

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



February 25, 2018 - 8 a.m.
The Second Sunday in Lent

LOVE *at the* CORE.



Welcome to St. John's Cathedral!

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 ministries to care for the homeless, the children and the elderly and to promote the arts, education and healthcare.

We are now striving to create a vibrant neighborhood around Billy Goat Hill—Cathedral District Jax—a place where diverse peoples of many income levels can live and grow together. We believe that by worshiping and serving God in **the urban core, we can catch a glimpse of God's love.**

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

For the latest news and events at the Cathedral, visit our website (jaxcathedral.org) and follow us on Facebook and Twitter (@jaxcathedral). On the website, you may subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter, the Eagle. Print copies of the Eagle are available at the back of the Sanctuary and on the credenza outside Cummings Chapel.

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. Thank you for silencing your cell phone.

Hymn 401

“The God of Abraham praise”

Leoni

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People His mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant says

“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” – 1 John 1:8-9

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People kneel. Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant and People say

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 stands and 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 Kyrie

The People remain kneeling and say:

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People Christ, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The People are seated.

Lector A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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 22:22-30

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.

My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord'S for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.

The People stand.

The Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

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

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But **turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."** He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, **"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."**

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

The People are seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Robert V. Lee
Founder, Chairman and CEO of Fresh Ministries

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

During the Prayers of the People, the People's responses are in italics.

O God, you are always true to us in love, help us to become more like you, to grow in love and in service to you. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Comfort the sick and the suffering, Lord Christ. Be with the lonely and with those who mourn. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bring peace to the world, O Christ, for only you can bring reconciliation between nations and peoples. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Guide the leaders of this nation in the ways of justice and peace. Help us all to listen to one another with open minds and hearts, to communicate, to articulate and to learn from one another. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Help us to preserve and cherish this beautiful earth that you have given us. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Keep us faithful, O Christ, in this season of Lent, that we may be enriched by the practices and disciplines that we have adopted during these forty days. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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.

Welcome

THE HOLY COMMUNION

As the Altar is prepared for Communion, representatives of the congregation collect the offerings of the People. You may also text the dollar amount of your gift to 904-584-3116.

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

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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. Then 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 to 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,

People and Celebrant

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. Then may be sung or said.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Celebrant and People say the Agnus Dei.

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

People have mercy on us.

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

People have mercy on us.

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

People grant us peace.

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.)

The Lord's Table is open to all. Baptized persons are welcome to receive communion. Unbaptized persons are invited to the altar to receive a blessing. To signify that you do not desire communion, please cross your arms over your chest, and a priest will administer a blessing.

Postcommunion Prayer

The Celebrant says
Let us pray.

The People kneel. The Celebrant and People say

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.

Announcements

Hymn 441

“In the cross of Christ I glory”

Rathbun

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

People

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*The greens at the High Altar and Cummings Chapel are given to the glory of God,
in loving memory of Betty Avery and Thomas Streets
and in thanksgiving for Cindy Miller.*

SHARING GOD’S LOVE – ONE HOMELESS FAMILY AT A TIME

For a few weeks each year, through the Family Promise program, our historic Cathedral opens its doors to become home to a handful of families that have temporarily become homeless. Family Promise of Jacksonville is a nonprofit, interfaith hospitality network providing temporary assistance and case



management for families with children experiencing homelessness. Family Promise has an 85% success rate in getting families back into homes. Our church building and our congregation are a big part of that success. Not only do we host families, but Cathedral Bookstore will grant a portion of its sales in 2018 to Family Promise.

During the weeks that we host, St. John’s welcomes two to three homeless families with open arms. Taliaferro Hall becomes a family dining room with Cathedral volunteers providing weekday dinners. During these dinners, guest families share experiences and laughs, and many will share their stories with their Cathedral hosts. At night, our Sunday school classrooms are transformed into bedrooms and living rooms. In the morning, Family Promise staff arrive to pick up the families and take the kids to school.

Think about being a part of this special ministry. Opportunities include cooking and serving (or dropping off) dinner, being an overnight host (sleeping in Ingram Lounge), providing groceries, staying at the church on a Saturday or Sunday to host families as they come and go, or helping to fund this work. This year in America, more than 2.5 million children and their parents will experience homelessness. You can help families along the road to sustainable independence.

FAMILY PROMISE LUNCHEON AND VOLUNTEER TRAINING TODAY

after the 11 a.m. service
Ingram Lounge

Mark Landschoot, executive director for Family Promise of Jacksonville, will share about the significant impact on homeless families that Family Promise is making, as well as **provide everything you need to know to volunteer during the Cathedral’s next Family Promise week (March 18 – 25).** If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or perhaps just learning more, this is the perfect opportunity!

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