



SAINT JOHN'S  
CATHEDRAL  
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FLORIDA

LOVE *at the* CORE.

# The Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023 8 & 10 a.m.



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## ✻ THE HOLY EUCHARIST ✻

Voluntary

Prelude on *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, Kenneth Walton

*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 DAYSPRING Brightness of Light Everlasting and Sun of Righteousness, Come and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness and the shadow of death.

O KING of the Nations, and their desire, the cornerstone who makest both one.  
Come and save mankind whom thou hast formed of clay.

*Paul Fisher, cantor*

## ✻ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✻

Hymn 65

"Prepare the way, O Zion"  
*Bereden väg för Herran*

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.*

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All sit.*

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 126

**All** **When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.**  
**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.**  
**Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."**  
**The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.**  
**Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev.**  
**Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.**  
**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy,**  
**shouldering their sheaves.**

Hymn 56 (10 a.m., Stanza 5)

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

## The Holy Gospel

John 1:6-8,19-28

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’” as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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

Hymn 56 (10 a.m., Stanza 6)

“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 prayers.*

## 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.)*

Dixit Maria, Hans Leo Hassler

*Dixit Maria ad angelum:*  
Mary said to the Angel:

*Ecce ancilla Domini,*  
Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord,  
*fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.*  
let it be done to me, according to your word.

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.**

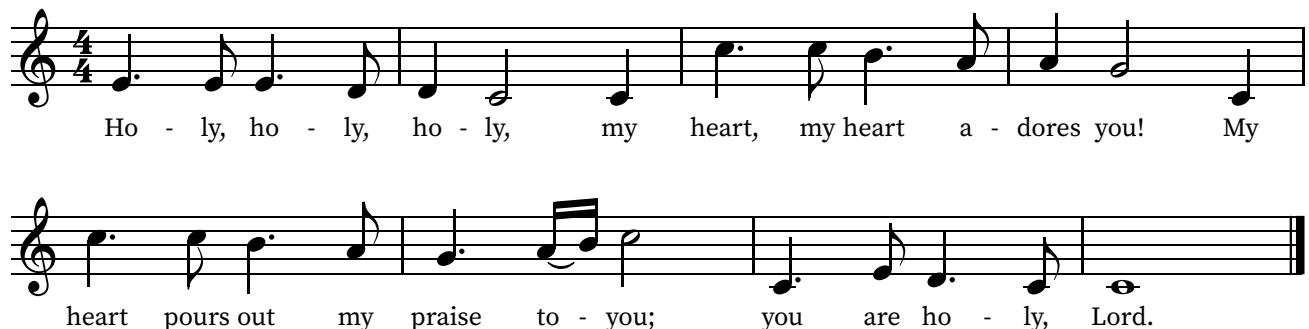
Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever!

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*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My  
heart pours out my praise to - you; you are ho - ly, Lord.

*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.

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.)*

“This little light of mine,” arr. William Farley Smith  
*John White, vocal; Nicole Fogle, piano*

Hymn 75 “There’s a voice in the wilderness crying”  
*Ascension*

The Advent Prose

Antiphon:    Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Verse 3        Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Savior: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. (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 640

“Watchman, tell us of the night”  
*Aberystwyth*

## The Dismissal

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

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

## Voluntary

Prelude on *St. Thomas*, Kenneth Walton

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

Join us for a an Interfaith Prayer Vigil this Thursday evening December 21, at 7 p.m.



**INTERFAITH  
PEACE VIGIL**

**MOURNING ALL THE LIVES LOST IN ISRAEL & GAZA.  
PRAYING FOR THE SAFE RETURN OF ALL HELD CAPTIVE  
AND THE SAFETY OF ALL WHO REMAIN IN DANGER**

**Thursday, December 21, 2023  
7 pm at St. John's Cathedral  
256 E. Church Street**

This will be a shared communal space for prayer and contemplation. Please help us to build the spirit of the event by leaving flags, signage, and political slogans at home

## ∞ 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



**The Rev. Saundra Kidd**  
Deacon for Pastoral Care  
and Outreach

### Our Vestry

Steve Busey, Chancellor  
Charles Winney, Treasurer

Martha Cox, Senior Warden  
Patrick Kimball, Junior Warden

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



## 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 p.m.*

## 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

