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The Eve of the Nativity

December 24, 2022 | 2 p.m.

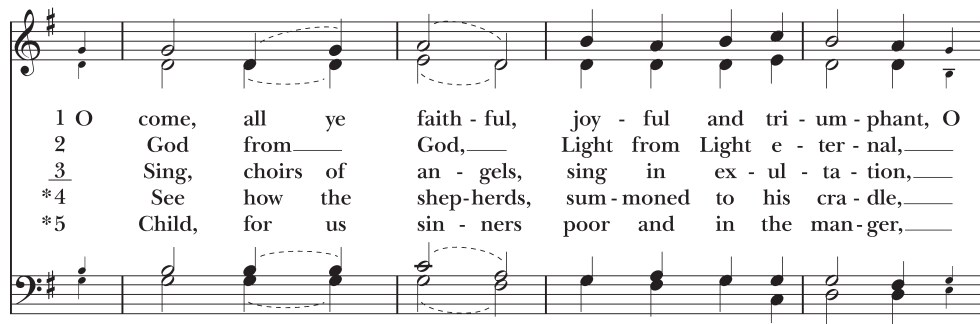


THE HOLY EUCHARIST

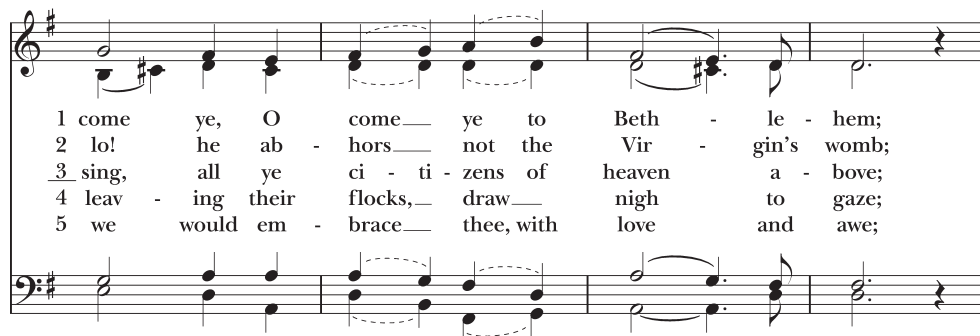
Hymn

Hymnal 1982, No. 83, St.1-3

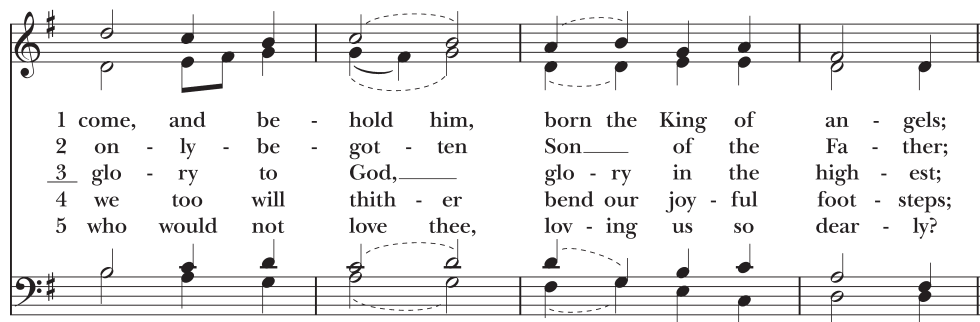
O come all ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 God from — God, — Light from Light e - ter - nal, —
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, —
*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle, —
*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger, —

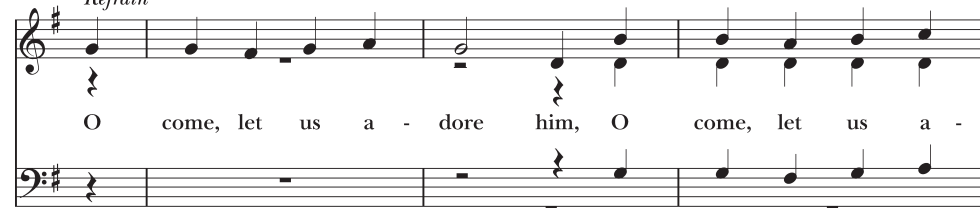


1 come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;
2 lo! he ab - hors — not the Vir - gin's womb;
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
4 leav - ing their flocks, — draw — nigh to gaze;
5 we would em - brace — thee, with love and awe;



1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son — of the Fa - ther;
3 glo - ry to God, — glo - ry in the high - est;
4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -



dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

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 The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence.

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 forever.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Luke 1:26-31, 38

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." 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.

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

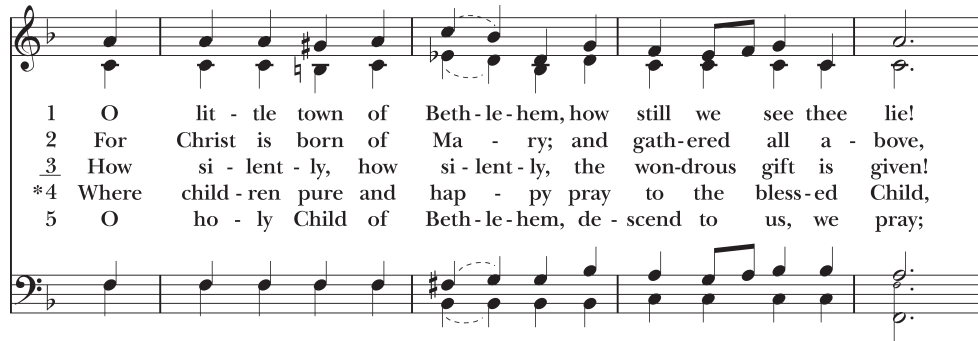
"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

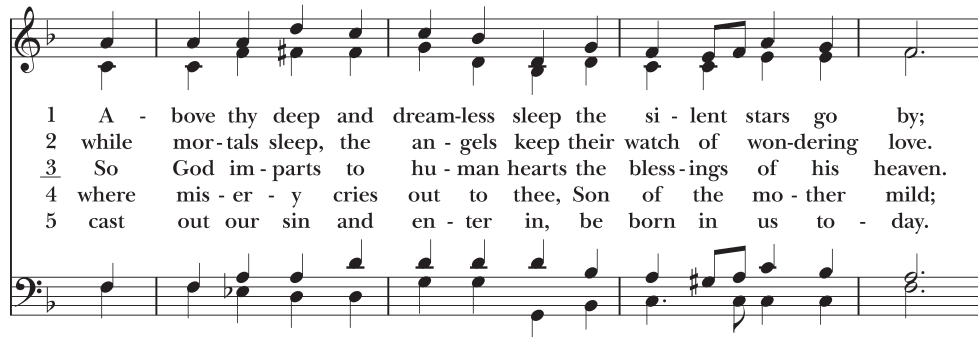
The Second Reading

Luke 2:1-5

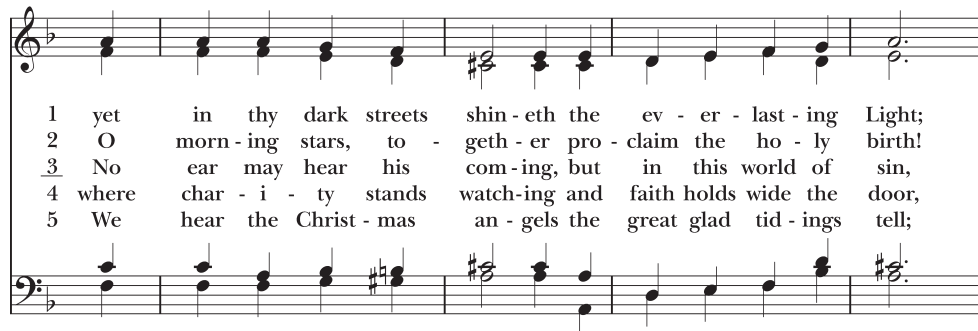
A decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called 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.



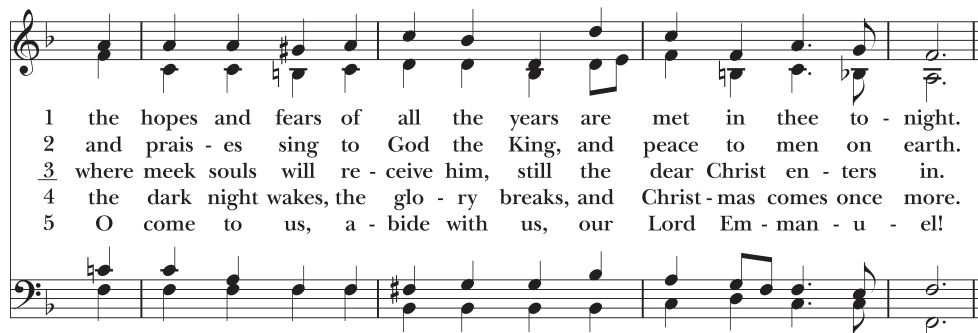
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 *4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,
 5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

The Third Reading

Luke 2:6-7, 16

While Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, 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.



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.

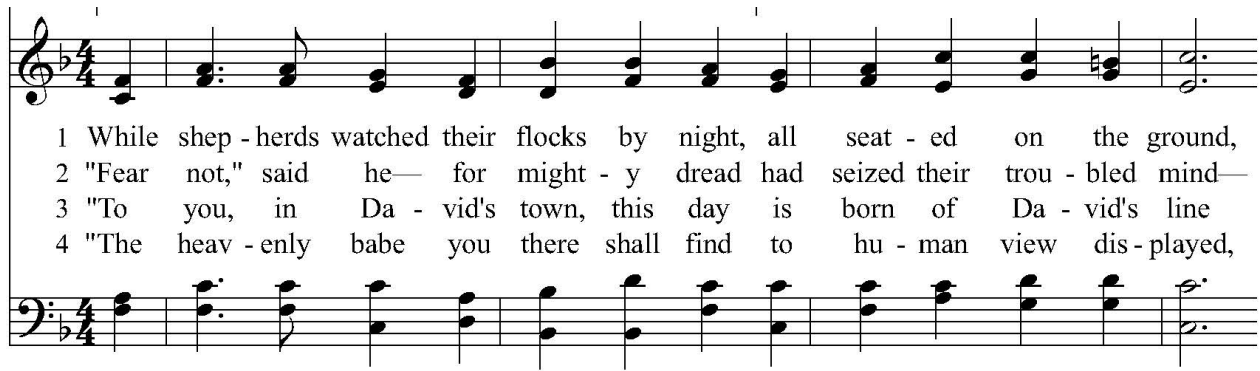
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

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

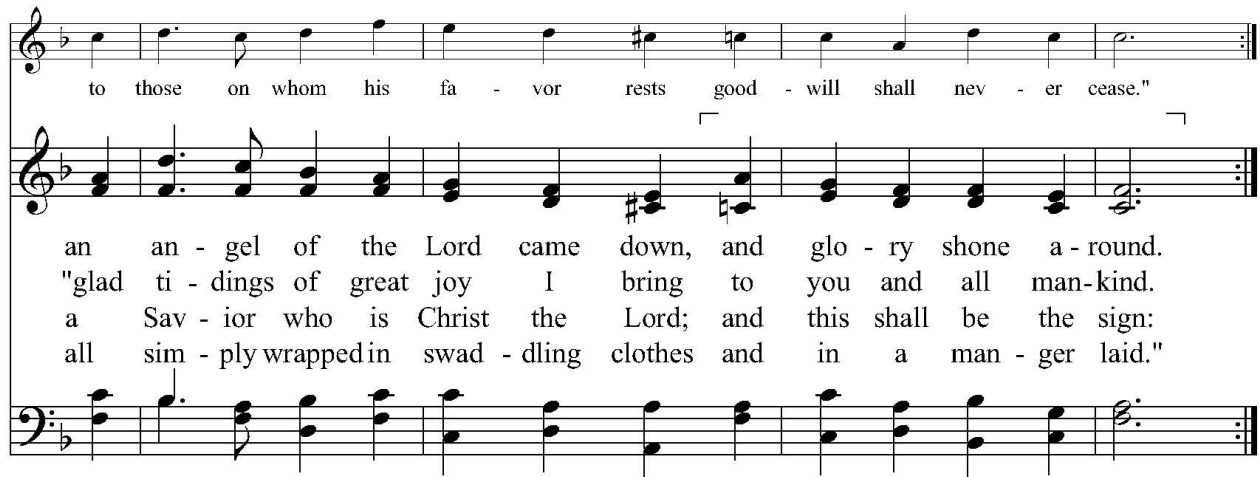
The Fourth Reading

Luke 2:8-14

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!” After the angels had left, the shepherds said to each other, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see what the Lord has told us about. They went with haste and found Mary, Joseph, and the baby in the manger.



1 While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the ground,
 2 "Fear not," said he— for might - y dread had seized their trou - bled mind—
 3 "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day is born of Da - vid's line
 4 "The heav - enly babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played,



to those on whom his fa - vor rests good - will shall nev - er cease."
 an an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.
 "glad ti - dings of great joy I bring to you and all man-kind.
 a Sav - ior who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:
 all sim - ply wrapped in swad - dling clothes and in a man - ger laid."

The Fifth Reading

Luke 2:17-20

After seeing the baby, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angels had said to them about this child. All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often. The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angels had told them.

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and

Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep - herds kept their
2 The shep - herds feared and
3 Down in a low - ly

ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that

watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -
trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang
man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

Repeat Refrain

hold, through - out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.
out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.
God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

The Holy Communion

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant In the beginning, God made the whole world and everything in it. God made us, too. Because God loves us, God lets us make our own choices. Sometimes, we make bad choices that hurt us or other people. And then God is like a strong mother, or gentle father who comes close to us and helps us.

God also came close to our parents and grandparents and great-grandparents and everyone back to the beginning of time.

God saw all the bad choices that people made. So, God visited us in a very special way, to show us again how to love each other. God came to us in the form of a baby named Jesus.

Jesus included all people as his friends and told us to do the same. Some people didn't want to change, and they became angry. They wanted to hurt Jesus; they even wanted to kill him. So, Jesus gathered all his friends for a special meal.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat; This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Loving God, remembering now the suffering and death and proclaiming the resurrection and ascension of Jesus our Redeemer, we bring you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for us, your people, the Body and Blood of Christ. And send your Holy Spirit upon us, and fill us with your life and goodness.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All Amen! Amen! Amen!

Celebrant Now let's say together the prayer that Jesus taught us.

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 When we eat and drink this holy food, it's not only food for our hungry bodies. It's food for our hungry and tired hearts. And when we eat and drink it, we remember Jesus, and how he loves us and wants us to love each other.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Now, let's thank God for this sign of his love and presence, and for giving us this community and this family.

All We thank you for sending Jesus, your son, to live with us and for making us a part of your family.

Blessing

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 - every 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

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 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,

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 R I 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

On Christmas morning, Sunday, December 25, we will have services at 8 & 10 a.m. The Cooking Ministry is preparing a delicious and festive breakfast for all. Plan to stay after the worship service for an extra-special coffee hour featuring breakfast casseroles and some holiday-themed cheesecake. We will not hold formation classes online or in-person for adults or children on Christmas Day. Formation for all ages will resume January 8.

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.



Christmas Day Services

Sunday, December 25 | 8 & 10 a.m.
Christmas Day Breakfast by the Baking Minis-
try 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 vot-
ed 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 Ho-
gans 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
Melvin & Fay Doiron
Eugene & Joyce Schrader
Martin Marin
Lottie Stewart
Tanner Bailey
Earl Browne
O.E. & Margaret Harrell
James Harrell
Arthur & Emily McKnight

Nancy Clarke Mason
Harry Mason
Judge Bruce M. Kaplan
Lillian & William Armsby
Tom Burrell
David Burrell
Jennifer Stadt
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



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