

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



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The Fifth Sunday in Lent

LOVE *at the* CORE.



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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

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Jan Karon, Author and Cerveny Speakers Series Guest, Preaching

The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead, Celebrating

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.

Welcome

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.*

In Procession, Celebration Hymnal 403 **“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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

Hebrews 5:5-10

Lector A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said

to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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 12:20-33

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

Jan Karon, Author and Cerveny Speakers Series Guest Preacher

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.

A Thanksgiving for the Adoption of Children

BCP p. 440

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

God is So Good
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Paul Makai
Folk Melody from India
Arr. Eugene Thomas

St. John's Junior Choristers

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
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.

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 596 “I Surrender All”
Celebration Hymnal 460 “Let Us Break Bread Together”

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 548 “As the Deer”

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

Staff and Vestry Attend The Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes—CEEP (February 21–24)

At CEEP, Donna Meyers-Perry, Meredith Cataland, Chris Steilberg and Claude Moulton met with community leaders, Christ followers, stewards and thinkers within the Episcopal Church. The conference offered over 60 workshops and lectures sandwiched between Morning Prayer and Evensong in beautiful San Antonio, Texas. **One of CEEP’s goals is to help the church have a greater relevance and impact in our rapidly changing world.** Here are just a few takeaways from Cathedral staff participants, Meredith and Donna.



This was my third time attending the CEEP conference. Every time I’ve been invigorated by new thoughts and ideas. This year, I focused on planned/legacy giving and stewardship workshops. Planned/legacy giving is all about looking at the **future of St. John’s Cathedral.** **In truth, it usually takes 7–10 years to see the fruits of a planned giving campaign.** Crafting a will is a pastoral event that takes care and **conversation to help your loved ones after you’re gone.** The major takeaway I got from the planned/legacy giving workshops boils down to this question: *What do you want your legacy to look like?*

In the stewardship workshops, there was more talk this year than ever before about sharing our **stories to build community and inspire giving.** **I was so proud that we’ve already been doing this** and shared with my fellow attendees that this was the focus of our most recent pledge campaign! I also took away a few ideas for our 2019 campaign. ~ *Meredith Cataland*



In a workshop titled “Your Vocation as a Church,” I learned that long-term sustainability comes when a congregation clearly identifies what it is most passionate about rather than trying to be all things to all people. We must ask, *If the Cathedral disappeared, would there be a void in our community?* We know we are successful when people outside of the parish affirm our work. What is the fruit that results from our interaction with the community? Do we have a process to ensure we are making the right decisions?

In another workshop, “Engaging Millennials,” I learned about this generation of optimistic, passionate young adults looking for direction and how they are changing the way we communicate. Specifically, our communications must be interactive (think social media!) and highlight people over programs. ~ *Donna Meyers-Perry*

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The Right Reverend Samuel Johnson Howard

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and The Right Reverend Dorsey F. Henderson

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