

Welcome!



SAINT JOHN'S
CATHEDRAL
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The Fourth 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.

Welcome

Introit

“O sun of justice”
Celebration Choir

Peter K. Scagnelli

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant
People

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
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 645 “The King of love my shepherd is” (St. 1-3) *St. Columba*

The Collect of the Day

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

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The People are seated.

The Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew

Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for

him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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

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.

Call all those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you. 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

Big Steps
The Children's Chapel Singers
Cheryl Bowen, soloist

Mary Rice Hopkins

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, — God of
pow - er and might, — heaven and earth — are
full of your glor - ry. Ho - san - na in — the high - est.
Bless - ed — is he who comes — in the
name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na
in — the high - est. — Ho - san - na
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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The Celebrant and People say

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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,

People and Celebrant

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.

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.)

The Celebrant and People say the Agnus Dei

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
People have mercy on us.

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
People have mercy on us.

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
People grant us peace.

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

Hymn 440 Hymn 325

“Blessed Jesus, at thy word”
“Let us break bread together”

Liebster Jesu Let Us Break Bread

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 686 “Come, thou fount of every blessing”

Nettleton

The Dismissal

Priest Let Us Bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

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The greens at the High Altar and Cummings Chapel are given to the glory of God.

LENTEN OFFERINGS WEEKLY

Sundays

Holy Eucharist
8 a.m. | Cummings Chapel

Holy Eucharist
9 a.m. | Cathedral Nave

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

Holy Eucharist
11 a.m. | Cathedral Nave

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, April 7

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

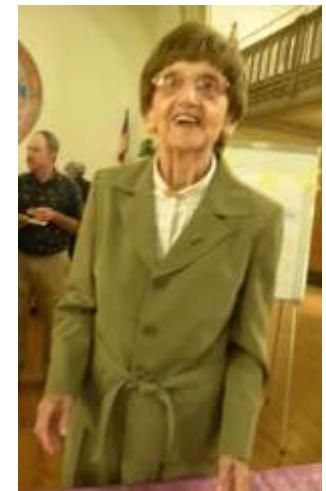
Friday, April 19

Stations of the Cross: A Service of Music
7 p.m. | Cathedral Nave

THE MOST THOUGHTFUL BIRTHDAY GIFT I EVER RECEIVED

Last year on my birthday I was walking through Epcot and my phone rang with a number I didn't recognize. Usually I don't answer those calls, however this time I did. The caller was Dot West, and she sang the birthday song to me and wished me a Happy Birthday. I had heard about these calls, but had never received one before. Our conversation, though brief, was heartfelt and brought a huge smile to my face. It was a wonderful surprise, and I will always treasure that memory.

Over the past ten years, Dot has made thirteen thousand three hundred and twenty phone calls to parishioners to wish them happy birthday. This year Dot is turning ninety-nine, and I would like to invite you to sign the card in the back of the church to wish Dot a happy birthday. Her ministry has brought joy to many, let us thank her for the joy she has given us.



Devanne Jones
Social Media and Communications Coordinator

Dear People of God

Tuesday night, I received a call from the Mayo Clinic. Celeste Tisdelle, the priest who was to begin her work with us this coming Sunday, has been diagnosed with an acute form of leukemia. Some of you may remember that Celeste was diagnosed with leukemia 13 years ago when she was a Canon with us. Now, it has returned. She must undergo serious treatment and cannot serve with us at this time.

I prayed with Celeste Wednesday morning at Mayo, where her treatment begins immediately. She asked that all of you pray for her, her husband and her family. Please do not visit but you can send flowers and cards. Most of all, please do pray.

God bless you.

In Christ's love,

Kate+

NEXT SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

MUSIC IN WORSHIP, SUNDAY, APRIL 7



Glynda Newton, retired violinist from the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra, will be performing works for violin and organ on Sunday, April 7 at 8 am, 9 am and 11 am services. Glynda and her husband Cliff are co-founders of Newton Musical, that provides high quality music for a variety of events. Please give her a warm welcome.



CERVENY SPEAKER SERIES: CHARLES MARTIN

He will be speaking at all three services and the Dean's Forum. Martin's latest book *What If Its True? A Storyteller's Journey With Jesus* explores several deep faith questions. Get your copy in the bookstore today!



Lest We Forget: A Musical Offering

Musician Eric Painter will perform at 5 p.m. in Taliaferro Hall on April 7th. A reception will follow.

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