

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



May 13, 2018 - 9 a.m.
The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday & Youth 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.

Introit

This Joyful Eastertide (Dutch folk tune)
St. John's Celebration Singers

George Woodward

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.

Children age four through fifth grade follow the Cross in procession to Children's Chapel in Cummings Chapel. The children rejoin their families at the Peace.

In Procession, Celebration Hymnal 45

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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

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 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

Servant Song

B. Fisher and Z. Stardust

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 359

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

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 460 “Let Us Break Bread”
Celebration Hymnal 681 “In His Time”

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 33 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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.

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+

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

All classes begin at 10 a.m.

Children's Formation

Godly Play - Cathedral House

Children ages 3 through 3rd grade are invited to learn about Jesus in an interactive Montessori-based curriculum.

3 and 4 year olds - Room 103

Kindergarten and 1st Grade - Room 104

Second and Third Grade - Room 204

Tweens (Grades 4 and 5) - Room 302

Youth Formation

6th - 8th grades - Undercroft

9th - 12th grades - Room 304

Adult Formation

Dean's Forum - Taliaferro Hall

Easter series: Understanding the Parables of Jesus

Jesus was the wisest theologian in human history, but many discount his words because he spoke in the language of metaphor and story. How can we understand Jesus as a metaphorical theologian, and how can we learn to unwrap the richness of the parables? We must begin by

understanding the culture of the Middle East in Jesus' day and the depth of meaning surrounding the images that he used. Dean Kate will be using the book *Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes* by Kenneth E. Bailey. It is available in the bookstore for \$28.

Introduction to Contemplative Prayer - Dooly Library (3rd Floor)

Parents' Group - Ingram Lounge

Coffee, Tea and English - Room 305

Informal class to learn the English language.

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