

E aster V igil

April 16, 2017

Six o'clock in the Morning



Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

*St. John's Episcopal Cathedral
Jacksonville, Florida*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL

April 16, 2017 - 6 a.m.

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The People stand.

As the Celebrant addresses the People, fire is kindled.

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Paschal Candle is then lit from the newly-kindled fire. The cantor, carrying the Paschal Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times while the following is sung:

Cantor The light of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. Then a cantor standing near the Candle sings the Exsultet.

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Cantor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Cantor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Cantor continues

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life. This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Michael Miller, cantor

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Celebrant introduces the Scripture readings

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

The People are seated.

The First Lesson

Genesis 2:4b-7; 2:18-3:7

Lector A reading from Genesis: The Creation

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up - for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground - then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed. Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The People stand to sing the Psalm.

Psalm 33:1-11 (a metrical version of the text):

Puer Nobis



1. All who are just, sing praise to God,
With harp and lyre let all rejoice;
Let trumpets sound with all your skill,
Sing a new song, lift every voice
2. For this we know: God's word is right,
And sure the working of his hands;
The Lord loves justice, righteousness,
His loving-kindness fills all lands.

3. God made the heavens and heavenly host,
His word alone caused them to be;
He gathers up the ocean's waves,
Stores up the waters of the sea.
4. Let all who dwell upon the earth
Now stand in awe and fear the Lord;
For when he spoke, it came to pass;
All things were finished at his word.

5. **God thwarts the nations' purposes,**
Their plans before him cannot last;
His plans endure from age to age,
The purpose of his heart stands fast.

Marianne Murray, flute

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Silence

The Celebrant continues

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The People are seated.

The Second Lesson

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18

Lector A reading from Genesis: The Flood

The LORD said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind-- every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in. The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

Hymn 679

"Surely it is God who saves me"
Keith Spence, guitar & Marianne Murray, flute

Thomas Merton

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Silence

The Celebrant continues

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The People are seated.

Lector A reading from Exodus: Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

Hymn 648

"When Israel was in Egypt's land"

Go Down, Moses

Paul Fisher, soloist

(The congregation sings the refrain only.)

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Silence

The Celebrant continues

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The People are seated.

The Fourth Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Lector A reading from Ezekiel: The valley of dry bones.

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you

back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 114 *The Psalm is read responsively by half verse.*

- 1 Hallelujah!
When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 **Judah became God's sanctuary** *
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Silence

The Celebrant continues

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Homily

The Very Reverend Kate Moorehead

HOLY BAPTISM

The Candidates for Holy Baptism and Sponsors come to the Altar Rail.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Celebrant says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors I present Madison McKenzie Taylor and Mia Olivia Wollet to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the Sponsors of the child

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Sponsors **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Sponsors **I will, with God's help.**

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the adult Candidate

Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the adult Candidate, parents and Sponsors

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Response I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Response I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Response I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Response I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Response I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Response I do.

The People stand.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

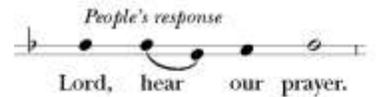
People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Cantor Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Cantor Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Cantor Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Cantor Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Cantor Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Cantor Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Cantor Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People Lord, hear our prayer.



Michael Miller, cantor

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Candidates, Sponsors, and Clergy process to the Font.

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

People The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or assisting priest, who pours water upon the candidate, saying

I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Then the Celebrant places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism saying

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Then the Celebrant presents the Candidates with a candle lit from the Paschal Candle.

The Celebrant continues

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

The Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

The Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

The Great Noise

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The People begin softly and slowly ringing bells and other noisemakers they have brought with them. The crescendo builds until it is brought to a climax with the organ. The Altar candles are lit from the Paschal Candle. The people may now extinguish their individual candles.

Easter Alleluia and Verse

Mode VIII

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Choir and People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Cantor: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Choir and People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



The Gospel

John 20:1-18

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

The Peace

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

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 would love to know our guests, so please fill out a visitor card and drop it in the offering plate as it comes by.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

As the Altar is prepared for Communion, representatives of the congregation collect the offerings of the People.

Offertory Anthem

Awake, thou wintry earth

J.S. Bach

Awake, thou wintry earth, fling off the sadness. Ye vernal flow'rs, laugh forth your ancient gladness. A new and lovely tale throughout the land is sped, it floats o'er hill and dale, to tell that Death is dead.

Descended to the grave, where our belov'd lie sleeping, hath Christ return'd to save man's heart from woe and weeping. O earth, break forth and sing, renew thy bright array, with fairest blooms of spring bestrew the Saviour's way.

-Johannes Olearius

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.

Hymn 380 vs. 3

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”

Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving

The Celebrant and people sing

The Lord be with you And also with you,
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 Sanctus

Hymnal S-125

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed 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

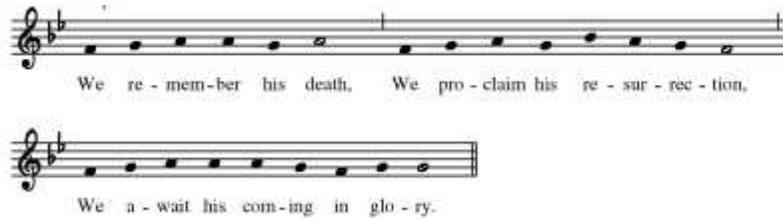
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the 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 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 St. John the Evangelist and 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,

The Celebrant and People say together

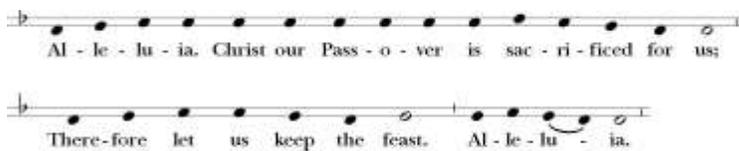
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept. The Celebrant and People sing

Hymnal S-152

Mason Martens



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.)

Music at Communion

Hymn 174

“At the Lamb’s high feast we sing”

Salzburg

The hymn is sung by all.

Antiphon of Spring

Everett Titcomb

I WENT down into my garden to see the fruits of the valley, and to see if the vines had flower’d, and the pomegranates were in blossom. Return thee, O Shulamite, that we may look upon thee. Alleluia, allelulia.

The People kneel.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant and the People say

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 Easter Blessing

The Celebrant says

Almighty God has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord.

May the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

Amen.

In Procession, Hymn 207

“Jesus Christ is risen today”

Easter Hymn

The Dismissal

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary

The Holy Savior is Arisen!

J.S. Bach

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Please join us immediately following the service as we break the Lenten fast with a special Easter breakfast in Taliaferro Hall.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!



Birthday Blessings

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

George Dorion, Ann Washington,
Janice Abdelnour, Jordyn Costa, Hamilton Eng,
Ben McCollum

MONDAY, APRIL 17

Laura O'Shields, Anna Lester, Clare Stern

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

Hans Tanzler, Jim Maher, Peter McGraw,
Jeff Winkler, Samuel Lindblad

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

Jennifer Hensley, Jillian Mayfield, Joy Mayfield,
Campbell Miller, Gregory Scales,
Rosemary Thakkar

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

William Arehart, Cameron Ritchie

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Nancy Mason, Chet Wilkinson, Paul Hibschan,
Scott Hill, Charley Scales, Blake Hakimian,
Erin Fouraker

Gifts to the Easter flower fund are given to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of

John Germany, Sr.	Kate & Jack Willis	Dick Bush
Mary Ellen Germany	Bobby Jackson	Ken & Therese
Jack, Ruth & Craig Carpenter	Dorothy Adams	Gary F. Keys, Sr.
Donald & John Deakin	Lonnie Johnson	Michael J. Keys
Billy & Kay M. Hartley	Charlene & Jay Roberts	George H. & Annie D. West
Jack & Kathryn S. Ridley	Louise Adams	George Henry West, Jr.
Harry & Helen E. Bass	Louis & Eugenia Davis	Betty & Curly Gordon
Jeff Wenzel	Harley Mitchell	Taylor Graves
Arthur Hellender	Martha Onus Ward	Forrest & Kathryn Lowery
Mr. & Mrs. William H. Walton, Jr.	Nettie & Bill Player	Bessie Wood
Elizabeth Simpson Walton	Dorothy French	Lillian Smith
Dr. H. Raymond Klein	Edith & Clarence Osborn	Cathlean Hunt
Afifeh & Mitchell Mackoul	Nancy Westcott	Michael Daise
Dr. Victor P. Mackoul	Maynard Slaght	Grant Peterson
Walter E. Mackoul	Victor Slaght	Marie & Jim Ferrigno
William Pelham Blackburn	Michael Slaght	Bob Burke
Edith Hulsey & Fletcher R. Shurley	Dean Stegen	Uncle Lynwood
Laverne Hays & Calvin T. Watts	Harold & Agnes Money	Aunt Helen
Michael & Sarah Ferguson	Orion P. Likins	Patrick Rastt
Forney Baugh	David & Mary Grace Likins	Patricia Patts
Mary Higgins	Ann & John M. Uhler	Michael Petrey
Jimmie W. Harden	Bruce Templeman	Don Moorehead
Russell T. Baker	Lillian & William Armsby	Bonnie DeCuir
Melvin Doiron	Basil Abdelnour	John Breen
Eugene & Joyce Schrader	David Abdelnour	Ken Wilburn
Harry O. & Rosemary Kimball	Helen & George Barket	Dottie
Mr. & Mrs. E. Meade Seay, Jr.	Claus Erstling	Patty Waidner
CSM & Mrs. Robert L. Boisky, Sr.	Beverly Ramsey	Frank & Julia Tyler
Mr. & Mrs. Gert H.W. Schmidt	Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Diegue	Charles Winney, Sr.
Mr. Warren C. Coughlin	Mr. Fritzner Diegue	Chloe W. Winney
Bonnie T. & Ted Grissett	Gilbert J. & Evelyn M. Pomar	Betty Rutherford
Leila Jones	Marguerite D. Pearce	Randy Tucker
Valerie Dunn	David M. Pearce	Donna & Henry Bachara
Paul & Clara Hafner	Nellie B. Pearce	Ed, Mickey & Mike Stoner
Janet K. Collins	Parents	Julie Harris Newton
Richard Marty	All of the Maidas, Hands, Shahoods and	Martin Edward Stein
L.C. & Rynell Tucker	Radys waiting for us in heaven	Ann McDonald Baker
Harold & Darlene Jager	Julia McIlwaine	Mary Bergman Winston
Josephine Bozard	Bertha Shaw	Ann Millan
The Reverend A. Stanley Bullock, Jr.	Ray Young	Frank Barker
H. Fraser Higbe, Sr.	Jack & Marjorie Weatherford	Randall Collins
Lucielle S. Higbe	Jimmy Lee & Laurie Young	Jack & Betty Flynn
Ann & Jim Womack	Douglas McDonald	Jim & Florence Halpin
Joe & Seba	Nelson & Ethel Zittrauer	Annetta Flynn Cogdell
		Claude Walker

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Harold & Karlyn Robeson	Tom Vickery	Life everlasting
Shannon, Lindsay, Madison & Kenon	Liz McAlhany	Our church family
Charley, Lauren, Stella & Ruby Baker	Jean Likins	Family & friends
Jean Harden	Sophia	Tom & Lorraine Corey
Fay Doiron	Austin & Collin Brown	Thomas S. Corey IV
Leslie & Laura and their families	Dean Kate Moorehead	Emily Bunnage
Arthur Vaughn	Pam Searcy	Renee Corey
Kristen & Andrew Kimball	Terry Hunt	Abigail Hunt
Paul Logan Tanner	Linda Shepard	David Alexander II
Alexandra Tanner Leake	Tom Burrell	Kamryn Alexander
Catherine Elizabeth Leake	Dot West	Nicholas Spicer
Tim Tuller	Mark & Heather	Elizabeth Spicer
The Cathedral Choir	Ava & Marko	Tory Walker
All of God's gifts to us	My husband	Collin Walker
God's healing	The many blessings given to us	Kristen Santarone

CATHEDRAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

Forgot your checkbook or cash? Text the dollar amount of your gift to 904-584-3116. (Example: \$20)

NO SUNDAY CLASSES TODAY There are no classes today due to the celebration of Easter. Next Sunday, join us at 10 a.m. on Sundays in Taliaferro Hall as we explore a variety of topics concerning the care and nurturing of our children, God's children, through the law, education, healthcare and other means.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS Dinner begins at 5 p.m. and chorister rehearsal begins at 5:30 p.m. Nursery available. Youth Group meets at 6:30 p.m. We offer an art class for adults at 6 p.m.

OFFICES AND BOOKSTORE CLOSED TODAY AND

MONDAY Next week our Cathedral Bookstore will be open on Sunday after every service as usual. You can also shop during the week. The bookstore is located next to the church reception area. Open on weekdays and on Sundays before and after services. Please call the church office to check on bookstore availability before you visit. We have a new selection of journals from Journals Unlimited. These make great gifts for Mother's Day, Father's Day, confirmation and graduation!



QUIET GARDEN MORNING THIS SATURDAY This spring marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the international Quiet Garden Movement. To celebrate, over three hundred public and private gardens will participate by opening to the public for rest, renewal and prayer. St. John's Cathedral is a member of the Quiet Garden Movement. What better day than Earth Day to come spend some time in the beautiful gardens of the Cathedral as we join in celebrating twenty-five years of this very special movement founded in England. Program begins at 9:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.



CONFIRMATIONS AT PENTECOST

The date this year for confirmation, reception and reaffirmation with Bishop Howard is Sunday, June 4 at our 11 a.m. service only. Please contact Carl Worrell (632-9104 x 108 or cworrell@jaxcathedral.org) to sign up or for more details.

ST. MARY'S BAG-A-MONTH CLUB - APRIL ITEMS

Donate to those in need at St. Mary's! The theme for April is baby supplies. Pick up a marked brown bag this Sunday and fill it with diapers, wipes, baby food, bottles, baby shampoo, bibs, etc. Bring your bag back before the last Sunday of the month.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY EVENSONG

We celebrate the feast of the patron saint of England with a festal choral evensong with bagpipes on Sunday, April 23 at 5 p.m.



ART EXHIBIT RECEPTION An exhibition of work from local artist and St. John's Cathedral member Dorothy S. Dorion is being shown from Easter Sunday, April 16 through Pentecost Sunday, June 4 at St. John's Cathedral in Taliaferro Hall. Mrs. Dorion's exhibition, which she has entitled "Inspiration," is particularly appropriate for the season of Easter leading up to Pentecost. A reception in Taliaferro Hall is scheduled for Friday, April 28 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Mrs. Dorion, an accomplished local artist, will lead a walk-through discussion of her exhibition during the reception. All of her exhibition paintings are for sale through the Cathedral Bookstore and Mrs. Dorion has generously requested that all of the proceeds of sales go to St. John's Cathedral.



COMING SOON: YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER DINNER A Youth Mission Trip to Cuba is currently being planned for Spring 2018. A low

country boil dinner fundraiser will be held at the cathedral in Taliaferro Hall on Saturday, May 13 from 5 - 7 p.m. Tickets will soon become available, and more details are to be announced.

EXPLORE SERVICES, CLASSES AND ALL THAT ST. JOHN'S HAS TO OFFER - Visit www.jaxcathedral.org! Our normal worship times on Sunday are 8 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. At 10 a.m. we offer various classes for both children and adults. We hold a variety of programs throughout the year designed to draw us closer to God through service and learning with one another. We are happy to have you visit with us and welcome you into our vibrant community!



+ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE +

LET US PRAY FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD

I. The Church, especially for the Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, for John, our bishop, for Charles and Dorsey, our assisting bishops, for Michael, our presiding bishop, for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, for all ministers, and for the mission of the church.

II. The Welfare of the World.

III. The Nation and all in authority including Donald, our President; Rick, our Governor; and Lenny, our Mayor.

IV. The Concerns of our Local Community.

V. Those who suffer and those in any trouble -

Members of St. John's Cathedral: Nancy Altman, Tom Beasley, Vivian Bennett, Pam Burris, Betty Brisbin, Margaret Brundick, Marcia Cavagna, Carol Campbell, Pat Clance, Betty David, Jackie DeWitt, Monte and Billie Dodson, Austin Dozier, Paul Ellis, Don Farshing, Kenon Ferguson, Vernon Garrett, Alice Gillis, Butch Goodwin, David Grissett, Alice Hadwin, Steve Hayes, Madge Hazen, Elise Higbe, Dianne Hill and family, Marian Hilton, Kathy Browning-Hunt, Robin Hyde, Deborah Jackson, Carl and Nina Jansen, Richard Jarvis, Karen Jesse, Marnie Jones, Nyema Jones, Jurgen and Sandra Kretzenbacher, James Lariscy, Bill Lego, Rose Lego, Jean Likins, Sam Lindblad, Barbara Moorehead, Joe Mikulas, Sharon Millan, Cindy Miller, Patricia Miller, Jan Miller, Jackie and Don Neifert, Paris Nichols, Jack and Sharon Olson, Elizabeth Owen, Michalyn Palmer, Roselyn Parker, Jayne Parkinson, Bill Parrish, Donna Meyers-Perry, Joel Perry, Jacob Richardson, the Richard Samuels family, Sharon, Linda Shepard, Carol Sims, Janet Skeels, Charles Skinner, Bill Spear, Charlotte and Arthur Spruill, Margaret Stewart, Tommy Thomas, Bobby Walker, Jim Ward, Clara Webster, Dot West, Eugenia White, Lin Winney, Diane Young, Gloria Zittrauer.

Family & Friends of Members of Saint John's Cathedral: Mike, Sue, Carolyn, Nancy, Sharon Akel, Sally Altman, Christopher Alexander, Isaiah Alexander, Ethan Allen, Jake Anderson, Janice Anderson, Jailah Armstrong, Karen Austin, Mariah Avila, Charles Warren Lovett Ball and family, Keith Barry, Sheila Beale, Carlotta Beaman, Sharon Beasley, Christopher Bolen, Brianna and Haiden, Sandra Brown, Linda Buck, Cody and Boude, Mason Collier, Cynthia and Darrell, Bill Bower, Douglas and Sandy Brandt, Holly and John Brandvold, Karyn Brode, Ronald Brown, Betty Bruce, Matt Brune, Ingrid Burmeister, Sue Butler, Sharon Cahoon, Jordan Carlson, Jordan and Nancy Carrison, Chuck and Joyce Clause, Cody and Boude, Jose Colon, John Corse Jr, Destiny Daniels, John Daniels, Jacob Davis, Randy Dean, Tommy Dearing, Matthew Deaton, Ryan Dolan, Robin DuBois, Kennon Ferguson, Michael Fields, Mark Garry, Leah George, Philip George, Carla Gillis, Butch Goodwin, Doris Gray, Greg, Charlie Hall, Lynne Harris, Dale and Laurel Hatcher, Philip Hegarty, Bill Huffman, David Hyers, Mama Rosa Isaacs, Grady Johnson, Sonja Jones, Pam Swann Joyce, Kathleen, Katie, the Kenyon family, Calvin Kolster, Calvin Kruger, James Lawson, Barbara Lay, Janis and Bob Leslie, Anita Locke, David Paul Maher, Mary Beth, Stephanie Marty, Richard Masters, Mike Maurer, Chester Miller, Sharon Miller, Tim Miller, Dale Mills, Monica Maglaya, Edmund Morgan, Nathan, Nina Nees, Kyle Nelson, Phil Noel, Donald Mowrey, Betty Nelson, Patricia Paquin, Marcia Parisen, David Parkinson, LaDonna Pelham, Karen Plumlee, Gloria Powell, the Jerry Powers family, Rosalind Randolph, Pat Revel, Mike Reyes, Geneva Skinner-Richardson, P.K. Rutherford, Emma Sayre, Faye Selig, Sylvia Skinner Singleton, Drew Small, Daris Smith, Erica Smith, Noonie Southerland, Sheila Stoner, Suzanne Swann, Marcus Taylor, Rhoda Jane Taylor, Terri Teigland, Jennie Thomas, Matthew Thompson, Trey and Taylor Tucker, Todd Upthegrove, Betsy Volaric, William Wade, Jeanettea and George Wallace, Janet Walters, Kenneth Weiske, Martha White, Mike Williford, Dorothy Yulee.

VI. For those in need of protection, including: John Altman, Charles Armstrong, Ernest Armstrong, Leo Comacho, Joseph Dunford, Jr., Daryle Everett, Michael Flynn, Robert Gordon, Christopher Green, Clint Hyman, Adam Jessee, Justin Johnston, Justin and Carolyn Lane, John Miller, Micah Miller, George Mills, Mimi Mullis, Bruce Myhre, Tom Nelson, Houston Robinson, Danny and Kristin Roman, Oliver Silsby, William Slaght, Jeremy Paul Smith, Nick Smith, Amy Winney.

VII. For all those who have died, especially Claudia Gordon.

VIII. In thanksgiving for all that is gracious in our lives.

+ We invite you to take this list with you to incorporate in your prayer life. Prayer requests for members of St John's Cathedral remain on the list for varying lengths of time. Prayer requests for family and friends of members remain on the list for 4 weeks. Prayer requests are made by contacting Judy Maurer at the church office either by phone (356-5507 or 632-9104 ext. 103) or by E-mail (jmaurer@jaxcathedral.org). For confidential intercessory prayer, please fill out one of the Daughters of the King prayer request cards found in the pews.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

The Right Reverend Samuel Johnson Howard
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Florida

The Right Reverend Charles L. Keyser and
The Right Reverend Dorsey F. Henderson
Assisting Bishops of the Episcopal Diocese of Florida

The Very Reverend Katherine B. Moorehead, Dean
The Reverend Canon David Erickson, Canon for Congregational Development
The Reverend Raja Zabaneh, Chaplain to the Cathedral Residences
The Reverend Louis A. Towson, Priest Associate
The Reverend Jean C. Dodd, Deacon, Children and Families
The Reverend Bennett B. Clance, Deacon, Prison Ministries