



SAINT JOHN'S
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LOVE *at the* CORE.

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023 8 & 10 a.m.

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✻ THE HOLY EUCHARIST ✻

Voluntary

Prelude on *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, J. S. Bach

At the sound of the bell, all stand.

Introit (10 a.m. The Choir will sing the Gregorian “Great O” Antiphons for the season of Advent)

O ROOT of Jesse standing as the banner for the people whom the nations shall seek.
Come and deliver us and tarry not.

O KEY of David that openest and no man shutteth: and shuttest and no man openest.
Come and bring the prisoner out of the prison house.

Paul Fisher, cantor

✻ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✻

Hymn 76 (8 a.m. Stanzas (1-3))

“On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry”
Winchester New

Celebrant Blessed be God.

People **Forever and ever. Amen.**

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.

Silence.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!”
And I said, “What shall I cry?”
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.
Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Here is your God!”
See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

All **You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, ***
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

All stand.

Hymn 56 (*10 a.m., Stanza 3*)

“O come, o come Emmanuel”
Veni, veni Emmanuel

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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

Hymn 56 (*10 a.m., Stanza 4*)

“O come, o come Emmanuel”
Veni, veni Emmanuel

All sit.

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll

A period of silence is kept.

The Nicene Creed

All 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.

Prayers of the People

Leader Holy One, simplify our lives, that we might find time for you.

People Quiet our hearts, O Lord, and come among us.

Leader We pray for peace. Peace in the Middle East, in Ukraine and in all areas torn apart by war. Grant us your peace.

People Quiet our hearts, O Lord, and come among us.

Leader We pray for all who suffer: the sick, the lonely, those who struggle with poverty, grief or loneliness.

People Quiet our hearts, O Lord, and come among us.

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, that they might find wisdom and strength to meet the days ahead.

People Quiet our hearts, O Lord, and come among us.

Leader We pray for all who have died. May they find rest in your presence.

People Quiet our hearts, O Lord, and come among us.

Leader We give thanks for the gift of this congregation, this nation, for our friends, family and all those who we love and especially for the precious gift of life itself.

People Quiet our hearts, O Lord, and come among us.

The Celebrant concludes the prayer.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

All remain standing or kneel as able.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements



As the altar is prepared for Communion, please place your offering in the collection plate as it is passed. You may also give by texting jaxcathedral \$(amount) to 73256. Or use the QR code to give online. Thank you for your generosity.

∞ THE HOLY COMMUNION ∞

The Offertory Anthem *(10 a.m.)*

Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Henry G. Ley

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart,

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone,
By Thine own sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Hymn 380 (*8 a.m., Stanza 3*)

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow”
Old 100th

Hymn 60 (*10 a.m., Stanzas 4-6*)

“Creator of the stars of night”
Comditor alme siderum

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever!

From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

Sanctus (*Sung three times*)

Holy, Holy, Holy, My Heart
WLP 785



All stand or kneel.

Celebrant How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord! As a mother tenderly gathers her children you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

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, he came to supper with his friends, and taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Spoken at 8 a.m., sung at 10 a.m.

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us into the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory. Remember Lord your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace. Bring us at the last with John

and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendor for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by him, with him, and in him, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All 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.

Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Spoken at 8 a.m., sung at 10 a.m.

All Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant 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.

All baptized people are welcome to receive communion. Please let clergy know if you would like a gluten free wafer. Everyone is welcome to come to the altar for a blessing. If you would like a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest. If you like to receive communion and are unable to come to the altar, please ask an usher for assistance. You are also invited to receive prayers in our chapel to the left of the altar.

Music at Communion (10 a.m.)

When Will the Little King Come, Ruth Schram
Celebration Choir

Hymn 67 "Comfort, comfort ye my people"
Psalm 42

The Advent Prose

Antiphon: Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.
Verse 2: We have sinned and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. (Repeat Antiphon)

Paul Fisher, cantor

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

Blessing

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

All stand.

Hymn 68

“Rejoice! Rejoice,
believers”
Llangloffan

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Voluntary

Prelude on Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, J.S. Bach

The flowers at the High Altar are given to the Glory of God.

∞ LOVE AT THE CORE ∞

Love at the Core is our motto; it refers to the heart of who we are. For nearly 200 years, St John's Cathedral has sought to lead people in worship and community service here in the urban core of Jacksonville. We believe that through beauty, art, and worship we can draw people into community to experience God's love and serve those in need. We are a diverse congregation that welcomes all people. You are welcome to learn about the love of Jesus with us.

Our Clergy



**The Very Rev.
Kate Moorehead Carroll**
Dean



**The Rev.
Mark S. Anderson**
Subdean



**The Rev.
Eric Kahl**
Director of the Center for
Prayer and Spirituality



The Rev. Gee Alexander
Associate Priest for
Pastoral Care



**The Rev. Dr.
Linda Privitera**
Associate Priest
and Outreach



The Rev. Saundra Kidd
Deacon for Pastoral Care
and Outreach

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Donna Walker Bell, Chris Collinsworth, Barbara Fiser, Glenn Guiler, Paige Hakimian,
Scott V. Hill, Lewis Hunt, Will Ketchum, Lloyd Lewis, Lisa McKenna, Meg Sacks

✧ GROW ✧

St. John's Cathedral offers opportunities for people of all ages and stages to come together to "read, mark, and inwardly digest" the Word of God. Join us anywhere on your journey.

ONLINE

FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB

First Monday of each month

12 p.m. | Zoom Meeting

Contact St. John's Cathedral Bookstore & Gift Shop for the Zoom link and reading list

Led by Sandi Dunnivant

CENTERING PRAYER PRACTICE

Mondays

8 a.m. | Zoom Meeting

We will learn the process together by reading, breathing, chanting and sitting in silence.

Register on our website jaxcathedral.org/adult-formation

Led by Owene Courtney

READING BETWEEN THE LINES: BIBLE STUDY

Friday

9 a.m. | Zoom Meeting

A study of the Gospels using *Mapping the Gospels* by Susanna Gunner. Register on our website jaxcathedral.org/adult-formation

Led by Owene Courtney

IN-PERSON & ONLINE

DIGITAL DISCIPLES

Sunday

9 a.m. | Zoom

Zoom participants may register on our website jaxcathedral.org/adult-formation

Led by Owene Courtney

GROWING THROUGH THE WORD

Wednesday

11 a.m. | Busey Conference Room & Zoom

Zoom Meeting ID: 810 5329 1806

A Lectionary-based Bible study

Led by Deacon Saundra Kidd

All books mentioned in the class listings are available at the St. John's Cathedral Bookstore & Gift Shop. See our website for even more classes and offerings.

MEDITATING ON ANGELS

Dean Kate teaches this 4-session online class offered by ChurchNext. Ideal for those open to making angels part of their meditative practice. To take the class, visit <https://www.churchnext.tv/library/meditating-on-angels-47714/100306/about/>

∞ WORSHIP ∞

In addition to our 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services on Sunday mornings, St. John's Cathedral offers opportunities for worship and prayer throughout the week, both online and in person.

ONLINE

DEAN KATE'S MORNING DEVOTION

Daily

6 a.m. | YouTube, Facebook, and St John's Cathedral app

Start your day with a 5-minute devotion featuring art and thoughts on the daily lectionary reading. Use QR code to sign up for a daily email.



COMPLINE

Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday

8 p.m. | Facebook Live @jaxcathedral
Prayers for a peaceful night and a perfect day's end.

Led by Lewis Hunt

IN-PERSON

CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS

Sunday

1 p.m. | Cummings Chapel

A ministry that reaches across typical social boundaries to create a community that is welcoming, nurturing and transformative.

Led by the Rev. Beth Tjoflat

NOONDAY HEALING EUCHARIST

Wednesday

12:10 p.m. | Cummings Chapel

A lunchtime prayer service centered on the self-giving love of God for the world and for us, the body and blood of Christ given for our healing, and the healing of creation.

Led by the Rev. Gee Alexander

CENTERING PRAYER CIRCLE

Thursday

9 a.m. | Dooly Library

Reflection and silent prayer. Guided by participants.

An offering of the Center for Prayer & Spirituality.

IN-PERSON

❧ ANNOUNCEMENTS ❧

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

ONEBLOOD BLOOD DRIVE

8 a.m. to Noon

Bus will be at the Market Street gates.

SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBORS

Our neighbors at St. Philip's are in a prayerful period of discernment. Clergy from St. John's Cathedral will take turns serving as supply priests. Additionally, the Rev. Eric Kahl will be the supply priest at St. Paul's by-the-Sea in Jacksonville Beach.

UPCOMING

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Wednesday, December 13

A very British Christmas Dinner with a mystery to solve! Tickets on sale now. \$25 per person. Ages 14 and up.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 24

10 a.m. | Cathedral

Join us for a festive, no practice, Christmas pageant using Madeline L'Engle's *The Glorious Impossible*. Contact Owene Courtney (ocourtney@jaxcathedral.org) for more details.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Dedicate a Christmas poinsettia in honor of a loved one this year and help decorate our cathedral for Christmas. Donation envelopes are in the pews or visit our website to give online.

See the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day service schedule of the back page. Plan to start your New Year's Eve with the Cathedral Choir. Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at 5 p.m. December 31.

∞ INFORMATION ∞

FOR VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS

Welcome! We're glad you've joined us today. To learn more about membership, baptism, confirmation or to receive emails about upcoming events, fill out a connection card found in the pew and hand it to an usher or clergy. Or, visit jaxcathedral.org/welcome and fill out a card online.

HAKIMIAN NURSERY

Our nursery is staffed with trained caregivers for infants and toddlers up to 3 years old every Sunday from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Christian formation for ages 4 through 12th grade is offered at 10 a.m. All are invited to meet in the back of the church to process behind the choir down the aisle and out to their various classrooms. We join the 10 a.m. service at the time of The Peace.

PASTORAL CARE AND PRAYER

The prayer line is always open. Please let us know what you need and how we can pray for you. Many parishioners appreciate our clergy being with them prior to surgery. If you are having a medical procedure and would like pre-op prayers, please call the church office (904) 356-5507.

If you are calling after hours, press 4, and your call will be routed to a member of the clergy. You may also choose the prayer request option under "Contact" on our website for a quick and confidential response.

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Monday - Thursday - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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CHRISTMAS EVE *Sunday, Dec. 24*

- 8 AM HOLY EUCHARIST**
Intimate service with a soloist.
- 10 AM CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND HOLY EUCHARIST**
Children ages 3 and up may play a part in the story of Jesus' birth.
No lines to learn. No rehearsal to attend.
- 4 PM HOLY EUCHARIST**
with violin soloist.
- 6 & 11 PM HOLY EUCHARIST**
Candlelight service with the Cathedral Choir & brass.
Incense will be used at 11 pm.

CHRISTMAS DAY *Monday, Dec. 25*

- 10 AM HOLY EUCHARIST**
with the Cathedral Choir

NEW YEAR'S EVE *Sunday, Dec. 31*

- 5 PM NINE LESSONS & CAROLS**
with the Cathedral Choir

