



SAINT JOHN'S
CATHEDRAL
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LOVE *at the* CORE.

The Seventh Sunday of Easter Ascension Sunday

June 1, 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. We embrace their energy and joy they bring to our church family! While in church, **Blessings Bags** are available on the Narthex rack to help keep hands and minds engaged. 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 your child needs a break during the service, there is a sitting area nearby with toys, books and a live stream of the service. Just ask an Usher for directions!

We also offer the **Hakimian Nursery**, staffed with trained caregivers for babies and toddlers up to 3. The nursery is open on Sundays from 9 a.m. to Noon. Children ages 4 and up are invited to gather in the Narthex at the start of the 10:30 a.m. service to join in the Procession and proceed to faith formation, rejoining their families at the Peace. 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

Reframing Creation: Land Artists

Engage @ Jax Cathedral, Room 302

*Easter Questions: Thank God for God's Help
Led by Tom & Linda O'Dell.*

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

L'Ascension, Olivier Messiaen
IV. Prayer from Christ ascending towards His Father

At the sound of the bell, all stand.

Introit (10:30 a.m.)

God is gone up, Arthur Hutchings

God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Thou art gone up on high, Thou hast led captivity captive and received gifts for men. O sing praises unto our God. O sing praises unto our King. He hath led captivity captive and received gifts for men. God is gone up on high.

In Procession, Hymn 214

“Hail the day that sees him rise”
Llanfair

✻ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✻

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

All sit.

Reader A reading from the Book of Acts

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 97

**The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.
Clouds and darkness are round about him, righteousness and justice are the foundations
of his throne.**

**A fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side.
His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees it and is afraid.**

The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before him, all you gods.

Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O Lord.

For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

The Lord loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

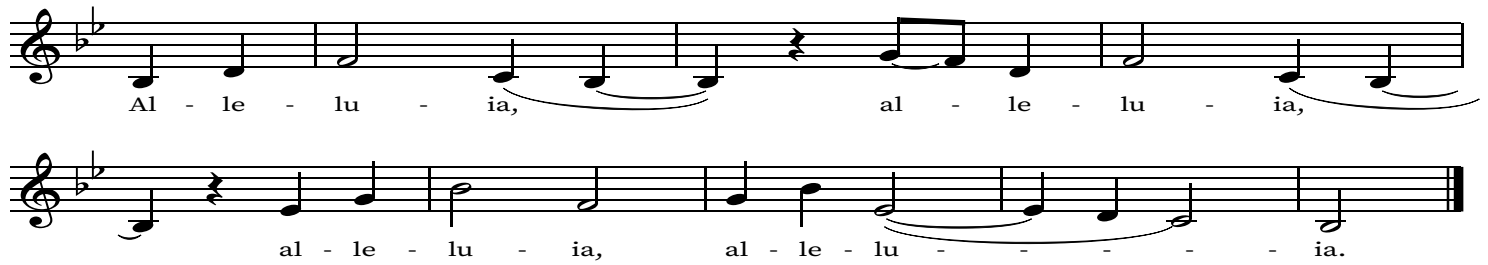
Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy Name.

All stand.

A Repeating Alleluia

Calvin Hampton



The Holy Gospel

John 17:20-26

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

A Repeating Alleluia is sung again after the reading of the Gospel.

All sit.

The Sermon

The Rev. Thomas O'Dell

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, we could never have foreseen, or even begun to imagine, the immense gift that you gave us in the resurrection of your Son Jesus. We thank you for the gift of life eternal.
Risen Christ,

People **Reveal yourself to us.**

Leader We lift up all our worldly cares and concerns to you. Heal the sick, bless those who mourn, and comfort the lonely, the weary and those who despair.
Risen Christ,

People **Reveal yourself to us.**

Leader We ask you to grant peace to this whole world, to this country, to this city and to the streets of our urban core.
Risen Christ,

People **Reveal yourself to us.**

Leader We ask you to help us care for this planet with reverence and gratitude for all you have given us.
Risen Christ,

People **Reveal yourself to us.**

Leader We ask you to embrace the souls of those who have died.
Risen Christ,

People **Reveal yourself to us.**

Leader Raise us to a new life of glory, Lord Christ. Trusting in your everlasting love, may we learn to serve you in this life and glorify you in the life to come.
Risen Christ,

People **Reveal yourself to us.**

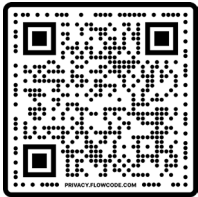
The celebrant concludes the prayers.

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.)

God is gone up, Gerald Finzi

God is gone up with a triumphant shout: the Lord with sounding trumpets' melodies:
Sing praise, sing praises out, unto our King sing praise seraphic-wise!
Lift up your heads, ye lasting doors, they sing, and let the King of Glory enter in.
Methinks I see heaven's sparkling courtiers fly, in flakes of glory down Him to attend,
And hear heart-cramping notes of melody surround His chariot as it did ascend;
Mixing their music, making ev'ry string more to enravish as they this tune sing.

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LEVAS Hymn 189 (*St. 1 & 3*)

“Great is thy faithfulness”

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

Celebrant Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Liat Chung Ham

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; praise and hon - our are yours, for you a - lone are
 wor - thy to re - ceive the glo - ry and praise. **1.** praise. Lord, re -
 ceive the glo - ry and praise. Lord, re - ceive the glo - ry and praise. **2.**

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

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

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.”

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory. Great is the mystery of faith:
All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favor on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, O loving Father, 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.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **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 left of the altar (the North Transcept). Intercessory prayers may be received at the Baptismal Font.

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

Gospel Offering

“Jesus, You’re the Center of my Joy”, Gaither/Songwood
Kenya Williams-Key, soloist; Cyrus Quaranta, accompanist

Hymn 603

“When Christ was lifted from the earth”
St. Botolph

Sing ye to the Lord who ascended to the heav'n of heav'n to the sun rising. Alleluia.

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 Almighty God has redeemed us and made us children through the resurrection of Christ our Lord. May the blessing of God Almighty be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

All stand.

In Procession, Hymn 544 (*8 a.m. St. 1-3*)

“Jesus shall reign wher e’er the sun”
Duke Street

The Dismissal

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

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

Voluntary

L’Ascension, Olivier Messiaen
III. Outbursts of joy



The flowers at the High Altar are given by the Lane family, in loving memory of Helen Murchison Lane.

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Soul Gardening: Morning Altars

Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Cummings Chapel

Please bring a basket, a pair of scissors, and 12 sticks, stones, flower blossoms, or leaves.

We will make mandalas or spirals from natural materials to celebrate creation’s bountiful gifts.

Pentecost

Sunday, June 8

For the Cathedral’s birthday, the 10:30 service will feature Baptisms, Confirmations, a fire-breather, and a celebration following the service. Don’t forget to wear **PENTECOST RED!**

Bold City Brass Concert

Sunday, June 8, 5 p.m.

Reception to follow, featuring artist Franklin Matthews

Engage@Jax Cathedral Pop-Up

Saturday, June 14, 8 a.m.

Jacksonville Arboretum

Green Season Hike at Jacksonville Arboretum with Morning Prayer and time to reflect in nature.

Prayerful Crafts

Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Dooly Library

Let's gather in fellowship as we knit and crochet for our Beloved Community.

Juneteenth: A Celebration of Freedom

Saturday, June 14, 5 p.m.

Come and join us for an evening of celebration and reflection in song and prayer, featuring the Jacksonville Gospel Chorale. Reception to follow, featuring author Alton Yates.

“The Chosen”: Come be a Part of the Discussion!

Now is the time to start watching the “The Chosen” for our first discussion on **June 15 at 9 a.m. in Taliaferro Hall**. Tom and Linda O'Dell will be leading the discussion on Season One, Episodes 1-4 that morning. We will continue with 4 episodes each week. We will look into the characters and stories presented in those episodes and have scriptures available to aid in our discussion. You can watch on Prime Video, Apple TV and The Chosen app.

The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage

Sundays: June 15, June 22, June 29, July 6, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

ZOOM

You are invited to join a study of the new book from Richard Rohr. You can purchase a hardcover or e-book version of this book at jaxcathedralbooks.org or at the Cathedral Bookstore.

A Community Celebration of God's Presence in All People

Sunday, June 22, 5 p.m.

You are warmly invited to a special liturgy celebrating the blessings of inclusivity and diversity and honoring the life and legacy of **The Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray. Cindy Watson**, founder and former CEO of JASMYN, will be our guest preacher. Presiding at the altar will be **The Rt. Rev. William H. Stokes**.

Weekday Eucharist

Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:10 p.m.

Cummings Chapel

St. Mary's Food Pantry

Thank you for continually and faithfully donating groceries for St. Mary's Food Pantry.

You can find their list of their most-needed items at stmarysjax.org/outreach.

∞ 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



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Kate Moorehead Carroll**
Dean



**The Rev. Canon
Mark S. Anderson**
Vicar



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



The Rev. Saundra Kidd
Deacon for Pastoral Care
and Outreach



The Rev. Thomas O'Dell
Associate Priest for Welcome
and Engagement

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