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The Feast of the Epiphany

January 5, 2025 | 8 & 10:30 a.m.



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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

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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

Chorale in A minor (Part I), César Franck
Stephen Ackert, guest organist

At the sound of the bell, all stand.

Introit (10:30 a.m.)

Saw you never in the twilight, Harold Friedell

Saw you never, in the twilight, when the sun had left the skies, up in heav'n the clear stars shining through the gloom, like silver eyes? So of old the wise men watching, saw a little stranger star, and they knew the king was given, and they followed it from far.

Know ye not that lowly baby was the bright and morning star? He who came to light the Gentiles, and the darken'd isles afar? And we, too, may seek his cradle there our hearts' best treasures bring; Love, and faith, and true devotion for our Savior, God, and King.

In Procession, Hymn 119 (8 a.m. St. 1-3)

"As with gladness men of old"
Dix

✻ 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.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

Reader A reading from the book of Isaiah

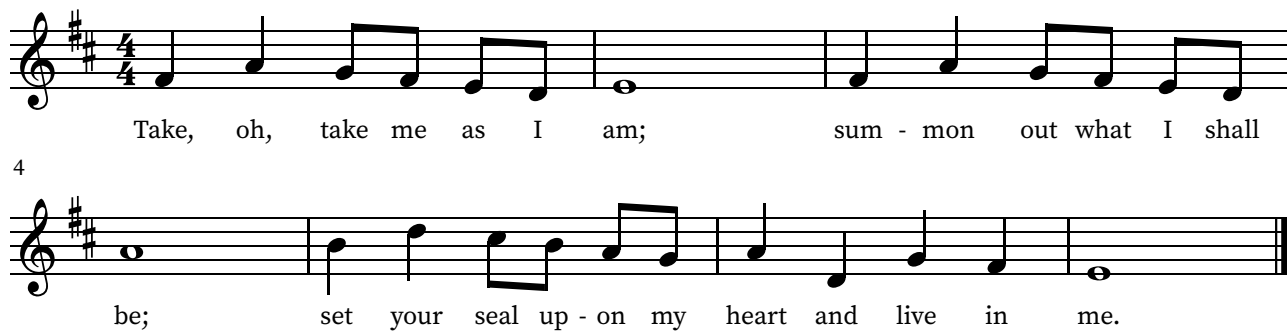
Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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

Psalm Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

**Give the King your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the King's Son;
That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring
righteousness.
He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush
the oppressor.
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.
He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the
earth.
In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the
moon shall be no more.
The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, and the kings of Arabia
and Saba offer gifts.
All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.
For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has
no helper.
He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their
blood be in his sight.**

All stand.



The Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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 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.

People Christ our Savior,
Be our light.

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

People Christ our Savior,
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.)

O lux beatissima, Howard Helvey

*O Lux beatissima
Réple córdis íntima
Tuórum fídelium
Accénde lúmen sénsibus,
Infúnde amórem córdibus,
Infirma nostri cörperis,
Virtúte firmans pérpeti*

O light most blessed
Fill the inmost heart
Of all thy faithful
Enkindle your light in our minds
Infuse your love into our hearts
Strengthen the frailties of our flesh
By your perpetual power.

Hymn 297

“Descend, O Spirit, purging flame”
Erhalt uns, Herr

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.

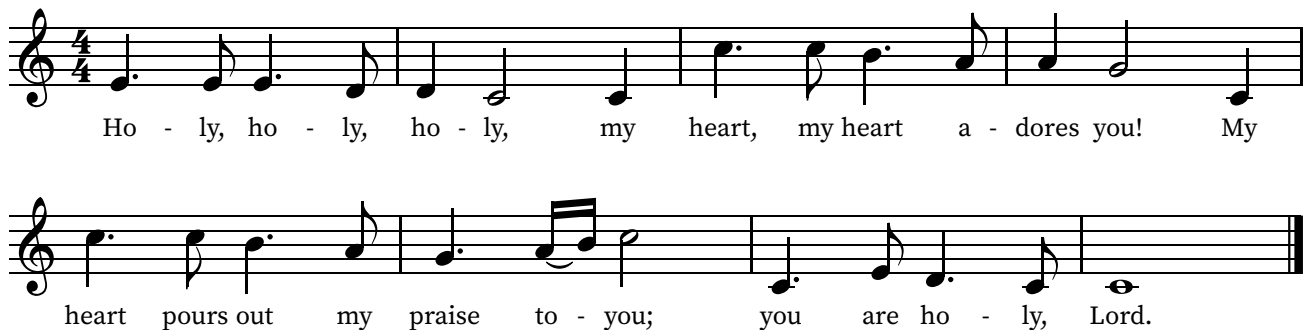
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



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 table with his friend. 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

“Precious Lord, take my hand,” Thomas Dorsey
Shannon Walker, vocalist; Dr. Barbara Bouie, accompanist

Hymn 124

“What star is this, with beams so bright”
Puer nobis

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 his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

In Procession, Hymn 117 (8 a.m. St. 1-3) “Brightest and best of the stars of the morning”
Morning Star

The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Voluntary

Chorale in A minor (Part II), César Franck
Stephen Ackert, guest organist



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

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∞ 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.
Mark S. Anderson**
Subdean



**The Rev. Dr.
Linda Privitera**
Associate Priest



The Rev. Saundra Kidd
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∞ EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ∞

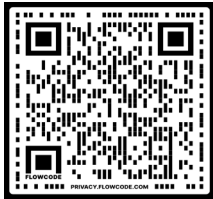
LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP HOUR

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, click the QR code below. Your gift will help to unlock community transformation and empower people to overcome poverty, hunger, disaster and disease.



SOUL GARDEN: DREAMWORK IV

Saturday, January 11

9 a.m. to Noon

Cummings Chapel

Bring your dream journal for discussion and dreamwork exercises. Led by Joe O'Shields and Linda Privitera. Register in Realm.

TAPAS CULTURAL DINNER

Saturday, January 11

5 to 8 p.m.

\$30 per person

Taliaferro Hall

A tapas menu drawing inspiration from the United States and Canada, along with live entertainment from our talented parishioners. Register and pay in Realm.

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 26

11:45 a.m.

Taliaferro Hall

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

Bold City Opera presents: "Another Sunrise" & "For a Look or a Touch"

Friday, January 31, 7pm

Saturday, February 1, 1pm

Taliaferro Hall

Music by Jake Heggie, Libretto by Gene Scheer
Two profoundly moving American operas centered on the true experiences of Holocaust survivors. Use this link to get your free tickets: boldcityopera.org/heggiedoublebill

UPCOMING 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

FREE

St. John's Cathedral and The Cathedral School are partnering with Hope & Healing Jax for a 2-part series to learn: How to CONNECT lovingly and responsively. How to EMPOWER ourselves and kids to be our best. How to EXPRESS caring and set limits at the same time. How to CREATE everyday experiences so children in our care feel precious, safe and loved. 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 using the QR code above.

