

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



April 8, 2018 - 8 a.m.
The Second Sunday of Easter

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

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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.

Hymn 210

“The day of resurrection”

Ellacombe

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of **reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The People are seated.

The Lesson

Acts 4:32-35

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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 133

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,

Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.

The People stand.

The Gospel

John 20:19-31

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

The People are seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Canon Allen LaMontagne

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.

Almighty God, we give you thanks and praise for the resurrection of your son Jesus Christ. May every member of Christ's Church follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. (We pray especially for those who have died...)

Risen Christ, *Hear our prayer.*

May we cherish this earth that you have given us and use its resources wisely.

Risen Christ, *Hear our prayer.*

Bless and comfort all those who are sick, suffering, lonely or in any kind of trouble. (We pray especially for...)

Risen Christ, *Hear our prayer.*

Guide all the nations and peoples of this earth, that we may learn to honor one another and live in peace.

Risen Christ, *Hear our prayer.*

Watch over the city of Jacksonville. May we all work together to revitalize the urban core.

Risen Christ, *Hear our prayer.*

Help us to continue to serve you with all our hearts all the days of our lives.

Risen Christ, *Hear us.*

The Celebrant concludes the prayers.

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 one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Representatives of the congregation bring forward the People's offerings of money, and other gifts. 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.

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

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer D

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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

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

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

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.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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.**"

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

The Celebrant and People say

We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Announcements

Hymn 208

“The strife is o’er, the battle done”

Victory

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 in Cummings Chapel and at the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for
St. John's Cathedral Choir by Ron Hafner and in loving memory of her mother by Kathleen Calliste.*

SERMON NOTES

J. CHESTER JOHNSON **SPEAKS AT THE DEAN'S** FORUM

I have often noticed that the translation of the Psalms in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer was not quite the same as those in translations of the Bible that I used. Now I know why! When our prayer book was revised, so were the Psalms.

W. H. Auden, an esteemed British poet, was an early member of the prayer book drafting committee for the re-translation of the Psalms. However, in 1971, he made the decision to return to England, and J. Chester Johnson was chosen to replace him. Johnson, an esteemed poet in his own right, served as the poet on the drafting committee for the re-translation.

This morning Mr. Johnson will join us at the Dean's Forum, speaking about his experiences on the drafting committee and his recent book, *Auden, the Psalms, and Me*.

When asked about his book, Johnson said, "My book discusses the way we went about this process and the practices we followed to dress the Psalms in modern garb while paying **homage to their majestic and favored past.**"

Edward Mendelson, well-known critic and commentator on English and American literature said, "J. Chester Johnson tells a remarkable and illuminating triple story: the story of the English Psalms in the past and present, the story of W. H. Auden's profound engagement with the language of the Psalter, and the story of Chester Johnson's engagement with Auden, the Psalms, and the church. I hope this well-told story will be widely read."

In His love,

Owene Courtney, Director of the Center for Prayer & Spirituality



Auden, the Psalms, and Me
by J. Chester Johnson

Please join us during the Dean's Forum today to hear Mr. Johnson tell about Mr. Auden, the Psalms and himself! Books will be available for purchase and signing after the Forum and after the 11 a.m. service in Taliaferro Hall.

Dean's Forum 10 a.m. Taliaferro Hall

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