



SAINT JOHN'S
CATHEDRAL
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FLORIDA

The Eve of the Nativity

December 24, 2022 | 4 p.m.



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Music Before the Service

Christmas Fantasy, Sigurd M. Øgaard
Glynda Newton, violin

The People remain seated. The candles are lit on the Advent wreath as the light of Christ comes into the world.

Hymn

Hymnal 1982, No. 100

(Stanzas 1-3)

Adeste fideles

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
as the curse is found, far as the curse is
won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

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2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
3 far as the curse is found, far
4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
peat the sound - ing joy,
as the curse is found,
won - ders of his love,

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Celebrant Blessed be our God.

People Forever and ever. Amen.

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 God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

Reader 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. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 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.**

The Psalm

Psalms 96

All Sing to the LORD a new song; *sing to the LORD, all the whole earth. Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations *and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations: “The LORD is King! *he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.”

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, *when he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness *and the peoples with his truth.

All stand.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Deacon 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. 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!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Very Reverend Kate Moorehead Carroll

Silence.

The Nicene Creed

All stand.

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.

The Prayers of the People

Leader We pray for God's people throughout the world. For all who suffer from the coronavirus and its effects. 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 Afghanistan, Belarus, Haiti, Somalia, 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.

Celebrant says a concluding prayer.

All kneel as able.

The Confession of Sin

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.

Celebrant 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.

All stand.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION



*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!*

Offertory Anthem

Blow out the trumpet in Sion
Martin Peerson


Blow out the trumpet in Sion and sound an alarm in thy holy mountain. Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand. -Joel 2:1



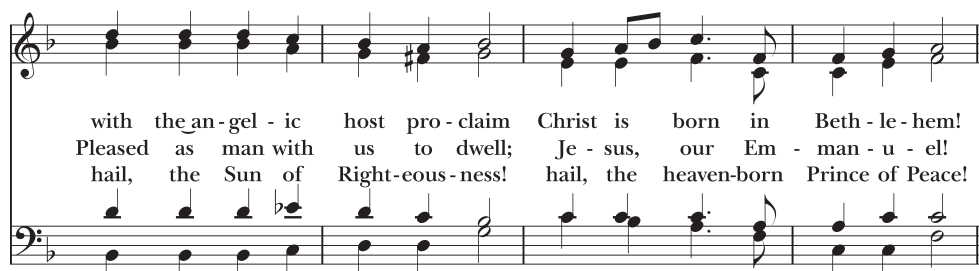
1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,



with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus and Benedictus

S-124
David Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People stand or kneel.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had

given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

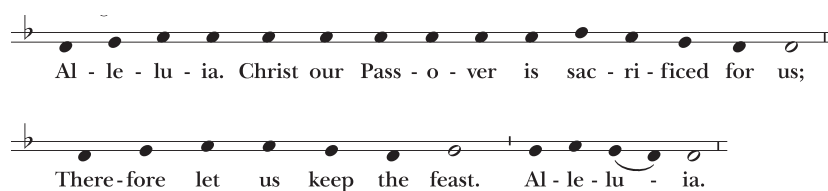
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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.



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. 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

Hymn

Hymnal 1982, No. 101
Luther's Carol



1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 * 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is night.
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

Hymn

Hymnal 1982, No. 111
Stille Nacht



Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
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The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

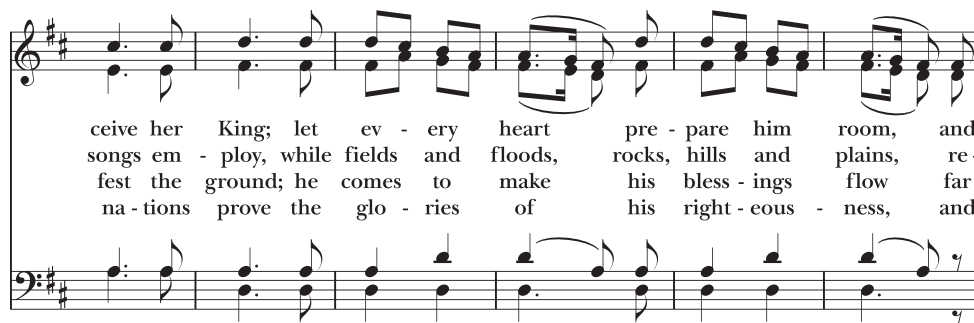
All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

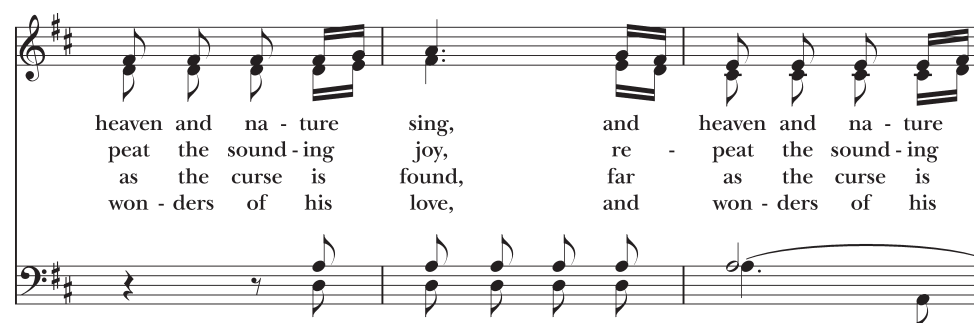
Celebrant May Almighty God watch over you who wait for Christ to come again, you who long to see His face. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



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The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

I Saw Three Ships, Richard Elliott

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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M E R R Y C H I R S T M A S

Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem is over...our Savior is born and lies in a manger.
The shepherds have listened to the angel and hurried to see the babe in swaddling cloths.

The Wise Men travel on, led by a star.

Two ways to meet our Lord—drop everything and believe
or with quiet study and longing, find the way.

The journey to Bethlehem is complete, but the story is only beginning...

I N F O R M A T I O N

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 years	2nd grade, Lower-level Classroom
3rd grade	5th grade, Cummings Chapel.
6th grade	High School, Undercroft Youth Room.

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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A N N O U N C E M E N T S

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Sunday Schedule

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Cathedral
9 a.m. Adult Formation Zoom* and In-person
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Cathedral
10 a.m. Formation for Children & Youth ages 3 – 18
1 p.m. Church Without Walls, Dean's Garden

Weekday Worship

Daily at 6 a.m.
Dean Kate's Morning Devotion on YouTube*

Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.
Compline on Facebook Live*

Tuesday and Thursday at 7 a.m.
Morning Prayer on Zoom

Thursday at 9 a.m.
Centering Prayer Circle in Cummings Chapel

Wednesday at 12:10 p.m.
Healing Eucharist in Cummings Chapel

Weekday Formation

Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Day Art Class in The Painting Place

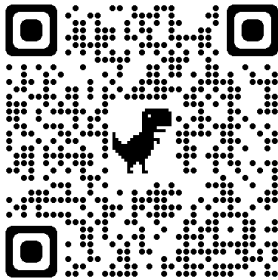
Wednesday at 11 a.m.
Growing Through the Word in Busey Conference Room and on Zoom*

Wednesday at 6 p.m.
Yoga in Cummings Chapel

Wednesday, 6 to 8: 30 p.m.
Art Class in The Painting Place

Friday at 9 a.m.
Reading Between the Lines Bible Study on
Zoom*

**Please see our website page [Weekly Classes and Worship](#) under Learn
for Zoom links and access to online classes.
Or use the QR code to the below.*



Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Saturday, December 31 | 5 p.m.

New Year's Potluck

Sunday, January 1 | 11 a.m.

Epiphany Service

Friday, January 6 | 5 p.m.

Baptism of our Lord & The Corey's Coffee Hour

Sunday, January 8

MLK Luncheon

Saturday, January 14

Quiet Garden Morning

Saturday, January 14



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