

Welcome!



SAINT JOHN'S
CATHEDRAL
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March 24, 2019 - 9 a.m.
The Third Sunday in Lent

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. Thank you for silencing your cell phone.

Voluntary

Sonata in F major, RV41
I. Largo
II. Allegro
Marcy Brenner, viola da gamba

Antonio Vivaldi

Welcome

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People His mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant says

“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” – 1 John 1:8-9

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People kneel. Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant and People say

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 stands and 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.

In Procession, Hymn 707

“Take my life and let it be”

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The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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.

Lector A Reading from first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.

The People stand.

The Gospel

Luke 13:1-13

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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

During the Prayers of the People, the People's responses are in italics.

O God, you are always true to us in love, help us to become more like you, to grow in love and in service to you. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Comfort the sick and the suffering, Lord Christ. Be with the lonely and with those who mourn. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bring peace to the world, O Christ, for only you can bring reconciliation between nations and peoples. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Guide the leaders of this nation in the ways of justice and peace. Help us all to listen to one another with open minds and hearts, to communicate, to articulate and to learn from one another. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Help us to preserve and cherish this beautiful earth that you have given us. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Keep us faithful, O Christ, in this season of Lent, that we may be enriched by the practices and disciplines that we have adopted during these forty days. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory “Evermore I’ll sing your praise” Liam Lawton
The Celebration Choir

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.

Hymn 439 “What wondrous love is this” *Wondrous Love*

The Great Thanksgiving

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A Book of Common Prayer

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

Celebrant and people sing

The Sanctus



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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.

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to 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 he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

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.

In Procession, Hymn 685

“Rock of ages, cleft for me”

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The Dismissal

People Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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The greens at the High Altar and Cummings Chapel are given to the glory of God, and in thanksgiving for Ida Davis by Ines Abdelnour.

LENTEN OFFERINGS WEEKLY

Sundays

Holy Eucharist
8 a.m. | Cummings Chapel

Holy Eucharist
9 a.m. | Cathedral Sanctuary

Dean's Forum for Lent: Going Deeper
Exploring Our Faith
10 a.m. | Taliaferro Hall

Holy Eucharist
11 a.m. | Cathedral Sanctuary

Tuesdays

Holy Eucharist
12:10 p.m. | Cummings Chapel

Wednesdays

Holy Eucharist
7 a.m. & 12:10 p.m. | Cummings Chapel

Book Club: *The Merciful Humility of God*
by Jane Williams; led by Harold Robeson
1 p.m. | Annex Lobby

The Path: A Bible Study
Exploring the New Testament
6 p.m. | Cummings Chapel

Thursdays

The Lively Word
Bible Study with Fr. Allen
11 a.m. | Cummings Chapel

Holy Eucharist
12:10 p.m. | Cummings Chapel

Fridays

Holy Eucharist
12:10 p.m. | Cummings Chapel

Friday Bible Study
1 p.m. | Dean's Conference Room

Stations of the Cross
5:30 p.m. | Cathedral

WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 13

Quiet Garden Morning
9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Cummings Chapel
Lent and the Mystics

Led by Joe O'Shields
Offered by the Center for
Prayer & Spirituality

MUSIC OFFERINGS

Sunday, March 24

Timothy Tuller presents
New Jerusalem: A Program of Organ Music
from the English Tradition.
5 p.m. | Cathedral

Sunday, April 7

Lest We Forget: A Musical Offering
5 p.m. | Taliaferro Hall

#PLASTICFAST: RAISING AWARENESS FOR CREATION CARE

Weekly, we pray as a Christian community to “respect and care for the earth, use resources wisely, be good stewards of God’s Creation”. Several years ago at the start of Lent, these prayers became distressing to me. Were we praying hollow prayers? What was the point of praying to care for Creation if we were not taking action as a community?

My distress led me to a conversation with staff about how we could demonstrate earth stewardship in our daily life at the Cathedral. The Cathedral has, and is, making changes towards greater energy efficiency and the wise use of resources. It is encouraging to see our Cathedral leading the way for our community by developing PLASTIC FAST as a Lenten discipline.

It will take great policy-level changes and commitments at all levels of government, business and civil society to address the current threats to life on Earth. However, PLASTIC FAST is a way for each of us to become more aware of the environmental impact of our small daily decisions.

PLASTIC FAST is a consciousness-raising exercise. I pray it will lead each of us to examine how we conduct our daily lives. Forming new habits by using the metal water bottles and cloth shopping bags for sale in our Bookstore will get you off to a great start!

JoAnn Tredennick
Parishioner and Advocate for Creation Care



WORSHIP IN MUSIC: SUNDAY, MARCH 24

This week we are in for a rare treat at the Cathedral. Marcy Brenner, a native of Easton, Pennsylvania and a graduate of Interlochen Arts Academy and Oberlin College and Conservatory, will join us to perform works on the viola da gamba. Marcy is a founding member of RareSong, a Renaissance Madrigal group based in Jacksonville and Savannah Baroque.



SERMON NOTES

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