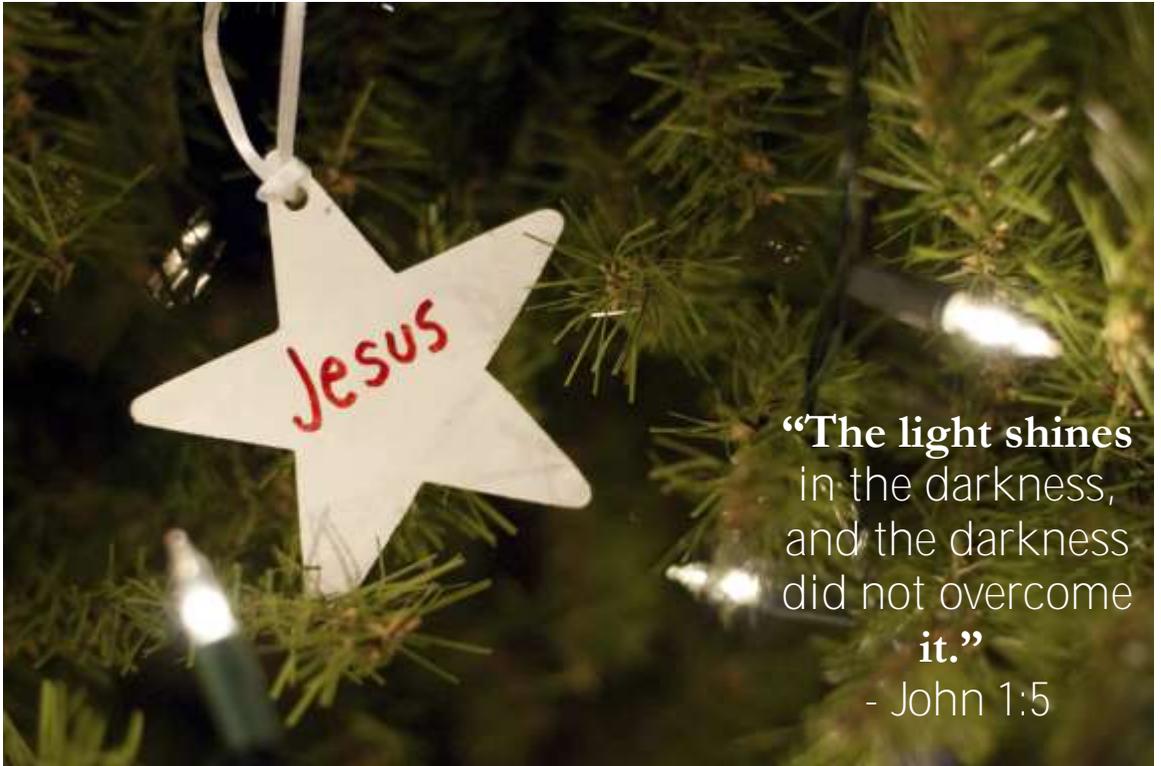


Welcome to **St. John's Cathedral**



**“The light shines
in the darkness,
and the darkness
did not overcome
it.”**

- John 1:5

December 25, 2016 - 8 a.m.
The Feast of the Nativity

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

HOW PRAYER CAN ENRICH THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Dear Friends,

‘Tis the season for being with family and friends, over-eating and lots of busyness. So how can we invite God into all of it? How can we make sure that the twelve days of Christmas remain a holy season?

Prayer and thanksgiving can be incorporated into almost anything. Pray intently for those who receive gifts from you. Pray for their health, happiness, and for God's presence in their lives. When you mail a package or card, send up a prayer for the recipient. Offer them your blessing upon their life.

If you have the opportunity to watch someone open a gift that you have given them, tell them how thankful you are that they are in your life. Tell them how much you love them and that no gift can adequately reflect your love for them.

Christ can be invited into many activities. Let him be born in your heart again and again this Christmas season.

And may the blessing of the Christ Child be upon you.

In Christ's love,
Kate +



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

In Procession, Hymn 87

“Hark! The herald angels sing”

Mendelssohn

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Blessed be our God.
People For ever 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.

The Collect of the Day

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

The Celebrant continues

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The People are seated.

The Lesson

Isaiah 52:7-10

Lector A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.

The Psalm is read in unison.

Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.

The People stand.

The Gospel

John 1:1-14

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.

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

The People are seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Raja Zabaneh

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.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world. We pray especially for the people of the Middle East. We pray for the Church in Jerusalem. Pray for peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. 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 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

Representatives of the congregation bring forward the People's offerings of money, and other gifts. The People stand when the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar.

Hymn 380, stanza 3 **“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”**

Old 100th

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 say

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 say

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

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.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.*

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 God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

In Procession, Hymn 100

“Joy to the world!”

Antioch

The Dismissal

People

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

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PLEASE JOIN US!

THE FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS
CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME
NEW YEAR’S EVE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 AT 5 P.M.

A traditional candlelight Christmas Carol Service sung by the Choir of St. John’s Cathedral.

NEW YEAR’S DAY - 8 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M.

Yes, we’re here on the morning of New Year’s Day too!

The nursery will not be open so children may worship with their families.

EPIPHANY EVENING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 AT 5 P.M.

Join us for a service of Evening Prayer as we celebrate the gifts of the Magi during the coming season of Epiphany.

HOLY EUCHARIST ON SUNDAYS AND WEEKDAYS

Our regular Sunday service times are 8 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.,
with Sunday classes at 10 a.m.

We also have Holy Eucharist at 12:10 p.m. every Tuesday-Friday,
and every Wednesday at 7 a.m.



*Christmas Flowers Given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory*

Chester A. Gillis, Jr.

Mark Gillis

Bil Wisner

Helen Henry

Calvin T. &

Laverne Hays Watts

Fletcher R. &

Edith Hulsey Shurley

Moses & Sadie Meide

Clara Meide

Ollie Meide

Julia Brannam

Jerry Holt

Zella Holt

Jim & Ellen Graham

Stephanie Reustle

Laura Turnage

Tom Turnage

Holly Braddock

Harriet Braddock

Edith & Clarence Osborn

Lane & Norman Osborn

Betty & Curly Gordon

Jack, Ruth & Craig Car-

penter

Donald & John Deakin

Douglas McDonald

Leila Jones

Valeria Dunn

Robert C. Sneller

Papa

Amelia Shields DeMuth

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Carl Robertson Kurtz, Jr.

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Allison Jennings

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Andrew & Olga Bush

Lucius & Ethel Paul

The Reverend Stanley

Bullock

Lucielle Higbe

Fraser Higbe

Faye Lee

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Jr.

CSM & Mrs. Robert L.

Boisky, Sr.

Mr. Warren C. Coughlin

Mr. & Mrs. Gert H. W.

Schmidt

Bonnie T. Grissett

Ted Grissett

Ray Young

Margie & Jack

Weatherford

Jimmy Lee &

Laurie Young

Paul & Clara Hafner

Janet K. Collins

Richard Marty

George West

Annie West

George Henry West, Jr.

Aunt Jay

Gary F. Keys, Sr.

Eula Mae Hazlehurst

Robert Rogers Hazlehurst

Hans Tanzler, Jr.

James Lyerly

Emily Lyerly

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Josiah Campbell Lynch

Dudley Campbell

David Leonaio Campbell

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Nassif Abdelnour

David Abdelnour

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Weltsek, Jr.

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LaTrelle Sumner Sheffield

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Francis V. Lingaitis

Daniel Shields

Patrick & Patricia

James & Florence Halpin

The Reverend Jack &

Betty Flynn

Annetta Flynn Cogdell

Fred J. Eastman

Joyce Jones

*Christmas Flowers Given to the Glory
of God and in Thanksgiving*

Dr. & Mrs. Ralph McGraw, Jr.
Dr. & Mrs. Bill Ponder
Ms. Kay Ponder
Our children, Ben & Andrew
The Hood, Mulkearns, Valet &
Wisner Families
Tom Burrell
A Happy Christmas Day &
a Happy New Year
Frank & Lily Kropp
Bruce Hardman
Our children
Tom & Lorraine Corey
Thomas S. Corey IV
Emily Bunnage
Renee Corey
Abigail Hunt
David Alexander II
Kamryn Alexander
Nicholas Spicer
Elizabeth Spicer
Tory Walker
Collin Walker
Kristen Santarone
Alexandra, Catherine Elizabeth &
P. Logan
Tim Tuller
Judi Rosenvold
The Cathedral Choir
Bonita L. Lingaitis
Collin & Marissa Lingaitis
Jessica Bolero
Family & friends
The Zittrauer Family
Patricia Young-Jones

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Sunday, December 25
Pixianne Beasley

Monday, December 26
Nancy Studstill, Paul Ferber,
Kimberly Romano

Wednesday, December 28
John Donahoo, Jr.

Thursday, December 29
Jane Still, David Dufresne,
Ivette Blanco, Chereth Little

Friday, December 30
Alicce Gillis, Tayloe Graves,
Sally Kelly, Vin Malhotra,
Marilyn Young, Clint Weinberg,
Sarah Brown

Saturday, December 31
Tom Petway, Bonnie Drewes,
Heber Weller, James Lariscy,
Brooke Newton



THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday, Dec. 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Cummings Chapel
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Cathedral

Monday, Dec. 26 - OFFICES CLOSED

5:30 p.m. Friends of Bill - Ingram Lounge

Tuesday, Dec. 27

12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist - Cummings Chapel
5:45 p.m. Yoga - Cummings Chapel

Wednesday, Dec. 28

7 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Holy Communion Chapel
12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist - Cummings Chapel
7:30 p.m. Cathedral Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Thursday, Dec. 29

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

Friday, Dec. 30

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

Saturday, Dec. 31

5 p.m. Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols - Cathedral

Sunday, Jan. 1 **NEW YEAR'S DAY** - FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Cummings Chapel
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Cathedral

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