

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



March 11, 2018 - 9 a.m.
The Fourth 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 SJC Eagle. Print copies of the Eagle are available at the back of the Sanctuary and on the credenza outside Cummings Chapel.

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

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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 314 (stanzas 1 & 2) "What Wondrous Love"

The Gospel

John 3:14-21

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Celebration Hymnal 314 (stanzas 3 & 4) "What Wondrous Love"

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

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

O God, you are always true to us in love, help your whole Church 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. Embrace the souls of those who have died. 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

Offertory Take This Moment (from *Love from Below*) The Iona Community
St. John's Celebration Singers

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.

Celebration Hymnal 488 "Just As I Am"

The Great Thanksgiving

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 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.

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 633

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

Celebration Hymnal 640

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Invitation to Parents and their Children

All children are invited to attend our Sunday School classes immediately following the service. Parents are encouraged to escort their children to Sunday School class. If you are unsure of where your child's Sunday School class is located, Terry Hunt, our Director of Children's Ministries, is at the back of the sanctuary to assist you.

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.

Announcements

In Procession, Celebration Hymnal 342 “Rock of Ages”

The Dismissal

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

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

SERMON NOTES

CERVENY SPEAKERS SERIES: MARCH 17 & 18

Dear Friends,

Bishop Frank Cerveny was the sixth Bishop in the Diocese of Florida and served for 18 years (1974–1992). Before that, he was the fifth **Dean of St. John’s Cathedral**. His ministry has had a lasting and profound impact on many of us. Last year, some of our parishioners decided that we needed to find a way to honor him. We quietly began a campaign called Preserve and Proclaim: Honoring The Rt. Rev. Frank Cerveny.



The Rt. Rev. Frank Cerveny

We raised pledges for the Preservation Fund to endow our beautiful building, and specifically to **endow our pulpit in Frank’s honor**. In addition, many donors also contributed to a Proclaim Fund (Cerveny Speakers Series), so that we could create a small endowment to bring great preachers, writers and speakers to the Cathedral each year in perpetuity.

We launched the Cerveny Speakers Series last fall. Our first speaker was Frank’s son, The Rev. Billy Cerveny, who preached a powerful sermon about what it was like to grow up as the son of a Dean and Bishop in this Diocese. Our second speaker, Jan Karon, will be with us March 17th and 18th. Jan is the author of the New York Times bestselling Mitford novels. As famous as she is, Jan is also a good friend of the Cervenys and is coming free of charge as a love-offering to them!

At the Meet & Greet, Saturday, March 17, Jan will converse with me and you will have the opportunity to greet her. Saturday will also feature a Mitford-style tea hosted by the Daughters of the King. Then, Jan will return to preach at the Cathedral on Sunday morning at the 9 and 11 a.m. services. She’ll be sharing the story of her faith—a story she has not shared publicly before.

I invite you to join us in honoring Bishop Frank Cerveny. Join us in hearing Jan Karon, a great speaker and writer. And, join us in supporting Preserve and Proclaim Honoring The Rt. Rev. Frank Cerveny with a donation to the Preserve and Proclaim Fund. When giving online, please specify in the memo field whether you want to donate to the Preservation Fund or the Proclaim Fund (Speakers Series).

We give thanks for a great leader in our church and for the opportunity to honor him.

In Christ’s love,
Kate+

Remember to RSVP for the Meet & Greet with Jan Karon on Saturday, March 17.
The event is free, but an RSVP is requested to help us accommodate you!
RSVP to rsvp@jaxcathedral.org

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