



SAINT JOHN'S
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LOVE *at the* CORE.

The Third Sunday of Advent Advent III

December 15, 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.

If you have an emergency and want to reach a priest, please call the same number and press 4.

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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

Why I love music with guest Courtney Lewis, music director Jacksonville Symphony

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.

Undercroft open for Teens

✠ THE HOLY EUCHARIST ✠

Voluntary

Prelude on *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, Kenneth Walton

At the sound of the bell, all stand.

Introit (10:30 a.m.)

“O” Antiphons for Advent III

O DAYSPRING Brightness of Light Everlasting and Sun of Righteousness, Come and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness and the shadow of death.

O KING of the Nations, and their desire, the cornerstone who makest both one. Come and save mankind whom thou hast formed of clay.

Paul Fisher, cantor

In Procession, Hymn 65

“Prepare the way, O Zion”

Bereden väg för Herran

✠ 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.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Lesson

Philippians 4:4-7

Reader A reading from the book of Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle

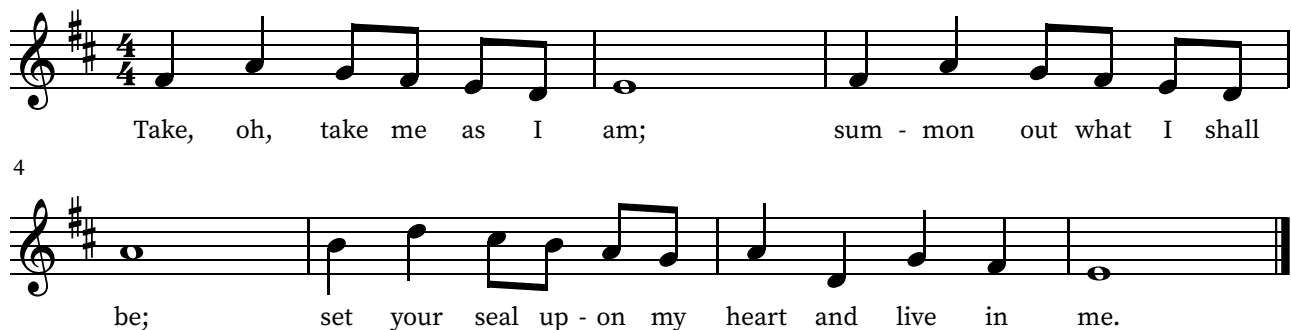
Isaiah 12:2-6

**Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name
is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all
the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of
you is the Holy One of Israel.**

All stand.

Chant *(sung three times)*

John Bell



The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance.

Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Repeat Chant three times.

All sit.

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll

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.)

Ave Maria, Jacob Arcadelt

*Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God
pray for us sinners
now and in the hour of our death. Amen.

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.

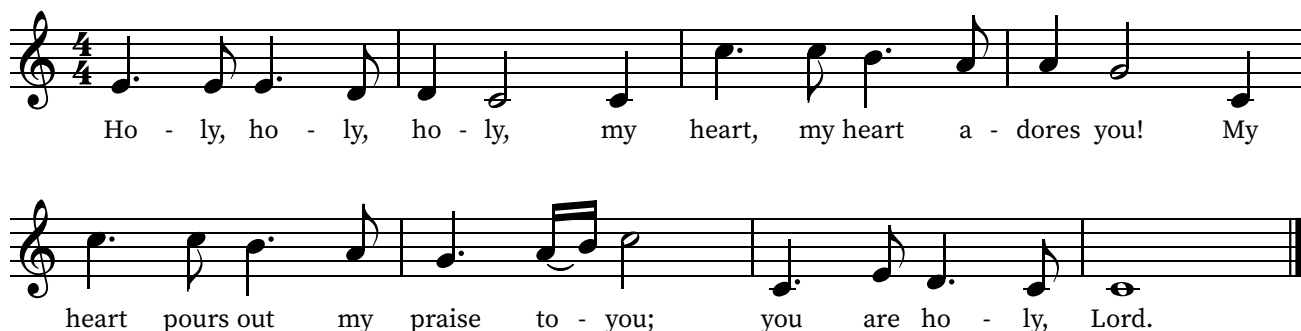
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 Jesus was known to us in the breaking of the bread.

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

“Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus”, Louisa M.R. Stead
John White, singer; Nicole Fogle, accompanist

The Advent Prose for Advent III

Antiphon: Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.
Verse 3: Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Savior: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. (*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 640

“Watchman, tell us of the night”
Aberystwyth

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Prelude on *St. Thomas*, Kenneth Walton



The flowers on the side altars today are given in memory of Max Hafner Collins by his family.

Join us this afternoon at the bookstore from 11:30-12:45 for Music on the Porch with Underdawg! Enjoy fellowship and refreshments while Christmas shopping to the sounds of bluegrass. We look forward to seeing you!

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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



The Rev. Sandra Kidd
Deacon for Pastoral Care
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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER DEAN'S FORUM

Sunday, December 15

Why I Love Music

9 a.m. | Taliaferro Hall

Guest Courtney Lewis, Music Director,
Jacksonville Symphony

SUNDAY LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Every Sunday, 11:30-12:30

Please join us for food and fellowship in
Taliaferro Hall following the 10:30 service.

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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.

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, December 22

Come Witness the Wonder: A Live Nativity Children's Pageant

Children of all ages are invited to come to Ingram Lounge at 10:15 am on Sunday, December 22 to pick your costume and prepare to join the Pageant at the Offertory during the 10:30 am service. Bring your family and friends to join in this special celebration where the simplicity of a child's faith shines brightly, reminding us all of the joy and peace of Christmas.

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 31

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

5 p.m. | Champagne reception to follow

CHURCH OFFICE AND BOOKSTORE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

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