

# Welcome!



SAINT JOHN'S  
CATHEDRAL  
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FLORIDA

December 16, 2018 - 9 a.m.  
The Third Sunday of Advent

LOVE *at the* CORE.

**Welcome to St. John's Cathedral!** We are so glad that you are here!

You may notice that we are celebrating a special season right now. This season is called Advent. The name comes from the Latin word *adventus* which means coming. Since the year 496, the church has prepared for the Feast of Christmas with a season of waiting and of prayer. As the days grow darker, the church begins the services of Advent by bringing light into the darkness. Each week, we light one additional candle on the Advent wreath that stands next to the altar. When the entire wreath is lit, it is time for the light of Christ to enter the world.

While the rest of American culture has already launched into Christmas, we here at the Cathedral are preparing. We are waiting not just to celebrate the Christmas holiday, but we are waiting to see Jesus again. All Christians wait for him, we long to see him face to face.

Please know that we are so happy that you have joined us. You bring us joy just by walking in the door. No matter where you came from, no matter how you are dressed, no matter if you understand the worship or find it all new, you are welcome. We believe that worship should be a beautiful and sacred time, a way to slow down the rush of our lives and to experience the peace of **God. I hope that you feel God's love this morning.**

If you have questions or you are in need of prayer, please come to one of the side altars during communion or come and find me or one of the priests after the service. May God bless you.

**In Christ's love,**

Kate+

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Welcome

*On each of the four Sundays of Advent, a candle is lit on the Advent wreath as the light of Christ comes into the world.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Celebrant* Blessed be our God.  
*People* Forever and ever. Amen.

*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 243 "Emmanuel"

The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant continues*

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The People are seated.*

The Lesson

Zephaniah 3:14-20

*Lector* A Reading from the book of Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

*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 245 "O Come, o come Emmanuel" (St. 1 & 2)

The Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

Celebration Hymnal 245 "O Come, o come Emmanuel" (St. 3 & 4)

*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 *All remain standing as able. The Leader and People pray responsively*

Eternal God, in this season of Advent, awaken your whole Church to see our unity more than what divides us; Give us strength and courage to find quiet moments to sit still and wait for you to come. Lord, we wait for you.

*Lord, come among us.*

We give you thanks for the gift of our lives, our loved ones and the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus. Lord, we wait for you.

*Lord, come among us.*

We ask your blessing on all who are sick, grieving, struggling with poverty or alone during the holidays. **(We pray especially for...)** Lord, we wait for you.

*Lord, come among us.*

We ask you to bring peace to the world and to this our city, that we may respect and honor one another. Lord, we wait for you.

*Lord, come among us.*

We ask you to help us learn to tell the truth of our stories so that other people may be drawn to you. Lord, we wait for you.

*Lord, come among us.*

We ask you to welcome into your embrace those who we love who have died, that they may see **you face to face. (We remember especially...)** Lord, we wait for you.

*Lord, come among us.*

*The Celebrant concludes the prayers.*

## The Confession of Sin

*The People kneel.*

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

*Celebrant and People*

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 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.*

## 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 and Announcements

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Jesus, Come to Us Douglas Nolan  
*Fouad Zabaneh, solo*  
I Am Baptized G. Haller

*St. John's Junior Choristers and Children's Chapel Friends*

*As the Altar is prepared for Communion, representatives of the congregation collect the offerings of the People. The people stand when the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar.*

Celebration Hymnal 244 "Come thou long expected Jesus"

## 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:

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Hosanna in the Highest". It consists of seven staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score is as follows:

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 461

“In Remembrance”

Celebration Hymnal 633

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

## 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 class.*

## The Postcommunion Prayer

*The Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The Celebrant and People say together*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Blessing

May Almighty God watch over you who wait for Christ to come again, you who long to see His face. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

In Procession, Celebration Hymnal 443   “O Zion, Haste”

## The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

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*The flowers in Cummings Chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ann Millan and Frank Barker and in thanksgiving for the wedding of Jessica Millan and Patrick Gouin.*

## SERMON NOTES

## LAST CALL FOR VESTRY AND CONVENTION DELEGATE NOMINATIONS

The Vestry Nominating Committee will nominate candidates for vacancies on the Vestry as well as Delegates to the Diocesan Convention. The election for those positions will be conducted at the Parish Annual Meeting on February 3, 2019. Parish members are encouraged to submit the names of nominees to Nicole Address: [naddress@jaxcathedral.org](mailto:naddress@jaxcathedral.org). You must obtain the permission of your nominee before submitting his or her name to the Nominating Committee. Nominations must be submitted today.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR VESTRY MEMBERS (4 to be elected): A Vestry nominee 1) must be a communicant of St. John's Cathedral in good standing for a period of at least 12 months prior to election; 2) if a nominee has served two full terms (for a total of six years), there must be a two-year break before he or she may be nominated again; 3) must be actively involved in the ministries of the Parish; 4) must be willing to accept active leadership, including responsibility for decision making that represents the entire Parish; 5) must, if called upon, serve on the boards of affiliated corporations of the Cathedral; 6) must be willing to invest the time necessary in the ministry of leadership, including attendance at worship, Vestry meetings and other scheduled Vestry activities, special events, and satellite activities; and 7) must be otherwise eligible. In addition to the above qualifications contained in the bylaws, the Vestry believes that nominees for service should possess special skills, gifts and talents in visionary and strategic thinking, be courageous, and have skills in fiscal planning and policy. Finally, the Vestry is seeking members who represent the diverse composition of our congregation.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION DELEGATES (2 to be elected): The Senior Warden fills one of the five delegate positions. The remaining four delegates serve two year terms, with one or two rotating off each year. At the 2019 Annual Meeting, we will elect two delegates and two alternates for the 2019 Diocesan Convention.

## SHARE THE CATHEDRAL WITH SOMEONE THIS CHRISTMAS

Dear Friends,

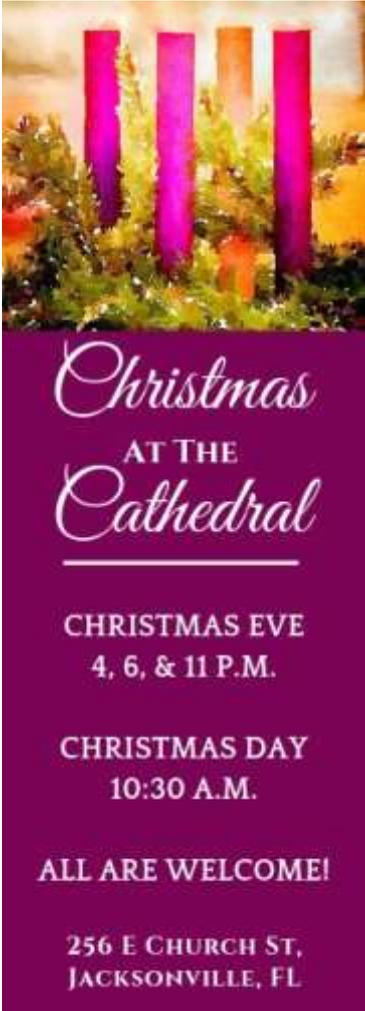
We are fast approaching the holidays. The pace of life is ramping up: more shopping, exams and holiday parties crowd our schedules. As Christmas approaches, we wait for Christ to come while the rest of the world acts as if he has already arrived. How are we to manage all this?

It strikes me that this is the best season of the year to invite someone to church. People are lonelier than ever. They are longing for peace, the kind of peace that is substantive and deep. At this time of year, people find themselves examining their families and their relationships and comparing them to some kind of Norman Rockwell painting. A comparison that often leads to sadness, shame and deep feelings of inadequacy. If life is meant to be happy and conflict-free, then they surmise that they have fallen short.

What we need is meaning. What we need is a calling that is higher than just giving presents to those we love but who already have what they need. Christmas is all around us, why not use this time as an opportunity to invite someone to hear the real story at one of our Christmas services?

I pray that God will bless you richly in this holy season.

In Christ's love,  
Kate+



*Christmas*  
AT THE  
*Cathedral*

CHRISTMAS EVE  
4, 6, & 11 P.M.

CHRISTMAS DAY  
10:30 A.M.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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*Season's Blessings*  
*Advent and Christmas at St. John's Cathedral*

Friday, December 21 – Saturday, December 22

Youth Lock-In | 6 p.m.–9 a.m.

Feel the excitement of waiting and watching expectantly during the last days of Advent.

Saturday, December 22

Pageant Rehearsal | 10 a.m.

Sunday, December 23

Christmas Pageant | 9 a.m.

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Family Service | 4 p.m.

Services with Cathedral Choir | 6 & 11 p.m (incense will be used at 11 p.m.)

Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Day

Service with Cathedral Choir | 10:30 a.m.

Monday, December 31

**New Year's Eve**

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols | 5 p.m.

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**Please remember St. John's Cathedral in your will or trust.**