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A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

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❧ WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL ❧

We invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God. This bulletin contains the entire service and music. If you would like, you may also refer to The Hymnal 1982 found in your pew rack. Please silence all audible electronic devices. If you are in need of an assisted listening device, please see an usher.

The first Festival of Nine Lessons with Carols was held in Truro Cathedral, Christmas Eve 1878. The service was created to replace the practice of the Cathedral Choir caroling parishioners at their homes, but to still offer the Christmas cheer of hearing beloved carols. Edward Benson, then bishop of Truro, later became Archbishop of Canterbury and the Festival service began to spread. The most famous Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is that of King's College, Cambridge, which began in 1918. The longest running service in the U.S. is celebrated at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Hanover, NH, which has presented the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols since 1935.

Voluntaries

Prelude and Fugue in A, BWV 536
Johann Sebastian Bach

Noël X
Louis Claude Daquin

❧ ORDER OF SERVICE ❧

All stand..

In Procession, Hymn 102

“Once in royal David’s city”
Irby
Lisa McKenna, soprano

Soloist Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed,
 where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
 Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

Choir He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,
 and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
 with the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

Choir We, like Mary, rest confounded that a stable should display
 heaven’s Word, the world’s creator, cradled there on Christmas Day,
 yet this child, our Lord and brother, brought us love for one another.

Choir For he is our lifelong pattern; daily, when on earth he grew,
 he was tempted, scorned, rejected, tears and smiles like us he knew.
 Thus he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.

All And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
 for that child who seemed so helpless is our Lord in heaven above;
 and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

All Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing round,
we shall see him; but in heaven, where his saints his throne surround:
Christ, revealed to faithful eye, set at God's right hand on high.

All remain standing.

The Bidding Prayer, The Lord's Prayer, And The Grace

The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll, Dean

Dear People of God, in this Christmas Season, let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience to the glorious redemption brought to us by this holy Child, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise. But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially for the Church in this country and within this city. And because God particularly loves them, let us at this time remember the poor and helpless, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, and all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. Lastly, let us remember before God Jesus' pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself has taught us:

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 Priest blesses the people.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. Amen.

All sit.

The Invitatory Carol

When God came a-visiting, Alec Rowley

When God came a-visiting
For our delight,
His own shining Angels
Sang loud in the height;
But they were in Heaven
And He upon earth,
A poor helpless infant
Was brought to the birth.

His home was a stable,
His bed of straw,
And rough simple shepherds
His lowliness saw;
His mother was Mary,

O wonderful night
When God came a-visiting
For our delight.

And may we see clearly
In every face,
The song and the shining
That come of His grace.
And in all the lonely
The poor, and the sad,
See Christ and Him only
And make them right glad.

-G. Aiden Clarke

The First Lesson

Genesis 3:8-15

God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

Lector A Reading from the book of Genesis.

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Carol

Adam lay ybounden, Warren Michel Swenson

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

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

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

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

The Second Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6, 19

The prophet Isaiah in exile foresees the coming of the glory of the Lord.

Lector A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD. The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Carol

Surge illuminare Jerusalem, William Byrd

*Surge illuminare Jerusalem, quia venit lumen tuum et gloria Domini super te orta est.
Alleluia.*

Arise, shine forth in splendor, Jerusalem, for thy light hath now appeared;
and the glory of the Lord over thee hath arisen. Alleluia.

The Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6,7

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

Lector A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Carol

Good King Wenceslas, Melody from *Piae Cantiones*
Arr. Malcolm Williamson
Rebecca Andrews, soprano; Bradley May, baritone

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

All stand and sing.

Hymn 78

“O little town of Bethlehem”
Forest Green

- All O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
- All For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
- Choir How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.
- All O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

All sit.

The Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 11:2, 4, 6-9
The peace that Christ will bring is foretold.

Lector A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. But with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

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

Carol

What is this lovely fragrance, Healey Willan

What is this lovely fragrance wafting
Like to the scents of flow'rs in spring?
Shepherds, O tell us, whence such beauty
Hear you not heav'nly caroling?
What is this lovely fragrance wafting
Like to the scents of flow'rs in spring?

What is this light so fair, so tender
Breaking upon our wond'ring eyes?
Never the Morning Star so radiant
Followed his course o'er eastern skies.
What is this light so fair, so tender
Breaking upon our wond'ring eyes?

Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps
Seek the Saviour, born today.
Low at His feet we lay our treasure,
Heart's adoration, love for aye.
Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps
Seek the Saviour, born today.

The Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-35, 38

The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.

Lector A Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow

ow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.”
Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to
your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Carol

The Salutation Carol, Alan Gibbs

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell
This is the salutation of the Angel Gabriel.

Tidings true there be come new,
Sent from the Trinity
By Gabriel to Nazareth,
City of Galilee.
“A clean maiden, a pure virgin,
By her humility
Shall now conceive the Person
Second in Deity.” *Refrain*

When that he presented was
Before her fair visage,
In most demure and goodly wise
He did to her homage;
And said, “Lady, from heaven so
high, that Lordes heritage,
For he of thee now born will be;
I’m sent on his message.” *Refrain*

“Hail, Virgin celestial,
The meek’st that ever was!
Hail, temple of the Deity!
Hail, mirror of all grace!
Hail, Virgin pure! I thee ensure,
Within a little space
Thou shalt conceive, and him receive
That shall bring great solace.”

Refrain

Then bespake the Maid again
And answered womanly,
“Whate’er my Lord commandeth
me I will obey truly.”
With “*Ecce sum humillima*
Ancilla Domini;
Secundum verbum tuum.”
She said, “*Fiat mihi.*” *Refrain*

All stand and sing.

Hymn 105

“God rest you merry, gentlemen”
God Rest You Merry

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;
remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,
to save us all from Satan’s power when we were gone astray.

Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!

From God our heavenly Father a blessèd angel came
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. *Refrain*

“Fear not, then,” said the angel, “Let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in him from Satan’s power and might.” *Refrain*

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
and with true love and charity each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace. *Refrain*

All sit.

The Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

Saint Luke tells of the birth of the Messiah in Bethlehem.

Lector A Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Carol

Madonna and Child, Eric H. Thiman

We saw him sleeping in his manger bed,
And falter’d feet and heart in holy dread,
Until we heard the maiden mother call:
Come hither, sirs, he is so sweet and small.

She was more fair than ye have looked upon,
She was the moon, and he her little sun;
O Lord, we cried, have mercy on us all!
But ah, quod she, he is so sweet and small.

Whereat the blessed beasts with one accord,
Gave tongue to praise their little blessed Lord,
Oxen and asses singing in their stall:
The king of kings, he is so sweet and small.

-Gerald Bullett

The Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8-20

Angels proclaim the Messiah's birth; the shepherds go to the manger.

Lector A Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Welcome and Announcements



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Offertory Carols

I saw three ships, Traditional English Carol
Arr. Andrew Carter

I saw three ships come sailing in,
On Christmas Day in the morning.
And what was in those ships all three?
On Christmas Day in the morning.
Our Saviour Christ and his lady,
On Christmas Day in the morning.
Pray, whither sailed those ships all three?
On Christmas Day in the morning.
O, they sailed into Bethlehem,
On Christmas Day in the morning.
And all the bells on earth shall ring,
On Christmas Day in the morning.
And all the angels in heav'n shall sing,
On Christmas Day in the morning.
And all the souls on earth shall sing,
On Christmas Day in the morning.
Then let us all rejoice amain!
On Christmas Day in the morning.

Maker of the heavens fair,
Lulla, lulla lay,
Lying in a manger bare,
Lulla, lulla lay,
Thou has come our woes to share,
Lulla, lullaby.

Ox and ass the babe surround,
Lulla, lulla lay,
Jesus utters ne'er a sound,
Lulla, lulla lay,
Joy and peace by all are found,
Lulla, lullaby.

Shepherds journey there today,
Lulla, lulla lay,
From the star an heav'nly ray,

Chester Carol, Traditional English
Arr. Philip Ledger

Lulla, lulla lay,
Leads the trav'lers on their way,
Lulla, lullaby.

Overhead the angels sing,
Lulla, lulla lay,
Praises to their infant king,
Lulla, lulla lay,
Wise men haste their gifts to bring,
Lulla, lullaby.

Unto him our homage tend,
Lulla, lulla lay,
May our prayers to God ascend,
Lulla, lulla lay,
He from ill shall us defend,
Lulla, lullaby.

All stand and sing.

Hymn 94

“While shepherds watched their flocks by night”
Winchester Old

- All While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.
- All “Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind; “Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind.
- Choir “To you, in David’s town, this day is born of David’s line the Savior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:
- Choir “The heavenly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed, all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid.”
- All Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith appeared a shining throng of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:
- All All glory be to God on high and on the earth be peace; good will henceforth from heaven to men begin and never cease.”

All sit.

The Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12
The Wise Men are led by the star of Jesus.

Lector A Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary

his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Carol

Epiphany Carol, Alexander L'Estrange

Lisa McKenna, soprano

Is it gold that you bring?
Is that your present for the King?
Is that your special offering?
But far more precious than the gold,
So often have we heard it told,
Is our beloved blue-green world.
Oh bring me, oh bring me a present for the future.

Is it frankincense you bring?
Is that your present for the King?
Is that your special offering?
However fair the frankincense,
Its perfume warming to our sense,
Our planet's need remains immense.
Oh bring me, oh bring me a present for the future.

Is it myrrh that you bring?
Is that your present for the King?
Is that your special offering?
If only could those drops of myrrh
A sense of longing in us stir
To make Earth's blessings as they were.
Oh bring me, oh bring me a present for the future.
-Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

All stand for the final lesson.

The Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-14

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Lector A Reading from the Gospel according to St. John.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand and sing.

Hymn 83

“O come, all ye faithful”
Adeste fidelis

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him, born the King of angels;

*Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

God from God, Light from Light eternal, lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb; only-
begotten Son of God the Father; *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to
God, glory in the highest; *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word
of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

Remain standing for the collects.

The Collects for the Nativity of our Lord

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

The Blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 87

“Hark! the herald angels sing”
Mendelssohn

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

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

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

All remain standing for the retiring procession.

In Procession

Chorale Prelude on *In Dulci Jubilo*, Marcel Dupré

All sit.

Voluntary

Chorale Improvisation on *In Dulci Jubilo*, Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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Please join us in Taliaferro Hall for a champagne reception.

We invite you to join us for worship on Sundays at 8 & 10 a.m.
Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

∞ 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
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Our Vestry

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Scott V. Hill, Lewis Hunt, Will Ketchum, Lloyd Lewis, Lisa McKenna, Meg Sacks



Timothy Tuller, Canon for Music

Timothy Tuller is a native of Elmira, New York, where he began piano and organ lessons at the age of eight and gave his first performance at age fourteen. He graduated summa cum laude from Ithaca College, and then earned his Master of Music degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music, where he was a student of Todd Wilson and received the Valedictory Prize.

Tim served as the Assistant University Organist at the University of the South from 2000-2003 under the direction and tutelage of organist and educator, Dr. Robert Delcamp. While on “the Mountain,” Tim assisted with every aspect of the music program, accompanying up to nine services per week at the University Chapel and the School of Theology. During his tenure at Sewanee, he accompanied the University’s choir on several tours, including a residency at York Minster, and was featured on the resulting 2-CD recording. After Sewanee, Tim subsequently served as the Music Associate at the Cathedral Church of the Advent in Birmingham, Alabama. In addition to serving as the primary organist for the Cathedral, he accompanied the Cathedral Choir on a 2004 residency at St. Alban’s and Ely Cathedrals, in England. He was also the featured organist for their 2006 recording “Praise ye the Lord.”

Since 2007, Tim has been the Canon for Music at St. John’s Cathedral in Jacksonville, Florida. As Canon, Tim’s duties include playing the Cathedral’s

magnificent 1983 Austin organ for all Cathedral services, conducting the 40-voice Cathedral Choir, and presiding over an extensive music series of secular and sacred performances. Under Tim’s direction, the Cathedral Choir has sung choral residencies at Ely Cathedral (2010), Canterbury Cathedral and Westminster Abbey.(2014), and the National Cathedral in Washington, D. C. (2018).

Tim has more than thirty years of ecclesiastical performance experience in several denominations and has a particular fondness for English choral music. In addition to his duties at the Cathedral, Tim has been active in the Jacksonville musical community. He has served as accompanist for several local choral groups including the Orange Park Chorale and the choral department at the University of North Florida. An active recitalist, Tim was a featured performer at the 2017 Southeastern Regional Convention of the American Guild of Organists, and at the 2018 St. Augustine Music Festival.

✧ 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.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE & GIFT SHOP

Hours: Sunday - 9 a.m. to Noon
Monday - Thursday - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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