

Welcome to St. John's Cathedral



Mercy and truth have met together...

Psalm 85: 10a

December 10, 2017 - 9 a.m.
The Second 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

THE YE OLDE ENGLISH CHRISTMAS DINNER THIS WEDNESDAY

Christmas dinner is one of the biggest and most special meals of the year. It is a chance to enjoy a wonderful feast with family and loved ones. At St. John's Cathedral we offer a special Christmas meal experience in the form of an Olde English Christmas dinner to enjoy with your parish loved ones.

This is a family affair with something special for all ages. Taliaferro Hall will be adorned in Christmas garland, wreaths and candlelight, with a special evening of entertainment from our Celebration Singers and a Sing Along. There will be interactive tables for children and youth. In the English tradition, the fare will be prime rib with all the fixings. The evening begins with a Wassail Punch, a spicy apple cider, traditionally served

hot in the winter months with hors d'oeuvres. The evening ends with a POP! as we snap open our Christmas Crackers and share the jokes and treasures inside.



Menu: Prime Rib, Herb Chicken, Potatoes with Garlic Butter, Candied Carrots, Mixed Vegetables, and Orange Panettone with Maple Whisky Bavarian Sauce.

Doors open at 5 p.m.
Dinner served at 6 p.m.

Space is filling up, so purchase your tickets today! Adult tickets are \$15, children (12 & under) are \$5. Tickets are sold after each service this morning.

This is a Christmas tradition that can be enjoyed by all and certainly should not be missed!

"The earth has grown old with its burden of care, but at Christmas it always is young. The heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair and its soul full of music breaks the air, when the song of angels is sung."
~ Phillips Brooks (1835-93), American Episcopal bishop who wrote 'O Little Town of Bethlehem.'



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Music before the Service

“My Soul in Stillness Waits”
St. John’s Celebration Singers

Marty Haugen

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 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, Celebration Hymnal 240 “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The People are seated.

The Lesson

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Lector A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter.

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth,

where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.

The People stand.

Celebration Hymnal 243 “Emmanuel”

The Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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*

Eternal God, in this season of Advent, awaken your whole Church to see our unity more than what divides us; Give us strength and courage to find quiet moments to sit still and wait for you to come. Lord, we wait for you.

Lord, come among us.

We give you thanks for the gift of our lives, our loved ones and the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus. Lord, we wait for you.

Lord, come among us.

We ask your blessing on all who are sick, grieving, struggling with poverty or alone during the holidays. (We pray especially for...) Lord, we wait for you.

Lord, come among us.

We ask you to bring peace to the world and to this our city, that we may respect and honor one another. Lord, we wait for you.

Lord, come among us.

We ask you to help us learn to tell the truth of our stories so that other people may be drawn to you. Lord, we wait for you.

Lord, come among us.

We ask you to welcome into your embrace those who we love who have died, that they may see you face to face. (We remember especially...) Lord, we wait for you.

Lord, come among us.

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.

Silence

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 says

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 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

“The Annunciation” and “The Magnificat”
from Holden Evening Prayer
St. John’s Celebration Singers

Marty Haugen

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

“Come thou long expected Jesus”

Eucharistic Prayer III

BCP 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

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

ever praising you and singing:

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 562

“Be Thou My Vision”

Celebration Hymnal 713

“Seek Ye First”

Invitation to Parents and their Children

SERMON NOTES

There are no Sunday school classes today. All children and parents are invited to make Advent Wreaths together in Burwell Court and the Bishop’s Garden after the service.

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 435 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

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 at the High Altar are given to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Sara Jane Ashurst Ferris, and in gratitude for my life by Sally Ferris.

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
A gentle yoga class with the reading of Scripture.
Bring your yoga mat!

► **Christian Formation**
All Christian Formation classes meet at 10 a.m.

► Please note: this is the last Sunday of
Christian Formation classes for all ages
before the holidays. Classes will resume
January 7.

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

NEXT SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

Joe O'Shields will join Dean Kate for the
History of St. John's Cathedral (Part 2)

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
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

SUNDAY, DEC. 17

► **Sunday service times remain the same.**

► **Christmas Pageant**

9 a.m. Cathedral
Our Christmas Pageant will be held during the
9 a.m. service. Mandatory rehearsal at 10 a.m.
on Saturday, December 16 in the cathedral. We
welcome ALL children to participate, and we
also need adults to volunteer. For more
information or to volunteer, please contact
Cheryl Bowen at 904-348-0922 or
cherydi33@icloud.com or Terry Hunt at 904-
629-0470 or thunt@jaxcathedral.org.

► **Birthday Blessings**

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday, December 10
Jackie Gahan

Monday, December 11
Beth Wilson

Tuesday, December 12
Linda Stem, Beverly Bonaparte,
Hayley Hakimian

Wednesday, December 13
John Barry, Robert Hyde, Rose Lindblad,
Keith Reed, Carol Mackoul

Thursday, December 14
Tom Vickery, Nancy Altman

Friday, December 15
Robert Burns, Lynda Erwin, Amy Currey

Saturday, December 16
Emmy Cerveny, Anil Suthar, Gus Hubert,
Paul Moriarty

MONDAY, DEC. 11

► **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, DEC. 12

► **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, DEC. 13

► **Holy Eucharist**
7 a.m. Cummings Chapel

► **Healing Service**
12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

► **Ye Olde Christmas Dinner**
5 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

See page 3 for more information.

► **Please note: Wonderful Wednesday**
Dinners and Classes will resume January 10.

► **Choir Rehearsal**
7:15 p.m. Choir Room

THURSDAY, DEC. 14

► **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.

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

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

FRIDAY, DEC. 15

► **Clara's at the Cathedral**
11 a.m. Taliaferro Hall

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

SATURDAY, DEC. 16

► **An Advent Quiet Garden Morning**
9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Ingram Lounge

Advent Visitations led by Dr. Joy Carol. In the
story of visitations, Mary traveled to her cousin
Elizabeth. They both had listened to God and
responded with courage and were blessed with
God’s “favor.” Mary expected that something

important would be at the trip's end. Her travel to Elizabeth was a journey of the heart.

Whenever we meet one another or enter a significant human encounter, we should do so with intention and care. The words we share have power—to comfort, to heal, to cause pain. There should be no room for carelessness in our interactions with others. Holy energy is carried within each of us. When we earnestly care for one another, our meetings are like Mary and Elizabeth's visitation. We too need to listen to God and respond with courage, for God's favor is offered to each of us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

► Christmas gift ideas!

The Cathedral Bookstore is taking new orders for the popular prayer T-shirts: "PRAYER The world's greatest wireless connection." Available in a variety of colors, \$15. The deadline for ordering is Tuesday, December 12. Email Kathryn at cathedralbookstore@jaxcathedral.org for more information or to place an order. A new shipment of hand cast, bronze Celtic crosses and a special Nativity from Ireland-based Wild Goose Studio has arrived! Supplies are limited, so come by the bookstore if you would like to see these beautiful pieces.

► Get Your Greens from Fresh Ministries

See Kathryn Bissette in the Cathedral Bookstore to buy greens and more from Fresh Ministries today! Just \$4/bag.

► Order Christmas Cards from CAP

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. Please obtain the permission of your nominee before submitting his or her name. Nominations will be reviewed by the nominating committee members: Kirk Altman, Martha Cox, Robert Hyde, Claude Moulton, Joe O'Shields, and Faye Wisner.

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

Season's Blessings

Advent and Christmas at St. John's Cathedral

rotating off each year. At the 2018 Annual

Meeting, we will elect two delegates and two

Wednesday, December 13

Ye Olde English Christmas Dinner, **
5 p.m.

Save the date! Join us for this parish-wide holiday
celebration of good food and good cheer!

Sunday, December 17

Third Sunday of Advent
Christmas Pageant, 9 a.m.*

Celebrate the coming of Christ through story
and art from our talented cathedral children.

Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist
8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.*

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4 p.m., Family Service with Holy
Eucharist*

6 p.m., Holy Eucharist with Bishop
Howard and brass and tympani*

11 p.m., Holy Eucharist with Dean
Moorehead and brass and tympani - incense
will be used at this service.

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist
in celebration of the birth of Christ.

Sunday, December 31

New Year's Eve

The Festival of Nine Lessons and
Carols, 5 p.m.

A candlelight service of Christmas scripture and traditional carols sung by the
Cathedral Choir.

*Nursery available

**Ticket Purchase Required

alternates for the 2018 Diocesan Convention.

► Angel Tree Christmas 2017

All Angel ornament/gift tags from the Angel Tree have been chosen! Thank you! Please wrap the gift, enclosing a gift receipt, and stick the top half of the Angel tag sticker on the wrapped gift to identify it, or tape a handmade tag to the gift. Return the gift to church by noon on Sunday, December 17. We need help delivering gifts to families!!! This is a very meaningful and blessed way to spend an afternoon. You can choose to deliver to one family or more, and choose from different neighborhoods. If interested, please contact Megan Cochran at (904) 233-9583.

► Art Exhibit: Raquel

Now through

Hall

The present paintings by Raquel works formed by a vision. style, ranging from Cezanne-like work suggests early and shows the native Spain. The through the

January Taliaferro

exhibition of is a beautiful array of mature artistic Impressionistic in classic images to paintings, Raquel's Cubist landscapes influence of her paintings are for sale bookstore.



