

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



May 13, 2018 - 8 a.m.  
The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Ascension Sunday

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 214

“Hail the day that sees him rise”

*Llanfair*

## 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 God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

*The People are seated.*

The Lesson

Acts 1:1-11

*Lector* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father

has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

*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 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples; \*  
shout to God with a cry of joy.

For the Lord Most High is to be feared; \*  
he is the great King over all the earth.

He subdues the peoples under us, \*  
and the nations under our feet.

He chooses our inheritance for us, \*  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout, \*  
the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; \*  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is King of all the earth; \*  
sing praises with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations; \*  
God sits upon his holy throne.

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together \*  
with the people of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, \*  
and he is highly exalted.

*A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.*

*The People stand.*

## The Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

*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”**

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## 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 544

“Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun”

*Duke Street*

## 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, the High Altar, and the carnations in the Holy Communion and Ascension Chapels, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of and in thanksgiving for all mothers.*

## SERMON NOTES

## CELEBRATING MOMS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Mothers have been celebrated since ancient times, however, the most modern celebration of moms was the early Christian festival known as “Mothering Sunday” in England. Across the pond many years later, Julia Ward Howe (famous for writing “The Battle Hymn of the Republic”) wrote the “Mother’s Day Proclamation” as she was deeply troubled over the deaths of young men during the Civil War. Mrs. Howe rallied for all mothers to come together and protest the senselessness of “sons killing the sons of other mothers.”



Anna Jarvis picked up the baton from Mrs. Howe and began a writing campaign in honor of her mother. She urged politicians to establish a Sunday to honor mothers. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed the bill, declaring the second Sunday in May as Mother’s Day.

As Director of Children’s Ministries, I am especially grateful for the mothers at St. John's. Rearing children is, was and will forever be challenging work. Most of our young mothers work outside the home and are extremely busy with their children’s activities. In addition, they volunteer at our cathedral and in our community. Their dedication and love for our Heavenly Father brings them here on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. To these lovely dedicated moms, I wish the happiest of Mother’s Days and God’s richest blessings. ~Terry Jamerson Hunt

## NURTURING OUR YOUTH

*...how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings.* ~Matthew 23.37

The verse above comes to mind as we collectively celebrate Youth Sunday and Mother’s Day. Near the end of his earthly ministry, before his crucifixion, Jesus laments how his own people reject him as they have the prophets before him.

As his sorrow deepens, Jesus’ maternal instincts kick in, and Good News springs forth. The initial rejection of Jesus impels him to offer eternal hospitality to every living creature. It is that forgiven world in which we now live and breathe.



As we celebrate Youth Ministry in the Spirit of Jesus at the Cathedral, we are empowered to “mother” young people among us. In doing so, we join other adults who regularly lavish love on the young in Sunday School and Youth Group ministry. Along with our graduating high school seniors, Alexis Andrews, Jane Donahoo, Turner Riggs, and Michelle Ramirez, please also recognize and thank our middle school educators, Jim Cox and Liesl Gavronsky, as well as Joe Kincart, Susan Rucker, and Susan Woods who lead our high school student classes. Those of us who serve in ministry with young people know especially well what a blessing they are to the Church. Is God calling you to consider serving in the youth ministry? Whatever your age, let’s talk. God bless you. ~Fr. Allen+

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