Twenty-Fourth 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 1960s, 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

## MUSIC AS EVANGELISM

Today, people, especially our young adults and new families, are reversing the last generation's trend of suburbanization and moving back to cities. For better or worse, the economy is changing, linking us to every corner of the globe in just a few transactions. The way Americans "do religion" is changing, too. More and more people identify as "Nones," or those who claim no religious affiliation or identification, not even agnostic. Today's young adults are the first generation widely raised by the "unchurched," and many don't find most popularized expressions of religious worship attractive. As a member of Generation X, these issues are not only academic for me, they are also my lived reality, things that I think about nearly every day.



As Americans return to our city centers, they will increasingly find at their beating hearts the **Cathedrals of the Episcopal Church. Like St. John's, they are there, working in their downtown neighborhoods** and worshipping God with a joyful sound in beautiful surroundings. The music of the worldwide Anglican Communion attracts a broad range of listeners and admirers from all walks of life. It has the power to touch minds and move hearts. It is a vehicle to share worship, build empathy, and weave bonds between diverse peoples. The wellspring of my enthusiasm for sacred music is this power to connect people to each other and to God.

Ours is an ancient tradition, like an unbroken golden thread, reaching back with words that were **spoken in the catacombs of Rome. When we invoke God with the plea, "The Lord be with you,"** when we sing music written over the centuries, we stand with a great cloud of witnesses transfixed not only by the imminence of God but by his eminence. Our ancient liturgies create a window to transcendence, and through music coupled with the Sacraments and the Word, we create a space for the contemplation of the Divine.

The uniqueness and the authenticity of our sacred music within the Anglican tradition reaches the **increasingly jaded ranks of the "Nones" in a way that no carefully crafted advertising campaign** ever can. Working in collaboration with young artists, I have learned how a generation that has grown up under a constant barrage of advertising responds to the world around them. For those who have always known a world with 500 TV channels and an always-on Internet, encounters with authentic art and music are powerful spiritual experiences. Music, in the context of our liturgical tradition, can be an amazing tool for bringing together a diverse group of people into a congregation worshipping together with many voices, but one heart, proclaiming the radical welcome of the Gospel.

Timothy Tuller  
Canon for Music

# 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. Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

Hymn 615

““Thy Kingdom come!” on bended knee”

*St. Flavian*

## 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 Celebrant and the People say together*

## The Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## The Collect of the Day

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

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*The People are seated.*

## The Lesson

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

*Lector* A reading from the First Book of Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come **like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction** will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at

night, and those who are drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

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

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*The Psalm is read in unison.*

## Psalm 123

To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to the Lord our God, \*  
until he show us his mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud.

*A period of silence for reflection follows.*

*The People stand.*

## The Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

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

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put

you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

*Gospeler*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*The People are seated.*

The Sermon

The Very Reverend Kate Moorehead

*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.*

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.*

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## 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

*Representatives of the congregation bring forward the People's offerings of money, and other gifts. The People stand when the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar.*

Hymn 380, stanza 3      **“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”**      *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving      Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361

*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 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.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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 say*

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*

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 say*

Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

*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,

*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* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*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.*

## 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.*

Hymn 561

“Stand up, stand up for Jesus”

*Morning Light*

## 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 at the High Altar are given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for the forty-ninth wedding anniversary of Tom and Sheila Burrell. The flowers at the Ascension and Holy Communion Altars are given in thanksgiving for the prayers and well wishes during Cursillo weekend by Nicole Lashley.*

## 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 - Dean's Office

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

Ken Meyers will continue to explore how our stories can be used of God to make a difference in the lives of others.

Parents' Group - Ingram Lounge

Parents offer each other prayer and support. We are discussing the book *The Love Dare for Parents*, by Stephen and Alex Kendrick.

Coffee, Tea and English - Room 305

Informal class to learn the English language.

Youth Formation

6th - 8th grades - Undercroft

9th - 12th grades - Room 304

### **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, NOV. 26

### ► **Sunday Service times and Christian**

Formation offerings remain the same.

### ► **NEW LOCATION: Area Ultreya**

4 p.m. Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 7500 Southside Boulevard, Jacksonville, 32256  
Bring a covered dish to share.

### ► **St. Andrew's Evensong**

5 p.m. Cathedral

A St. John's favorite, a Festal Evensong in honor of the patron saint of Scotland featuring the Cathedral Choir, Jacksonville Pipes & Drums, and the Cathedral Brass. Canon for Music Timothy Tuller will conduct the choir in works by Ossewaarde, Mendelssohn, and Barnard. Tuller will play the César Franck's Choral No. 1 in E Major on the Cathedral's magnificent pipe organ. Taliaferro Hall will be decked in tartan for the reception following the service. The Cathedral Bookstore will have lots of items for sale and Dean Kate will sign copies of *I Witness: Living Inside the Stories of Advent and Christmas*, just in time for Christmas gift giving.

# THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY, NOV. 20

▶ **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, NOV. 21

▶ **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, NOV. 22

CATHEDRAL OFFICES CLOSE AT NOON

▶ **Holy Eucharist**

7 a.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ **Healing Service**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

▶ NO WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY DINNER OR CLASSES—THANKSGIVING BREAK

▶ **Choir Rehearsal**

7:30 p.m. Choir Room

THURSDAY, NOV. 23

THANKSGIVING DAY

▶ **Holy Eucharist and Potluck**

10:30 a.m. Cathedral and Taliaferro Hall

FRIDAY, NOV. 24

CATHEDRAL OFFICES CLOSED

▶ **Birthday Blessings**

Sunday, Nov. 19

Melanie Litton, Jackson Sullivan, Mackenzie Sullivan

Monday, Nov. 20

Randy Dean

Tuesday, Nov. 21

Bo Parker, Mark Hulsey IV

Wednesday, Nov. 22

John Adams, Grace Smith, Pierce Hazleton, Jr.

Thursday, Nov. 23

Marcia Tjoflat, Art Jennette, Steven Johnston

Friday, Nov. 24

Spook Hill

Saturday, Nov. 25

Christopher Delaney, Denise MacKenzie, Cynthia Meyers, Marianne Aho, Grace Richardson, Lerato Seane, Austin Petteway

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ► **Thanksgiving Greens from Fresh Ministries**

Just in time for Thanksgiving, the bookstore is selling spinach and mixed salad greens from Fresh Ministries today. Only \$4 per bag.

### ► **St. Mary's Bag-a-Month Club - November**

Donate to those in need at St. Mary's! The theme for November is toys and gifts for children and adults. Pick up a marked brown bag this Sunday and fill it with unwrapped gifts so parents and children of St. Mary's can shop in their "Santa Shop." Bring your bags back by November 26.

### ► **Donate Thanksgiving Flowers**

You can contribute donations towards altar flowers for our Thanksgiving Day Eucharist, Thursday, November 23 at 10:30 a.m. in honor of your loved ones. Donations made by the end of the day today will be listed in the Thanksgiving bulletin. Envelopes are located in the pews, or donate online at [www.jaxcathedral.org](http://www.jaxcathedral.org) and click "Donate Altar Flowers" under the Give tab.

### ► **Order Christmas Cards from Cathedral Arts Project**

Send a meaningful message to your loved ones this season with holiday cards featuring original artwork by Cathedral Arts Project students. All proceeds directly benefit underserved students enrolled in CAP's arts education programs throughout Duval County. \$20 – Set of 15 cards (blank inside) with envelopes \$5 shipping, or free pick-up at the CAP offices.

Purchase online at <https://capkids.ejoinme.org/holidaycards>

### ► **Call for Vestry and Convention Delegate Nominations**

The Vestry Nominating Committee will nominate candidates for vacancies on the Vestry as well as Delegates to the Diocesan Convention. The election for those positions will be conducted at the Parish Annual Meeting on February 4, 2018. Parish members are encouraged to submit the names of nominees to Nancy Purcell, Communications Director, at [npurcell@jaxcathedral.org](mailto:npurcell@jaxcathedral.org). It is important that you obtain the permission of your nominee before submitting his or her name to the Nominating Committee. Nominations will be forwarded to and reviewed by the nominating committee members: Kirk Altman, Martha Cox, Robert Hyde, Claude Moulton, Joe O'Shields, and Faye Wisner. Nominations must be submitted by December 5, 2017.

Qualifications for Vestry members (4 to be elected): A Vestry nominee 1) must be a communicant of St. John's Cathedral in good standing for a period of at least 12 months prior to election; 2) if a nominee has served two full terms (for a total of six years), there must be a two-year break before he or she may be nominated again; 3) must be actively involved in the ministries of the Parish; 4) must be willing to accept active leadership, including responsibility for decision making that represents the entire Parish; 5) must, if called upon, serve on the boards of affiliated corporations of the Cathedral; 6) must be willing to invest the time necessary in the ministry of leadership, including attendance at worship, Vestry meetings and other scheduled Vestry activities, special events, and satellite activities; and 7) must be otherwise eligible. In addition to the above qualifications contained in the bylaws, the Vestry believes that nominees for service should possess special skills, gifts and talents in visionary and strategic thinking, be courageous, and have skills in fiscal planning and policy. Finally, the Vestry is seeking members who represent the diverse composition of our congregation.

Diocesan Convention Delegates (2 to be elected): The Senior Warden fills one of the five delegate positions. The remaining four delegates serve two year terms, with one or two rotating off each year. At the 2018 Annual Meeting, we will elect two delegates and two alternates for the 2018 Diocesan Convention.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, DEC. 1

### ► **ESJ Christmas Concert**

7 p.m. Cathedral

ESJ Fine Arts Department present Light of the World Christmas Concert featuring ESJ choral and instrumental ensembles. Admission is free and all are invited.

FRIDAY, DEC. 1—SUNDAY, DEC. 3

### ► **Yoga & Christian Contemplative Prayer Retreat**

Friday 6 p.m. through Sunday, 1 p.m. Camp Weed and Cerveny Conference Center

Come experience the delightful blending of the physical practice of yoga with the enduring traditions of Christian contemplative prayer. No yoga experience needed. Facilitated by Michelle Carew-Bessette, RYT200 Contemplative Prayer Practice Teacher and Christian Healer. Rates: Single Occupancy \$274, Double Occupancy \$159, Commuter Rate for Saturday participation only \$52. For more information, contact Sue Engemann: (904) 356-1328 ext. 10.

SUNDAY, DEC. 3

### ► **Save the Date: Advent Wreath Making**

10 a.m.

There will be no Christian Formation classes so that all may create an advent wreath to take home. All supplies will be provided; a \$10 donation is suggested.

SUNDAY, DEC. 3

### ► **Advent Procession with Carols**

5 p.m. Cathedral

A glorious service of song and movement from darkness to light in anticipation of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Music by Weir, Josquin, Bruckner, Case and others. Reception to follow.

SATURDAY, DEC. 9

### ► **Karim Zabaneh in Concert: Christmas Bells Are Ringing**

6 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

The Cathedral Choir of St. John's is proud to present this wonderful Christmas Concert featuring Karim Zabaneh in a return performance with special guests and surprises for 2017! Proceeds from this benefit concert will supplement the Choir's lodging expenses while singing in residence at Washington National Cathedral in 2018. Please support the 2018 Choir Pilgrimage by purchasing tickets for your friends and family today! Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased in the breezeway after the 9 and 11 a.m. services and at Wonderful Wednesday Dinner in Taliaferro Hall.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13

### ► **Ye Old Christmas Dinner**

5:30 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

We invite you to join us for a traditional English Christmas dinner as Taliaferro Hall is transformed into an enchanted evening filled with scrumptious fare, carolers singing of the joys of the season and holiday cheer. We'll add a little "pop" to the evening with classic Victorian Christmas crackers! The menu highlights our very own Chef Heather's creations, including mouthwatering prime rib and oven roasted chicken, a variety of tasty vegetable accompaniments, and ending with a posh panettone bread pudding topped with delectable maple whisky Bavarian sauce. Adult tickets are \$15, with children's tickets (12 & under) at \$5. Tickets are on sale today after each service.

# SERMON NOTES

## ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

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