

The Eve of the Nativity

December 24, 2022 | 6 p.m. & 11 p.m.



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Music Before the Service

Ricercar del duodecimo tuono, Andrea Gabrieli

Yuletide Carols for Brass and Organ, Various/Traditional Arr. R. Powell

Noël sur les jeux d'anches, Louis Claude D'Aquin

Christmas Suite No. 4, Various/Traditional Arr. T. Steve

Were You there on that Christmas Night, Natalie Sleeth

Rebecca Andrews, soprano

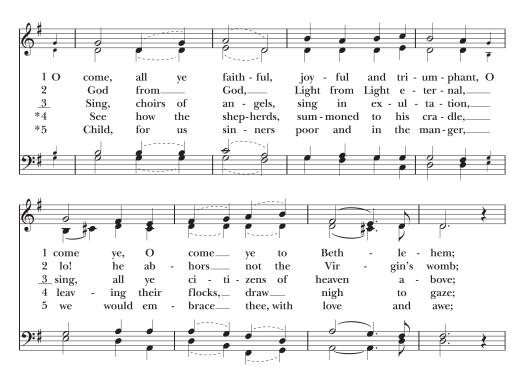
Stuart Edward Meyer, baritone

The People remain seated. The lights are dimmed and the Advent wreath is lit. As the Christ Light begins to shine forth, we hear the opening sentences of Saint John's Gospel.

Hymn

Hymnal 1982, No. 83

Adeste fideles





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.

Mendelssohn



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord 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
Psalm 96
CHANT: Thomas Attwood

Sung by the Choir

O SING unto the LORD a new song; *sing unto the LORD, all the whole earth.

Sing unto the LORD, and praise his Name; * be telling of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his honour unto the heathen, *and his wonders unto all people. For the LORD is great, and cannot worthily be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for the gods of the heathen, they are but idols; * but it is the LORD that made the heavens.

Glory and worship are before him; *power and honour are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, * ascribe unto the LORD worship and power.

Ascribe unto the LORD the honour due unto his Name; *bring presents, and come into his courts.

O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

Tell it out among the heathen, that the LORD is King, and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; * and how that he shall judge the people righteously.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; *let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.

Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; *then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the LORD.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; *and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.

The Second Lesson

Titus 2:11-14

Lector A reading from the letter of Paul to Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The People stand and sing.

Hymn

Hymnal 1982, No. 89 Carol



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

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 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 Ukraine 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!

The Offertory Anthem

The Holly and the Ivy, French Traditional Carol Arr. June Nixon

The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown, Of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown.

Refrain: O the rising of the sun, the running of the deer; The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a prickle, as sharp as any thorn, And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, on Christmas Day in the morn. *Refrain*.

The holly bears a bark, as bitter as any gall, And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, for to redeem us all. *Refrain*.

Hymn

Hymnal 1982, No. 380

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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.

Eucharistic Prayer A



People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

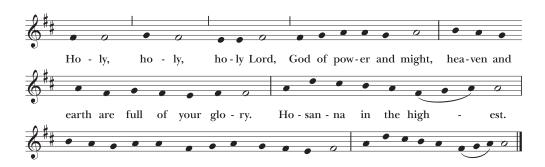
Celebrant

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



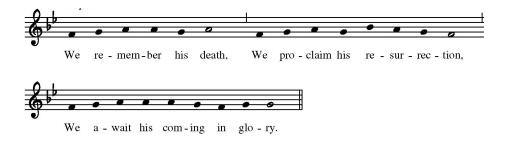
The People stand or kneel.

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us.

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



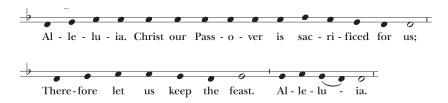
Celebrant

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

Carol

The snow lay on the ground, Leo Sowerby

The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright, When Christ our Lord was born on Christmas night. Refrain: Venite, adoremus Dominum (O come, let us adore Him). shared the roof with

'Twas Mary, Virgin pure of holy Anne, That brought into this world The God made man. She laid him in a stall at Bethlehem; The ass and oxen them.

Refrain.

Saint Joseph, too, was by to tend the Child; To guard Him and protect His mother mild. The angels hover'd round, and sang this song: Venite, adoremus Dominum. Refrain.

And thus that manger poor became a throne; For He whom Mary bore was God the Son. O come, then, let us join the heav'nly host, To praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Refrain.

Carol

Here is the little door, lift up the latch, oh lift! We need not wander more, but enter with our gift; Our gift of finest gold. Gold that was never bought or sold; Myrrh to be strewn about his bed; Incense in clouds about His head; All for the child that stirs not in His sleep, But holy slumber hold with ass and sheep. Here is the little door Herbert Howells

Bend low about His bed, For each He has a gift; See how His eyes awake, Lift up your hands, O lift! For gold, He gives a keen-edged sword. (Defend with it thy little Lord!) For incense, smoke of battle red, Myrrh for the honored happy dead; Gifts for His children, terrible and sweet; Touched by such tiny hands, and Oh such tiny feet.

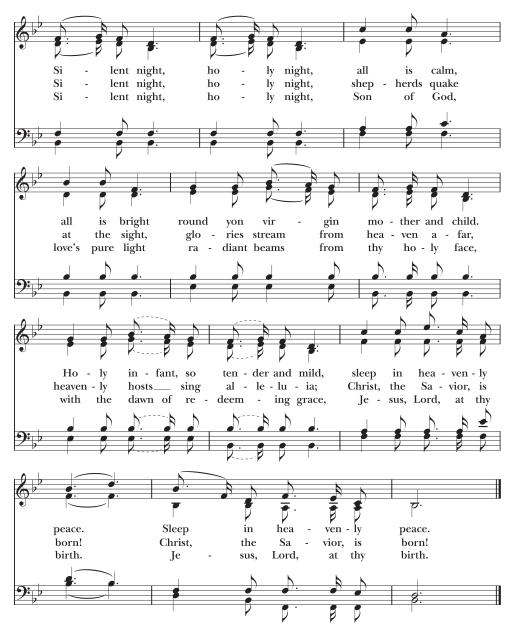
-Frances Chesterton





Hymn

Hymnal 1982, No. 111 Stille Nacht



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.**

Hymn

Hymnal 1982, No. 100

Antioch



The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Concluding Voluntary

Hodie Christus Natus Est, Giovanni Gabrieli Arr. S. Drummond Wolff

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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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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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...

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 years 3rd grade 6th grade 2nd grade, Lower-level Classroom 5th grade, Cummings Chapel. 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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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 <u>Weekly Classes and</u> <u>Worship</u> under Learn for Zoom links and access to online classes.

Or use the QR code to the below.

Christmas Day Services

Sunday, December 25 | 8 & 10 a.m. Christmas Day Breakfast by the Baking Ministry after each service.

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Saturday, December 31 | 5 p.m. An annual tradition at St. John's Cathedral, the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols has been voted one of the top things to do on New Year's Eve in Jacksonville. A reception will follow.

New Year's Day Potluck Lunch

Sunday, January 1 | 11 a.m.

The church will provide ham. Please bring black-eyedpeas, cornbread, collard greens or a dessert to complete our New Year's meal.

Baptism of our Lord

Sunday, January 8 | 8 & 10 a.m. Thank you to the Corey Family for sponsoring Coffee Hour in honor of Thomas Corey, Jr.

Contemplative Epiphany Eucharist

Sunday, January 8 | 5 p.m. Cathedral Nave

Martin Luther King Brunch

Saturday, January 14 | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Taliaferro Hall. Please call (904) 354-1053 to reserve your seat by January 6, 2023

Quiet Garden Morning Who is my Neighbor?

Saturday, January 14 | 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Cummings Chapel and the Cathedral Grounds How does our understanding of neighbor shape our prayers and actions? Participants are encouraged make a reservation (see above) to join the MLK Brunch immediately following.

Exploring Hogan's Creek with Groundwork Jax

Saturday, January 21 | 9:30 a.m. to Noon Kay Ehas, CEO of Groundwork Jacksonville, the City of Jacksonville's nonprofit partner in creating the 30-mile Emerald Trail and restoring McCoys Creek and Hogans Creek, will talk to us about the current status of the restoration effort. We will walk from St. John's Cathedral to Hogans Creek to get a first-hand look at the creek's current condition.

Christmas Flowers Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of...

Charles & Marilyn Lewis

Douglas V. Maurer

Don Neifert Joan Smith John Rentz

Amy Caroline Purcell

Lino Vivian Harry Philipps Richard Bush

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Martin Marin Lottie Stewart Tanner Bailey Earl Browne

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James Harrell

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Harry Mason

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David Burrell
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Bert J. Pittman, Jr.

Edith & Clarence Osborn

Robert Vorpe Sam Covington

Ann Campbell Bryan

Jim McAvity Dorothy Cook

Thomas S. Corey, Jr. Michael Stephen Sullivan

Christmas Flowers Given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for....

The Lewis-Tubre family

Susan Woods Megan Cochran Philip Anderson Michael, Jennifer and Matthew Purcell Leslie, Roger & Margo Clark Laura, Kenny, Savannah & James Kwaak

St. John's Cathedral Clergy Our children & grandchildren Ana Maria, Pedro, Luz & Isabel Lorraine L. Corey and family



