



**SAINT JOHN'S
CATHEDRAL**
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FLORIDA

Ascension Sunday

May 21, 2023 | 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Voluntary

L'Ascension
IV. Prayer from Christ ascending towards His Father
Olivier Messiaen

At the sound of the bell, please stand.

Introit *(10 a.m. only)*

God is gone up
Arthur Hutchings

God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
Thou art gone up on high, Thou hast led captivity captive and received gifts for men.
O sing praises unto our God. O sing praises unto our King. He hath led captivity
captive and received gifts for men. God is gone up on high.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Hymn 214

Llanfair

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

All 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.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Lesson

Acts 1:6-14

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *let those who hate him flee before him.

Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *let them also be merry and joyful.

Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

Father of orphans, defender of widows, *God in his holy habitation!

God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *but the rebels shall live in dry places.

O God, when you went forth before your people, *when you marched through the wilderness,

The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *you refreshed the land when it was weary.

Your people found their home in it; *in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *sing praises to the Lord.

He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God; *his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

How wonderful is God in his holy places! *the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading and then the people stand for the Repeating Alleluia.

All stand.

A Repeating Alleluia (10 a.m.)

Calvin Hampton

The Holy Gospel

John 17:1-11

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed." "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Repeating Alleluia is sung again after the reading of the Gospel.

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Mark S. Anderson

A period of silence is kept.

All stand.

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 Eternal Lord, Creator of the Universe and Giver of all life, we thank you for the gift of our lives, for our loved ones and for this beautiful earth that you have entrusted into our care. Risen Christ,

People **Be known to us.**

Leader We ask you to give us the gift of that peace that passes all understanding. We ask for peace throughout the world, peace among races, peace among nations, peace on the streets of this city and peace in this church. Risen Christ,

People **Be known to us.**

Leader We ask that you would bless and heal all those who suffer from physical illness, mental illness, addiction or any other ailment. Risen Christ,

People **Be known to us.**

Leader We ask you to welcome the souls of our loved ones to heaven itself, where they may see the beauty of the resurrection life. Risen Christ,

People Be known to us.

Leader Call us into your service, O Lord, that in the knowledge of your resurrection, we may use all our gifts to build your kingdom here on earth. Risen Christ,

People Be known to us.

Celebrant For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **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

T H E H O L Y C O M M U N I O N



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 the left and give online. Thank you for your generosity!

The Offertory Anthem

Let this mind be in you
Lee Hoiby

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every

knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;
And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the
Father.

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

Old 100th

Hymn 382 *(10 a.m.)*

General Seminary

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer Book of the Church of England

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 our thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to
be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

Sanctus *(Spoken at 8 a.m., Sung at 10 a.m.)*

Hymn S-130
Franz Schubert

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey
his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be
for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory. Great is the mystery of faith:

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



Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favor on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

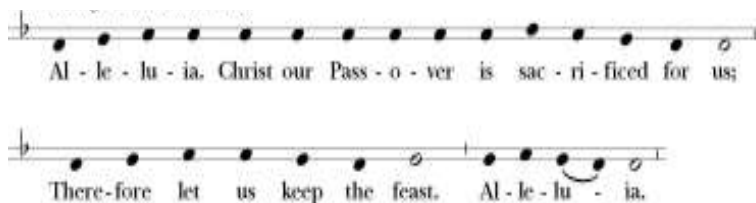
All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine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

Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

The Celebrant and People sing the Fraction Anthem. (Spoken at 8 a.m.)

Hymnal S-152

Mason Martens



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

Music at Communion

Gospel Offering

For your Glory, Tasha Cobbs
Kenyada Williams-Key, soloist
Cyrus Quaranta, accompanist

Duet

Laudamus te (from Gloria) Antonio Vivaldi
Rebecca Andrews, soprano
Jonathan Spencer, countertenor

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, and we glorify thee, O Lord.

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 Almighty God has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

All stand.

Hymn 544

Duke Street

The Dismissal

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

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

Voluntary

L'Ascension
III. Outbursts of joy
Olivier Messiaen



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

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LOVE AT THE CORE

Love at the Core is our motto; it refers to the heart of our ministry and mission. For nearly 200 years, St. John's Cathedral has been in the forefront of spiritual leadership and community service in Jacksonville's Urban Core. Many ministries to care for children and the elderly and to promote the arts, education and healthcare started here, including Aging True, The Episcopal School of Jacksonville, Cathedral Care, Cathedral Arts Project, The Cathedral School and Cathedral District-Jax. These ministries are now thriving nonprofit organizations serving the downtown and beyond. Today we continue to move forward with Love at the Core. We invite you to join us.

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THE SEASON OF EASTER

More than just a Sunday, Easter is a season of fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday in which we joyfully celebrate the resurrection and the renewal of creation. We invite you to join us in exploring the theme “Our Relationship with Nature” throughout this season. All creation is clearly bearing the weight of an immense human population and its excesses. How is God calling us to care for creation?

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 8:45 to 11:15 a.m.

Children and Youth

Christian formation for ages 4 through 12th grade is offered at 10 a.m. If you need help finding a classroom, please ask an usher. All ages join the 10 a.m. service at the time of The Peace.

4 year olds - 2nd grade, Lower-level Classroom
3rd - 5th grade, Cummings Chapel
6th grade - High School, Undercroft Youth

Prayer and Care

Our clergy and lay ministers visit hospitals, bless babies born and those that are dying, counsel the sick, and offer comfort in any way that we can. Call the Church Office anytime and ask for Pastoral Care. If you are calling after hours, just 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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Daily Dean's Morning Devotion Video,

6 a.m. SJC app or on YouTube

Evening Compline

8 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday,
Facebook Live

Today

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Cathedral

8:45 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. Hakimian Nursery Open

9 a.m. Digital Disciples: Being With
Busey Conference Room & Zoom. Contact Owene
Courtney at ocourtney@jaxcathedral.org for more
information.

9 a.m. Conversations With Kate
about Creation, Ingram Lounge

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Cathedral

1 p.m. Church Without Walls, Cummings Chapel

5 p.m. Vocal Recital: Rebecca Andrews and
Jonathan Spencer, Taliaferro Hall

Monday

5:30 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting,
Busey Conference Room

6 p.m. Boy Scout Troop Meeting,
Scout Room Lower Level

Tuesday

7 a.m. Daily Office Morning Prayer, Zoom

10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Art Class, The Painting Place
Contact Sylvia V. Armsby at svabritspeak@aol.com

Wednesday

11 a.m. Growing Through the Word Bible Study,
Busey and Zoom. Contact Deacon Sandra Kidd at
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12:10 p.m. Healing Eucharist, Cummings Chapel

6 p.m. Free Community Yoga, Cummings Chapel
Contact Megan Cochran at
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6 to 8:30 p.m. Art Class, The Painting Place
Contact Jean Dodd at jeandodd1958@gmail.com

8 p.m. Compline, Facebook Live

Thursday

7 a.m. Office Morning Prayer, Zoom

9 a.m. Centering Prayer Circle, Cummings Chapel
Contact the Rev. Eric Kahl at
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8 p.m. Compline, Facebook Live

Friday

9 a.m. Reading Between the Lines Bible Study,
Zoom. Contact Owene Courtney at
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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hunger Fight

Hunger Fight is returning to St. John's Cathedral on Sunday, June 25 from 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

We need volunteers of all ages who will work in teams of ten to pack meals. Lunch will be provided. Music and camaraderie will keep us motivated as we aim to pack cases of food to give to the local food pantries. The event is free! Registration is required so we can order sufficient supplies. Please scan QR code to register before June 19.



Vocal Recital: Rebecca Andrews and Jonathan Spencer

**Sunday, May 21
5 p.m. | Taliaferro Hall**

On Sunday, May 21 at 5 p.m., you are invited to a Vocal Recital at St. John's Cathedral. Rebecca Andrews, soprano, and Jonathan Spencer, countertenor, have prepared an evening of song that is sure to entertain. Andrews and Spencer will be singing both Classical and Broadway solos and duets; some German, some not! There is something for everyone to enjoy!

Pentecost Sunday May 28

On Pentecost Sunday, we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus and the beginning of the Church. At St. John's Cathedral we will celebrate the Church's birthday with cupcakes for everyone. There will be a fire breather during the service to represent the "tongues of fire." The clergy wear RED vestments to signify the work of the Spirit. You are welcome to wear RED too!

Blood Drive

**Sunday, June 4 | 8 a.m. to noon
Market St.**

You can be a lifesaver! Each whole blood donation has the potential to save up to three lives. Every donor receives a \$20 gift card, a OneBlood long-sleeve T-shirt, and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening. Appointments are encouraged. Please scan the QR code below to make one today.



Juneteenth Concert

**Saturday, June 17 | 5 p.m.
Cathedral Nave, Reception following in
Taliaferro Hall**

Please join the Jacksonville Gospel Chorale in a Celebration Anniversary Concert for Juneteenth

Coffee Hour Angels

We are so grateful for our coffee hour angels. If you are interested in becoming a coffee hour angel, please contact Pam Searcy at psearcy@jaxcathedral.org

Supporting our Neighbors

Our neighbors at St. Philip's are in a prayerful period of discernment for the future of their congregation. For the next several months, clergy from St. John's Cathedral will take turns serving as supply priests each Sunday.

This Sunday, the Rev. Linda Privitera will be serving.



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