

Welcome !



SAINT JOHN'S
CATHEDRAL
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FLORIDA

December 30, 2018 - 11 a.m.
The First Sunday after Christmas

LOVE *at the* CORE.

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

We worship God in the heart of the city. We are surrounded by the poor in an area of town that is often neglected. In his life, Jesus often ministered to the poor and needy, and we believe that by worshipping **God in the urban core, we can catch a glimpse of God's love.**

We welcome all people. Our nursery is open all morning on Sundays. We would love to get to know you better, and you can help us by filling out a visitor card located in your pew and placing it in the offering plate as it comes by, or by handing it to an usher. Please let us know if you need prayers and if you would like us to email you our online newsletter. Listening devices are always available for the hearing impaired and large-print bulletins for those who have trouble with their eyesight. Please ask an usher if you need these items or anything else. We want to help you feel at home here.

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

The Psalm is read in unison.

Psalm 147:13-21

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.

He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.

He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?

He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.

The People stand.

Hymn 93

“Angels, from the realms of glory”

Regent Square

The Gospel

John 1:1-18

Gospeler

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks

ahead of me because he was before me.") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

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.*

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

We pray for God's people throughout the world. We pray especially for an end to violence in France, India, Afghanistan, Iraq, Spain, Mexico and in our country. Pray for peace.

Silence

We pray for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray especially for those who live in the streets in Jacksonville. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

We pray for all who seek God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

We pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

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 and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The holly and the ivy

Craig Phillips

The holly and the ivy,
When they are both full grown,
Of all the trees that are in the wood,
The holly bears the crown.

*Refrain: The rising of the sun,
And the running of the deer;
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing in the choir.*

The holly bears a blossom,
As white as the lily flower;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
To be our sweet Saviour. *Refrain*

The holly bears a berry,
As red as any blood;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
For to do us sinners good. *Refrain*

The holly bears a prickly,
As sharp as any thorn,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
On Christmas Day in the morn. *Refrain*

The holly bears a bark,
As bitter as any gall;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
For to redeem us all. *Refrain*

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. You may also text the dollar amount of your gift to 904-584-3116.

Hymn 380 vs. 3

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”

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The Great Thanksgiving

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Celebrant and People sing

Hymnal S-125

Richard Proulx

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. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

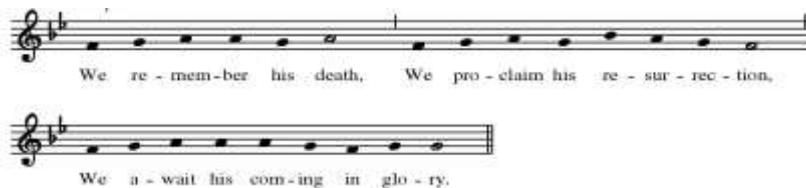
At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

The Celebrant and People sing



The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

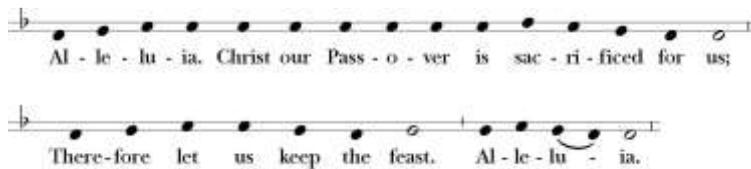
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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. Then the Celebrant and People sing



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. 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

Organ	Chorale Prelude on <i>O Hail this Brightest Day of Days</i>	J. S. Bach
Carol	See amid the winter's snow	John Goss

See, amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below;
See, the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years:
Refrain: Hail, thou ever blessed morn' Hail, Redemption's happy dawn
Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Lo! within a manger lies He who built the starry skies;
He who, throned in height sublime, sits amid the-e Cherubim: *Refrain*

Say, ye holy shepherds, say what your joyful news today;
Wherefore have yet left your sheep on the lonely mauntain steep? *Refrain*

‘As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a wondrous light;
Angels singing “Peace on earth” told us of the Saviour’s birth.’ *Refrain*

Sacred Infant, all divine, what a tender love was thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss, down to such a-a world as this: *Refrain*

Teach, O teach us, holy Child, by thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble thee, in thy sweet humility: *Refrain*

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

The Celebrant blesses the people.

In Procession, Hymn 109 “The first Nowell the angel did say”

The First Nowell

The Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

People

Voluntary

In Thee is Gladness

J. S. Bach

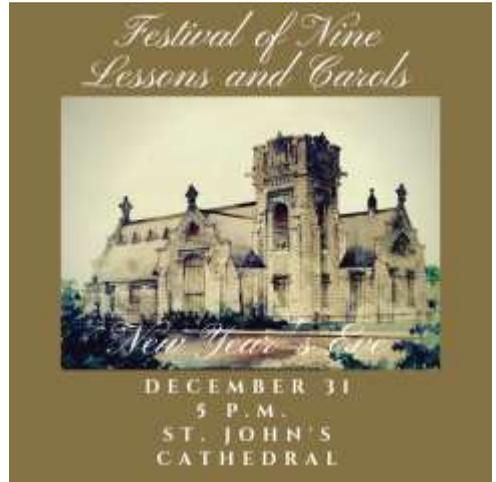
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*The flowers at the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for
St. John’s Cathedral Choir by Ron Hafner.*

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

This Christmas season marks a very special anniversary in the Anglican music world: the 100th anniversary of the beloved Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at King's College, Cambridge. The history of this service dates back to 1878 in England. That year, the Royal Cornwall Gazette reported that the choir of Truro Cathedral would sing a service of carols on Christmas Eve:

The Choir of the Cathedral will sing a number of carols in the Cathedral on Christmas Eve, the service commencing at 10pm. We understand that this is at the wish of many of the leading parishioners and others. A like service has been instituted in other cathedrals and large towns, and has been much appreciated. It is the intention of the choir to no longer continue the custom of singing carols at the residences of members of the congregation.



In 1880, Edward Benson, Bishop of Truro in Cornwall, formalized the service with Nine Lessons for use on Christmas Eve. The first service took place at 10 p.m. on Christmas Eve of that year in the temporary wooden structure that was serving as the cathedral while the new cathedral was being built. The service has subsequently been in continuous use in Truro since 1880.

The well-known Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at King's College, Cambridge, was first held on Christmas Eve in 1918. It was introduced by Eric Milner-White, the Dean of the College, who believed that more imaginative worship was needed by the Church of England. The order of service was adapted from the order created for Truro Cathedral 38 years earlier. The King's College service was first broadcast by the British Broadcasting Corporation in 1928, and has been broadcast every year since except for 1930.

It is this King's College carol service, which has become the most well-known around the world, that serves as the model for our own annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols here at St. John's. The service is a journey in music and scripture through the story of salvation: the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus. The service consists of nine short Bible readings, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns, and choral music.

This year, our service will include a diverse mixture of well-known carols and wonderful new compositions, spanning a period of five centuries. Please make plans to join us at 5 p.m. on December 31st as we bring in the New Year with scripture and song and celebrate the centennial of a beloved musical and liturgical tradition!

~Timothy Tuller, Canon for Music

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