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The Second Sunday of Advent Advent II

December 8, 2024 | 8 & 10:30 a.m.



WELCOME

We are so glad that you have come to the Cathedral. We would love to get to know you. If you would like to learn about our community, please fill out a connection card that can be found in front of your seat. You can place the card in the silver offering plate that passes by half way through the service or simply hand it to an usher. You can also go to our website at jaxcathedral.org/welcome and fill out a welcome card online.

CHILDREN

We love having children join us and they are always welcome in worship. The Hakimian Nursery is staffed with trained caregivers for babies and toddlers up to 3. The nursery is open on Sundays from 9 a.m. to Noon.

Children who are older, ages 4 and up, are welcome to worship in their own special service on Sunday mornings during the 10:30 a.m. service. They meet with worship leaders and caregivers in the small room just off the big worship space. They then walk in the procession behind the choir to their own special chapel to sing and learn about God. They will return to join their loved ones for the second half of the service.

PRAYER AND VISITS

We are a community that prays for each other. If you need prayer, please let us know. Many people also appreciate someone visiting them in the hospital and praying with them. We have both clergy and chaplains who visit the hospital every day. Please call us if you would like a visit or a blessing (904) 356-5507 or go to jaxcathedral.org/prayer-requests and we will respond quickly and confidentially.

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Sunday Programs during the 9 a.m. Education Hour

Breakfast, Taliaferro Hall

Stop by for coffee and breakfast. Take it to your class or enjoy it in the Sunday Flex Café.

Digital Disciples, Zoom

Sign up links for this online class are sent in the Eagle and by email on Sunday mornings.

Dean's Forum, Taliaferro Hall

Media Diet: How to Triage the Presence of Media in Your Life with Meg Sacks, Communications Director, Episcopal School of Jacksonville

Newcomers Roundtable, Dooly Library

*Led by the Rev. Dr. Linda Privitera.
The Dooly Library is on the first floor of Cathedral House.*

Children and Families Program, Ingram Lounge

A casual and interactive Family Service will be held on the first Sunday of every month beginning at 9 a.m. On all other Sundays, families will find a haven in the Sunday Flex Café. Drop in as you please from 9 to 10:15 a.m. Grab some breakfast and unwind in cozy surroundings while children (ages 4 through 5th Grade) engage in creative activities.

✻ THE HOLY EUCHARIST ✻

Voluntary

Prelude on *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, J. S. Bach

At the sound of the bell, all stand.

Introit (10:30 a.m.)

“O” Antiphons for Advent II

O ROOT of Jesse standing as the banner for the people whom the nations shall seek.
Come and deliver us and tarry not.

O KEY of David that openest and no man shutteth: and shuttest and no man openest.
Come and bring the prisoner out of the prison house.

Paul Fisher, cantor

In Procession, Hymn 76

“On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry”
Winchester New

✻ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✻

Celebrant Blessed be our God.

People Forever and ever. Amen.

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.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Lesson

Malachi 3:1-4

Reader A reading from the book of Malachi

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom 3

you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Canticle

Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

That he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,

To set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear,

Holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

All stand.

Chant *(sung three times)*

John Bell

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall

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be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Repeat Chant three times.

All sit.

The Sermon

The Rev. 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.

The Prayers of the People

Leader Eternal merciful God, as the days darken, we await the coming of the One who saves us. Help us to wait for you in hope and to make room in our hearts amidst the world's busyness. Savior of the world,

People Come among us.

Leader We pray for peace. Peace in our nation and on the streets of our cities. Peace in foreign lands and all over this earth. We pray for the kind of peace that only you can give. Savior of the world,

People Come among us.

Leader We pray for all who suffer: from illness of mind or body, from grief, despair or loneliness, from poverty or trauma. Savior of the world,

People Come among us.

Leader We pray for those who feel lost and alone that they may find your grace and love. Savior of the world,

People Come among us.

Leader We pray for this beautiful earth, that we may use its resources wisely and care for all of your creation. Savior of the world,

People Come among us.

Leader We pray for those who have died, that they may come to the joys of your kingdom. Savior of the world,

People Come among us.

Leader We give you thanks for the many blessings that you give us each and every day. For the gift of life itself and the chance to serve you. Savior of the world,

People Come among us.

All This is another day, O Lord. We know not what it will bring forth, but make us ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If we are to stand up, help us to stand bravely. If we are to sit still, help us to sit quietly. If we are to lie low, help us to do it patiently. And if we are to do nothing, let us do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give us the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

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.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Greet one another with the peace of Jesus.

Welcome and Announcements



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 give online. Thank you for your generosity.

✠ THE HOLY COMMUNION ✠

The Offertory Anthem (10:30 a.m.)

Hark the glad sound, H. Walford Davies

Hark the glad sound! the Savior comes, the Savior promised long;
Let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song!
He comes, the prisoners to release in Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before Him burst, the iron fetters yield.
He comes from thickest films of vice, to clear the mental ray,
And on the eyeballs of the blind to pour celestial day.
He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace to enrich the humble poor.
Our glad Hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heaven's eternal arches ring with Thy beloved Name.

All stand.

Hymn 56 (St.1 & 2)

“O come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Veni, veni, Emmanuel

The Great Thanksgiving

Church of England, Eucharistic Prayer G

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

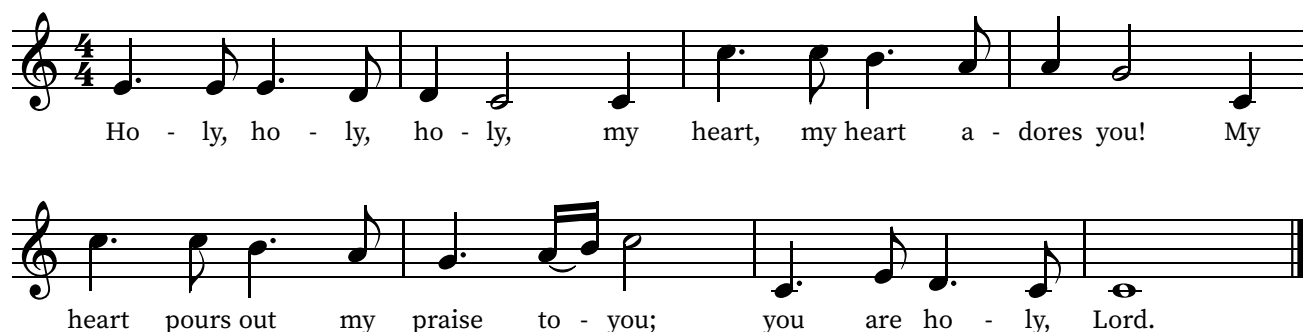
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever! From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

Sanctus (*Sung three times*)

Holy, Holy, Holy, My Heart
WLP 785



All stand or kneel.

Celebrant How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord! As a mother tenderly gathers her children you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Savior, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

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

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us into the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory. Remember Lord your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace. Bring us at the last with John and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendor for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by him, with him, and in him, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

All Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The one whom the universe could not contain, is present to us in this bread. The one who redeemed us and called us by name now meets us in this cup. So, take this bread and this wine. In them God comes to us so that we may come to God.

All who long for God are welcome to receive communion. Please let clergy know if you would like a gluten-free wafer. Everyone is welcome to come to the altar for a blessing, indicated by folding your arms across your chest. If you would like to receive communion and are unable to come to the altar, please ask an usher for assistance. A socially distant communion table is set in the chapel to the right of the altar and you may receive prayers in the chapel to the left.

Music at Communion (10:30 a.m.)

Gospel Offering

“I must tell Jesus,” Elisha Hoffman
Micheal Jasper, singer; Nicole Fogle, accompanist

The Advent Prose for Advent II

Antiphon: Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Verse 2: We have sinned and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. (*Repeat Antiphon*)

Paul Fisher, cantor

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 The blessing of God Almighty be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

In Procession, Hymn 68

“Rejoice! Rejoice, believers”
Llangloffan

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Prelude on *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, J. S. Bach



The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God.

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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. Dr.
Linda Privitera**
Associate Priest



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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER DEAN'S FORUMS

Sunday, December 8

Media Diet: How to Triage the Presence of Media in Your Life

9 a.m. | Taliaferro Hall

Guest Meg Sacks, Communications Director,
Episcopal School of Jacksonville

Sunday, December 15

Why I Love Music

9 a.m. | Taliaferro Hall

Guest Courtney Lewis, Music Director,
Jacksonville Symphony

Saturday, December 14

Soul Gardening: Dream Workshop III

9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Cummings Chapel

A brief play by Thornton Wilder will be the opening meditation. Bring your dream journals and a dream to share. Led by Joe O'Shields and Linda Privitera.



POINSETTIAS FOR THE CHRISTMAS ALTAR

Celebrate the beauty of Christmas and honor your loved ones by donating a poinsettia for the Christmas altar.

Suggested donation is \$25 per name. Donations may be made by filling out an envelope found in the pews or online.

Submissions received before December 10 will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, December 22

Children's Christmas Pageant

10:30 a.m.

Fun for ages 3 and up! No rehearsals; come and participate in telling the story of Jesus' birth.

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4 p.m., 6 p.m., 11 p.m.*

**Incense will be used at 11 p.m.*

The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll is preaching at all three services.

The 4 p.m. service includes instrument and vocal solos

The 6 and 11 p.m. services include the St. John's Cathedral Choir and brass.

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. Linda Privitera, preaching
The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll, celebrant

The St. John's Cathedral Choir

Tuesday, December 30

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

5 p.m. | Champagne reception to follow

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The church office will be closed December 25th and 26th, as well as January 1st and 2nd.