

# *The Eve of the Nativity*



*Lorenzo Lotto, The Nativity, 16th c.*

***December 24, 2018***

*6 p.m. and 11 p.m.*

*St. John's Cathedral*

*The Episcopal Diocese of Florida*

*Jacksonville, Florida*

## THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY

*Welcome to Saint John's Cathedral! We invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God. This bulletin contains the entire service and music. If you would like, you may also refer to the Book of Common Prayer and The Hymnal 1982, found in your pew rack. If you are in need of an assisted listening device, please see an usher. Thank you for being here, and we hope to see you again soon! Blessings to you in this Holy Season.*

### MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

In Dulci Jubilo	Michael Praetorius
Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella	17th Century French, Arr. Avi Benson
Il est né le Divin Enfant	Arr. Michel Rondeau
Ding dong merrily on high	Arr. Michel Rondeau
Angels we have heard on high	Arr. Michel Rondeau
The Little Road to Bethlehem	Michael Head

*Rebecca Andrews, soprano*

*The People remain seated. The lights are dimmed and the Advent wreath is lit. As the Christ Light begins to shine forth, we hear the opening sentences of Saint John's Gospel.*

### THE WORD OF GOD

<b>In Procession, Hymn 83</b>	“O come, all ye faithful”	<i>Adeste fideles</i>
O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come, and behold him, born the King of angels;	Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God, glory in the highest; <i>Refrain</i>	Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger, we would embrace thee, with love and awe; who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? <i>Refrain</i>
<i>Refrain: O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.</i>	See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze; we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; <i>Refrain</i>	Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; <i>Refrain</i>
God from God, Light from Light eternal, lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb; only-begotten Son of God the Father; <i>Refrain</i>		

*Celebrant* Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

*The Celebrant says*

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.

<b>Hymn 87</b>	“Hark! The herald angels sing”	Mendelssohn
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled! Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem! <i>Refrain</i>		
<i>Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!</i>		

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity.  
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,  
hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! *Refrain*

### The Collect of the Day

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

*The Celebrant continues.*

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The People are seated.*

### The First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

*A period of silence follows the reading for reflection.*

### Psalm 96 (*sung by the Choir*)

CHANT: Thomas Attwood

O SING unto the LORD a new song; \*  
sing unto the LORD, all the whole earth.

Sing unto the LORD, and praise his Name; \*  
be telling of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his honour unto the heathen, \*  
and his wonders unto all people.

For the LORD is great, and cannot worthily be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for the gods of the heathen, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the LORD that made the heavens.

Glory and worship are before him; \*  
power and honour are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, \*  
ascribe unto the LORD worship and power.

Ascribe unto the LORD the honour due unto his Name; \*  
bring presents, and come into his courts.

O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

Tell it out among the heathen, that the LORD is King,  
and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; \*  
and how that he shall judge the people righteously.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; \*  
let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.

Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; \*  
then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the LORD.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; \*  
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.

## The Second Lesson

Titus 2:11-14

*Lector* A reading from the letter of Paul to Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

*A period of silence follows the reading for reflection.*

*The People stand and sing.*

## Hymn 89

“It came upon the midnight clear”

*Carol*

It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
from heaven’s all-gracious King.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats  
o’er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains  
they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o’er its Babel-sounds  
the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
the world has suffered long;  
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled  
two thousand years of wrong;  
and warring humankind hears not  
the tidings which they bring;  
O hush the noise and cease your strife  
and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendors fling,  
and all the world give back the song  
which now the angels sing.

## The Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:

to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

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

### **The Sermon**

The Very Reverend Kate Moorehead

*A period of silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*The People stand.*

### **The Nicene Creed**

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.

*All remain standing as able.*

### **The Prayers of the People**

*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**

*All stand. The Celebrant says*

*People*         The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
                    And also with you.

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*Merry Christmas and a warm welcome to our visitors and guests tonight. Please know how happy we are to have you worship with us. We'd love to welcome our guests, so please fill out a visitor card and drop it in the offering plate as it comes by. We hope you'll come again!*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Representatives of the congregation collect the offerings of the People. Representatives of the congregation bring forward the People's offerings of bread and wine, money, and other gifts. 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.

### The Offertory Anthem

A babe is born

William Mathias

A babe is born all of a may,  
To bring salvation unto us.  
To him we sing both night and day.  
*Veni creator Spiritus.*

There came three kings out of the East,  
To worship the King that is so free,  
With gold and myrrh and frank incense,  
*A solis ortus cardine.*

At Bethlehem, that blessed place,  
The child of bliss now born he was;  
And him to serve God give us grace,  
*O lux beata Trinitas.*

The angels came down with one cry,  
A fair song that night sung they  
In worship of that child:  
*Gloria tibi Domine.* Nowell!

### Hymn 380 vs. 3

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”

*Old 100th*

### The Great Thanksgiving

The musical notation is arranged in four systems, each with a clef (bass clef) and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first system is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al-so with you." The second system is for the People, with lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third system is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth system is for the People, with lyrics: "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 musical notation is in three systems, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (D major). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - 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."

*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.

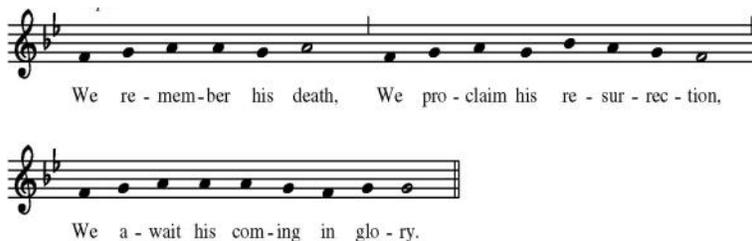
*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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,

*Celebrant and People*



*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.

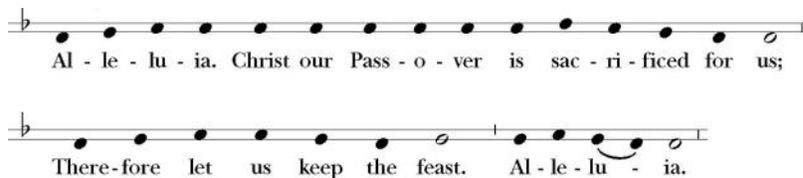
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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.

*The Lord's Table is open to all. Baptized persons are invited to receive communion. Unbaptized persons are invited to the altar to receive a blessing. To signify that you do not desire communion, please cross your arms over your chest, and a priest will administer a blessing.*

**Music at Communion**

**Solo** (11 p.m.)

Comfort ye, my people (from *Messiah*)  
*Jonathan Leonard, tenor*

G. F. Handel

**Choir**

The seven joys of Mary

English Traditional  
Arr. Stephen King

The first good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of one;  
To see the blessed Jesus Christ,  
When he was first her son.  
When he was first her son, good man:

*Refrain:*

*And blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
To all eternity.*

The next good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of two;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,  
To make the lame to go:  
To make the lame to go, good man:

*Refrain*

The next good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of three;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,  
To make the blind to see:  
To make the blind to see, good man:

*Refrain*

The next good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of four;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,  
To read the bible o'er:  
To read the bible o'er, good man:

*Refrain*

The next good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of five;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,  
To bring the dead the dead alive:  
To bring the dead to alive, good man:

*Refrain*

The next good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of six;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,  
Upon the crucifix:  
Upon the crucifix, good man:

*Refrain*

The next good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of sev'n;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,  
Ascending into heav'n:  
Ascending into heav'n, good man:

*Refrain*

Born on a new day

John David/Philip Lawson  
Arr. Peter Knight

You are the new day,  
Meekness, love, humility  
Come down to us this day:  
Christ, your birth has proved to me  
You are the new day.

When our life is darkest night,  
Hope has burned away;  
Love, your ray of guiding light,  
Show us the new day.

This new day will be  
A turning point for everyone.  
If we let the Christ-child in, and  
Reach for the new day.

Quiet in a stall you lie,  
Angels watching in the sky  
Whisper to you from on high  
"You are the new day".

Love of all things great and small  
Leaving none, embracing all,  
Fold around me where I fall,  
Bring in the new day.

Christ the Way, the Truth, the Life;  
Healing sadness, ending strife;  
You we welcome, Lord of life,  
Born on a new day.  
You are the new day.

*During the singing of the carols, the congregation will have their candles lit. Please hold your candle as still as possible. After blowing candles out, please keep candles upright until the wax hardens again.*

**Hymnal 79**

"O little town of Bethlehem"

*St. Louis*

**Hymnal 101**

"Away in a manger, no crib for his bed"

*Cradle Song*

*The lights dim. The People remain kneeling for the singing of "Silent Night."*

**Postcommunion Hymn 111**

“Silent night, holy night”

*Stille Nacht*

Silent night, holy night,  
 all is calm, all is bright  
 round yon virgin mother and child.  
 Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
 sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,  
 shepherds quake at the sight,  
 glories stream from heaven afar,  
 heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
 Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night,  
 Son of God, love’s pure light  
 radiant beams from thy holy face,  
 with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
 Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

**Postcommunion Prayer**

*The Celebrant says*  
 Let us pray.

*The People kneel. The Celebrant and People say*

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! The Lord is come”

*Antioch*

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;  
 let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,  
 while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
 he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
 the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love.

**The Dismissal**

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

**Concluding Voluntary**

Christmas Suite

Traditional, arr. Avi Benson



Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem is over...our Savior is born and lies in a manger.

The shepherds have listened to the angel and hurried to see the babe in swaddling cloths.

The Wise Men travel on, led by a star.

Two ways to meet our Lord—drop everything and believe  
 or with quiet study and longing, find the way.

The journey to Bethlehem is complete, but the story is only beginning...



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

Paul & Clara Hafner  
Janet K. Collins  
Richard Marty  
Darrell & Jo Perkins  
Robby Pinkerton  
Bertha & Artis Pinkerton  
Jean & Fred Wilson  
Mary Laverne Watts  
Calvin T. Watts  
Edith Hulsey Shurley  
Fletcher R. Shurley  
Chester & Fate Wilkinson  
Kenon Ferguson  
Michael Ferguson  
Sarah Ferguson  
Aunt Jay  
Aunt Belinda & Great Granny  
Victor M. Slaght  
Ray & Doris Slaght  
Bill & Janelle Parrish  
Catherine McCranie  
Wallace Baldwin  
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Annetta Cogdell  
Jim & Adele Higgins

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Lillian & William Armsby  
Richard Bush  
Melvin & Fay Doiron  
Eugene & Joyce Schrader  
Jerry Singleton  
Kate Willis  
Jack Willis  
Bobby Jackson  
Lois Morgan  
The Very Rev. Gustave Weltsek  
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Hunter M. Kelly  
Claude Walker  
John Walker  
Max Harvey  
Ray Young  
Jack & Marjorie Weatherford  
Jimmy & Laura Young  
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Dr. Victor Mackoul  
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Phoebe Stephens  
Jack Stephens  
Dinah Stephens  
Mattie Sacks  
Spencer Sacks  
Beck Sacks  
Flora Grace Sacks  
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Thomas & Emily Corey  
Renee & Alex Ellis  
Abigail Hunt  
David Alexander II

Kamryn Alexander  
Nicholas Spicer  
Elizabeth Spicer  
Tory Walker  
Collin Walker  
Kristen Santarone  
Leslie, Roger & Margo Clark  
Laura, Kenny, Savannah & James Kwaak  
Dot Walker  
Kathy Lind  
Russell Lind

# WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AGAIN SOON!

## CHRISTMAS DAY - 10:30 A.M.

Holy Eucharist in celebration of the birth of Christ

## NEW YEAR'S EVE - 5 P.M.

A traditional Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols service  
sung by the Choir of St. John's Cathedral.

## HOLY EUCHARIST ON SUNDAYS

Our regular Sunday service times of 8, 9 and 11 a.m. resume December 30.

## HOLY EUCHARIST ON WEEKDAYS

7 a.m. every Wednesday  
12:10 p.m. every Tuesday-Friday

## PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Gather. Connect. Engage. Discovery 2019

Join us for an 8-week series of dinner and discussions that will start you on a spiritual journey of self-discovery, acknowledging your gifts and revealing ways to use those gifts in parish life.

January 9 - February 27 | Wednesday evenings | 5:45- 8 p.m. | Taliaferro Hall

Let's Talk: A Cathedral Civil Discourse Series

Dean Kate and Father Allen have preached about parish diversity and the call to nurturing relationships in Christ. We live in a fractured society. Does the church have a healing role to play?

Begins January 9 | Wednesday evenings | 6 p.m.

Thursday Morning Bible Study: The Lively Word

11 a.m. | Cummings Chapel

New Dean's Forum on the Life of St. Francis of Assisi

Begins January 13 | Sunday mornings | 10 a.m. | Taliaferro Hall

## PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN & PARENTS

We invite all children to join us for Children's Chapel during the 9 a.m. Sunday service. Please join us in the back of the Cathedral. Children will return to join their family for communion.

Godly Play and our Parent Group resume Sunday, January 6 at 10 a.m.

Contact Terry Jamerson Hunt for information: [thunt@jaxcathedral.org](mailto:thunt@jaxcathedral.org)

## PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

Sunday classes for middle school and high school students resume January 6 at 10 a.m.

Youth Group resumes Wednesday, January 9 at 6 p.m. Join us for games, prayer and worship!

Contact Liesl Gavronsky-Howsare for information: [lgavronsky@jaxcathedral.org](mailto:lgavronsky@jaxcathedral.org)



In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

~Luke 2: 8-14

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