



SAINT JOHN'S  
CATHEDRAL  
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FLORIDA

LOVE *at the* CORE.

# The First Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 2023 8 & 10 a.m.



## ✻ THE HOLY EUCHARIST ✻

Voluntary

Prelude on *O Hail this Brightest Day of Days*, J.S. Bach

*At the sound of the bell, all stand.*

Introit (10 a.m.)

Verbum Caro, Anonymous

The Word was made flesh  
And dwelt among us.  
Alleluia.

The Lord hath made known  
His salvation.  
Alleluia.

Nigh to me, he called unto me,  
Thou art my Father.  
Alleluia.

In Procession, Hymn 96

“Angels we have heard on high”  
*Gloria*

## ✻ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✻

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.*

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All sit.*

## The Lesson

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Reader A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Galatians

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

## Psalm

Psalm 147:13-21

**All Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion;**

**For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you.**

**He has established peace on your borders; he satisfies you with the finest wheat.**

**He sends out his command to the earth, and his word runs very swiftly.**

**He gives snow like wool; he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.**

**He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; who can stand against his cold?**

**He sends forth his word and melts them; he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.**

**He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**

**He has not done so to any other nation; to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!**

## The Holy Gospel

John 1:1-18

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

**People**     **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

*All sit.*

## The Sermon

The Rev. Mark S. Anderson

*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        We pray for God's people throughout the world. For the sick, the hungry and those who have no home.

*Silence.*

We pray for the city of Jacksonville and for this Cathedral district here in the heart of the urban core. Pray that we may bring new life to downtown Jacksonville and serve those in need.

*Silence.*

We pray for the nations of the earth, especially the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan, Congo, and all nations torn by war, injustice and oppression Pray for peace.

*Silence.*

We pray for this beautiful earth that You have given us. Pray that we may cherish and care for this planet.

*Silence.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may be welcomed into your loving embrace. Pray for those we love but see no longer.

*Silence.*

Praise God for the gift of Christ's birth, for the gift of our lives and for all the people we love.

*Silence.*

*The Celebrant concludes the prayers. All remain standing or kneel as able.*

## The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*Greet one another with the peace of Jesus.*

## 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

Good King Wencelas, melody from *Piae Cantiones*  
Arr. Malcolm Williamson

Good King Wenceslas looked out,  
On the Feast of Stephen,  
When the snow lay round about,  
Deep, and crisp, and even.  
Brightly shone the moon that night,  
Though the frost was cruel,  
When a poor man came in sight,  
Gath'ring winter fuel.

“Hither page and stand by me,  
If thou know'st it, telling,  
Yonder peasant, who is he?  
Where and what his dwelling?”  
“Sire, he lives a good league hence,  
Underneath the mountain,  
Right against the forest fence,  
By Saint Agnes' fountain.”

“Bring me flesh, and bring me wine,  
Bring me pine-logs hither.  
Thou and I will see him dine,  
When we bear them thither.”  
Page and monarch forth they went,  
Forth they went together;  
Through the rude wind's wild lament,  
And the bitter weather.

“Sire, the night is darker now,  
And the wind blows stronger,  
Fails my heart. I know now how;  
I can go no longer.”  
“Mark my footsteps, good my page;  
Tread thou in them boldly;  
Thou shalt find the winter's rage  
Freeze thy blood less coldly.”

In his master's steps he trod,  
 Where the snow lay dinted;  
 Heat was in the very sod  
 Which the Saint had printed.  
 Therefore, Christian men, be sure,  
 Wealth or rank possessing,  
 Ye, who now will bless the poor,  
 Shall yourselves find blessing.

-J. M. Neale

Rebecca Andrews, soprano; Bradley May, baritone

## Hymn 380 (Stanza 3)

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

## 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:

**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.*

**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, indicated by folding your arms across your chest. If you would 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

To God be the Glory, Andre Crouch  
*Kenyada Williams-Key, vocalist; Cyrus Quaranta, piano*

Hymn 644, "How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds"  
*St. Peter*

Adam lay ybounden, Warren Michel Swenson

Adam lay ybounden,  
Bounden in a bond:  
Four thousand winter  
Thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple,  
An apple that he took,  
As clerkès finden  
Written in their book.

Nè had the apple taken been,  
The apple taken been,  
Ne had never our lady  
Abeen heavenè queen.

Blessèd be the time  
That apple taken was,  
Therefore we moun singen,  
Deo gracias!  
*-Text: 15th century*

## 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.*

In Procession, Hymn 109 (*8 a.m., Stanzas 1-3*) The first Nowell the angel did say”  
*The First Nowell*

## The Dismissal

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

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

## Voluntary

In Thee is Gladness, J.S. Bach

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## Announcements

### **NINE LESSONS & CAROLS**

**Tonight, December 31**

**5 p.m.**

*Champaign Reception*

### **NEWCOMERS BRUNCH**

**Sunday, January 7**

**11:30 a.m.**

*Ingram Lounge*

### **HOLY BAPTISM**

**Sunday, January 14**

*If you or someone in your family  
would like to be baptized, please  
contact Megan Cochran before  
January 4.*

*mcochran@jaxcathedral.org*

*or (904) 632-9104 x156*

### **BISHOP SCOTT BENHASE, PROVISIONAL BISHOP FOR THE DIOCESE OF FLORIDA**

**Sunday, January 14**

**8 & 11 a.m.**

*followed by*

### **CONVERSATION IN COMMUNITY**

**with Bishop Scott Benhase**

**11:30 a.m.**

Let us hear about his life, his  
vocation as deacon, priest, and  
then bishop, and how he came  
to love Jesus.

### **CONVERSATION IN COMMUNITY AND BOOK SIGNING**

**Sunday, January 21**

**11:30 a.m.**

*With the Best of Intentions:  
Interreligious Missteps and  
Mistakes*

Lucinda Mosher, editor

Our discussion will explore  
missteps and outright failures of  
interfaith encounters, what went  
wrong, and why. Dean Kate will  
moderate.

## ∞ 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

## ∞ 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](http://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.

### ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE & GIFT SHOP

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Monday - Thursday - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
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