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The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany The Presentation of our Lord

February 2, 2025 | 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.

We are so thankful for the gift of children in worship! We embrace their energy and joy they bring to our church family. To help keep their hands and minds engaged during the service, Blessings Bags are available on the Narthex rack. They contain quiet activities and materials to enhance their worship experience. Feel free to borrow one during the service and return afterward so they can be shared with others. If you need a quieter space, a sitting area with a live stream of the service is available near Taliaferro Hall. Ask an Usher for directions. Thank you for making worship a family experience!

PASTORAL CARE

If you or a loved one is in need of prayer, in the hospital, or wish to receive home communion, please call the church at (904) 356-5507 to let us know. St. John's clergy and chaplains are on call every day and will respond quickly and confidentially. If you are unable to attend services in person, licensed eucharistic visitors are available to bring you communion upon request. If you need to reach us after hours, dial the number above and select option 4 to be connected with clergy. You may also submit requests through the cathedral website: <https://jaxcathedral.org/pastoral-care>

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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

The Miracle of Interfaith Dialogue

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

Meditation, Gabriel Dupont

At the sound of the bell, all stand.

Introit (10:30 a.m.)

Jesu, the very thought of thee, Edward C. Bairstow

Jesu, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.

In Procession, Hymn 436 (8 a.m. St. 1-3)

“Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates”
Truro

✠ 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.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; 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

Thus says the Lord, 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 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.

Psalm

Psalm 84

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your Anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the Lord God is both sun and shield; he will give grace and glory;

No good thing will the Lord withhold from those who walk with integrity.

O Lord of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!

All stand.

Chant *(sung three times)*

John Bell

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

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

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

Repeat Chant three times.

All sit.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Linda Privitera

A period of silence is kept.

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 God, you guided the Wise Men by the light of a star to the place of your birth. Guide us in our lives each and every day. Christ our Savior,

People **Be our light.**

Leader Awaken us to the miracles that happen every day, and help us see your hand at work in this world. Christ our Savior,

People **Be our light.**

Leader Bless and comfort all who suffer: from illness, trauma, loneliness, or war. Christ our Savior,

People **Be our light.**

Leader Guide us in caring for this beautiful earth, that we may use its resources wisely and in service to the generations to come. Christ our Savior,

People **Be our light.**

Leader We entrust into your care the people we love who have died. May they be welcomed into your presence. Christ our Savior,

People **Be our light.**

Leader Bring peace to this world: peace in our hearts and minds, peace on the streets of our city, and peace across the world. Christ our Savior,
People **Be our light.**

The Celebrant concludes the prayers. All remain standing or kneel as able.

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 (10:30 a.m.)

Nunc Dimittis (Service in B flat), Healey Willan

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation; which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching our Worship II

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.

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 sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *(Sung three times)*

Holy, Holy, Holy, My Heart
WLP 785

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My
heart pours out my praise to - you; you are ho - ly, Lord.

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at a table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again he gave thanks to you, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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 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 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

"There is a Balm in Gilead," arr. Negro Spiritual
John White, soloist

Hymn 259

"Hail to the Lord who comes"
Old 120th

Psalm 84:1-7

Chant: C. Hubert H. Parry

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 May Christ, who by the leading of a star manifested your light to the world, fill you with joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

In Procession, LEVAS 189

“Great is thy Faithfulness”

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Voluntary

Sonata No. 2 in C minor, Felix Mendelssohn
III. Allegro maestoso e vivace
IV. Fuga: Allegro moderato



The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for 50 years of priesthood of the Rev. W. Frisby Hendricks, III by his family

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WEDNESDAYS AT THE CATHEDRAL

11 a.m. – Growing through the Word

A lectionary Bible Study led by Deacon Sandra in the Busey Conference Room.

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. – Lunch

Enjoy a delicious meal in Taliaferro Hall.

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. – Holy Living:

Discerning God’s Will for Your Life

Your faith, quite literally, can make you well. This class will take you through the basics of the beliefs and practices of the Episcopal Church.

10 Meet in Ingram Lounge.

12:10 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

Midday healing service in Cummings Chapel

5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. – Dinner

Join us in Taliaferro Hall for a community meal.

6 p.m. – Classes & Small Groups

Holy Living: Discerning God’s Will for Your Life in Ingram Lounge (same content as morning)

Art Class in the Painting Place

7 p.m. – River City Mindfulness

Dooly Library

∞ LOVE AT THE CORE ∞

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. Canon
Mark S. Anderson**
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**The Rev. Dr.
Linda Privitera**
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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

The ERD provides relief in times of disaster and promotes sustainable development by identifying and addressing the root causes of suffering to communities around the world. To donate today, scan the QR code.



FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB

Monday, February 3, 12 p.m.

First Monday Book Club discussion of *Life Worth Living: A Guide to What Matters Most*. RSVP to bookstore for the Zoom link at cathedralbookstore@jaxcathedral.org.

ARTS OF THE SPIRIT: IMAGE AS PORTAL

Saturday, February 8

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Taliaferro Hall-\$10 per person

Join us for our next Arts of the Spirit Workshop, where we'll explore the theme of artifacts and impressions. Bring a meaningful artifact of your own, a lunch, and a \$10 fee. Led by Thom Buttner and the Rev. Dr. Linda Privitera.

Free 2-PART TRAINING EVENT WITH HOPE & HEALING JAX

Part 1: **Saturday, February 15**

9 a.m. to Noon

Part II: **Saturday, February 22**

9 a.m. to Noon

St. John's Cathedral and The Cathedral School are partnering with Hope & Healing Jax to empower teachers and parents to best deal with

challenging behaviors, particularly from children and teens who have suffered trauma and or are neurodivergent. All who interact with children are encouraged to attend: teachers (CEU hours earned), parents, grandparents, caregivers, ushers, and nursery workers. Contact Felicia Bullock at fbullock@jaxcathedral.org for more information. Register today on our website: jaxcathedral.org/events

ART@Noon SPIRES IN THE SUN ART WALK

Tuesday, February 18, 10 a.m.

We will have author talks at two of the river churches featured in *Spires in the Sun*: St. Margaret's Hibernia, and Grace Episcopal, Orange Park. This is ticketed event (\$10), and we will meet at St. Margaret's at 10:00 a.m. RSVP to the bookstore at cathedralbookstore@jaxcathedral.org.

GREEN SPIRITS CONTEMPLATIVE WALK AT CEDAR POINT

Sunday, February 23

1:30 p.m.

St. John's Cathedral Green Spirits and the Timucuan Parks Foundation invite you to take a contemplative in Cedar Point National Park. Register at jaxcathedral.org/events

UPCOMING MUSIC AND LITURGICAL EVENTS

Ash Wednesday Service: Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday, March 5

7 a.m., 12 p.m., and 7 p.m.

Cathedral Nave

Lenten Choral Evensong Service

Sunday, March 9

5 p.m.

Cathedral Nave