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The Great Vigil of Easter



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Thank you for continually and faithfully bringing bags of groceries for St. Mary's Food Pantry. You can find their list of their most-needed items at stmarysjax.org/outreach.

Bible Study & Formation

TODAY

Easter Sunday

9am- Family Service with the Flowering of the Cross

Dean Kate Moorehead Carroll will preach, and the space will be filled with glorious music. Children are invited to take part in the beloved tradition of the Flowering of the Cross — bring fresh-cut flowers and help transform the cross into a beautiful symbol of new life and hope.

10:30am- Easter Egg Hunt

Children from infant age through 5th grade are invited to bring their baskets and get ready for a joyful Easter tradition! Hunt for hundreds of eggs hidden throughout the beautiful interior gardens of the Cathedral.

11:15am- Holy Eucharist with Incense

Experience the fullness of Easter joy at this grand celebration of the Resurrection! Featuring incense, bells, and soaring music, this service invites you into a rich and reverent worship experience. Come and rejoice!

COMING UP!

Dean's Forum: "Peacemakers"

Sundays, 9am, April 26, May 3, May 10, Taliaferro Hall

We, as children of God, are called to understand peacemaking in our world, families & our Christian community. We will have guest speakers and lively conversation at our tables. Don't miss this timely forum.

Choral Evensong

St. George's Choral Evensong

Sunday, April 26

4pm, Cathedral Nave

A beloved annual tradition at St. John's Cathedral, the Festal Choral Evensong in honor of St. George is a joyful celebration of the patron saint of England, featuring music by Timothy Tuller, Canon for Music, the Cathedral Choir, Cathedral Brass, and the Jacksonville Pipes and Drums. Reception to follow.

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Eastertide Bible Study: "Lessons for Life"

April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13

7:30am & 11am, Taliaferro Hall

How important was David to the people of Ancient Israel? When Jesus of Nazareth appeared and was hailed as the Messiah he was referred to as "the Son of David." The memory and legacy of David was just that important. Learning about David can be important for us. We can find lessons for our own life when we learn about the life of David. His triumphs, uncertainties and sins offer a radically honest vision of the human condition. And thank God, that vision reveals God at the center of it all. The Rev. Mark Anderson and the Rev. Tom O'Dell offer lessons from the life of David on five Wednesdays this Eastertide. Choose the time on Wednesdays that works for you and join us for "Lessons for Life!"

Living Faith at the Cathedral: Newcomer's Class

April 19, April 26, May 3

9am, Cathedral House Reception area

If you are new to the Cathedral or are simply looking to renew your faith, join the Rev. Tom O'Dell for this informative series. Tom will be answering your questions about life at the Cathedral and in the Episcopal Church. Questions: todell@jaxcathedral.org.

Confirmations, Receptions, and Reaffirmations

Sunday, May 24

If you are interested in joining the Cathedral by confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation during the Bishop's visit, or in learning more about these rites, please be in touch with Linda O'Dell: lodell@jaxcathedral.org.



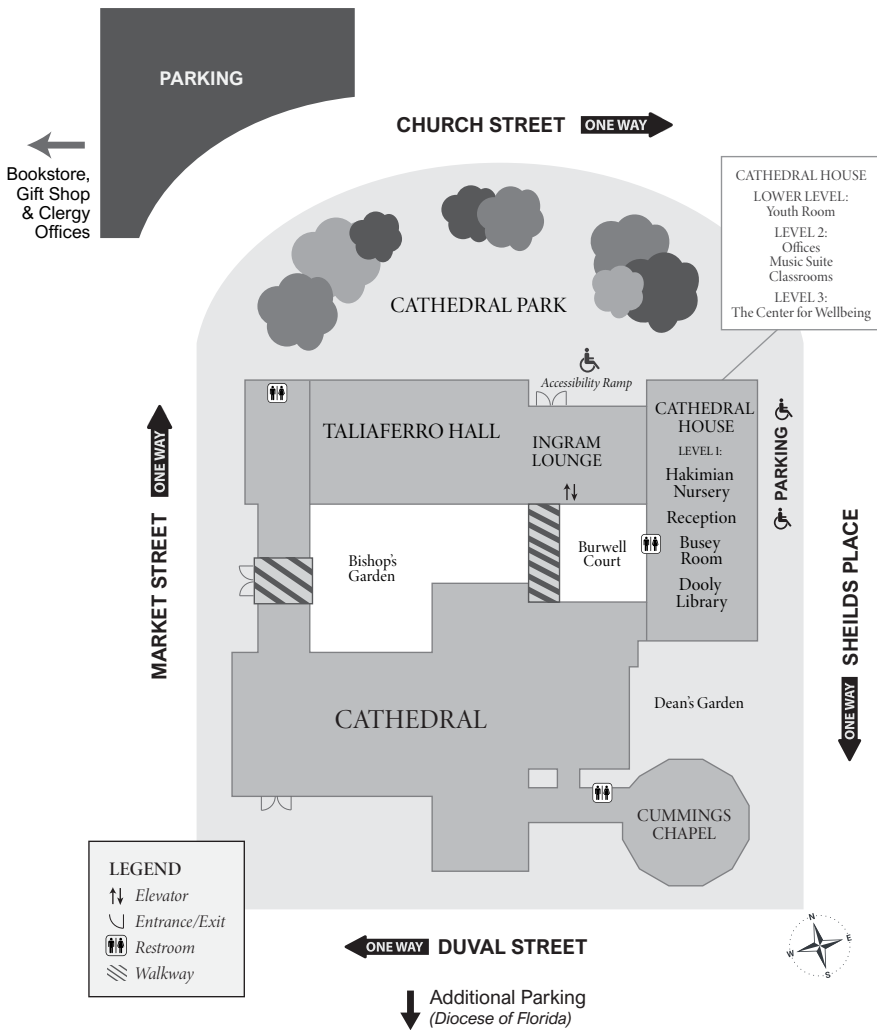
WELCOME

Whether you're visiting for the first time or you've been worshipping here for years, our welcome ministry, **Engage@JaxCathedral**, is here to help you make a home for your faith at St. John's Cathedral.

Fill out the Welcome card in the pew back and place it in the offering plate, or complete the form online at jaxcathedral.org/welcome (or scan the QR code) so we can get to know you.



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HOURS & INFORMATION

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8am Holy Eucharist, spoken

9am Breakfast
Adult Formation: Dean's Forum, *Taliaferro Hall*

For Children & Families: Family Eucharist (First Sundays), *Cummings Chapel*, Family Flex Cafe (activities for children ages 4 - 10), *Ingram Lounge*

10:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with organ and choir

Children gather in the Taliaferro Hall foyer before the 10:30 a.m. service, and return to their families at the Peace. Blessing Bags with quiet activities are available for children. Please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance.

11:45am Lunch and Fellowship, *Taliaferro Hall*

Hakimian Family Nursery Hours
10am to Noon

St. John's Cathedral Bookstore & Gift Shop Hours
Sun: 9am to 12:30pm
M-Th: 10am to 4pm
F: 10am to 3pm

Vestry

John Sefton, *Chancellor*; Martha Cox, *Sr. Warden*; Patrick Kimball, *Jr. Warden*; Paul Arrington, *Treasurer*; John Bass, John Erstling, Glenn Guiler, T. R. Hainline, Paige Hakimian, Lewis Hunt, Lisa McKenna, Laura Jane Pittman, Louis Russo, Adam Smith, Shane Williams

Clergy

The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll, *Dean*; The Rev. Canon Mark S. Anderson, *Vicar*; The Rev. Dr. Linda Privitera, *Associate Priest of Theology and the Arts*; The Rev. Thomas O'Dell, *Associate Priest for Welcome and Engagement*; The Rev. Sandra Kidd, *Deacon for Pastoral Care and Outreach*

Music

Timothy Tuller, *Canon for Music*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

This is the most ancient service of the church year, dating back to the 2nd century. It begins by kindling a fire to signify light entering the darkness, the miracle of resurrection.

As the Celebrant addresses the People, fire is kindled. The Paschal Candle is then lit from the newly-kindled fire. The cantor, carrying the Paschal Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times while the following is sung:

The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand. Then a cantor standing near the Candle sings the Exsultet, an ancient song, the title of which which means “rejoice.”

*Throughout this service, items in **bold** are spoken by the congregation in unison.*

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam’s sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life. This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor.

May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning—he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

The First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights--the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night--and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

*The early church read stories from the Bible all night; we only choose four key narratives.
All sit.*

The story of God's creation.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The Words of Holy Scripture.
Thanks be to God.

All stand and sing.

Psalm 33:1-11

*Puer Nobis
Pam Searcy, flute*



**All who are just, sing praise to God, With harp and lyre let all rejoice;
Let trumpets sound with all your skill, Sing a new song, lift every voice.**

**For this we know: God’s word is right, And sure the working of his hands;
The Lord loves justice, righteousness, His loving-kindness fills all lands.**

**God made the heavens and heavenly host, His word alone caused them to be;
He gathers up the ocean’s waves, Stores up the waters of the sea.**

**Let all who dwell upon the earth now stand in awe and fear the Lord;
For when he spoke, it came to pass; All things were finished at his word.**

**God thwarts the nations’ purposes, their plans before him cannot last;
His plans endure from age to age, the purpose of his heart stands fast.**

Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sit.

The Lord said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind-- every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in.

The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

In the six hundred first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh-- birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth-- so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

The Words of Holy Scripture.

Thanks be to God.

All stand. 1982 Hymnal

Hymn #679

“Surely it is God who saves me” *Thomas Merton*
Lewis Hunt, guitar; Pam Searcy, flute

Let us pray.

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sit.

*The story of Israel's deliverance
from the Red Sea.*

The Third Lesson: Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.”

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters

returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

The Words of Holy Scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn #648

"When Israel was in Egypt's land" *Go Down, Moses*
Paul Fisher, soloist

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Fourth Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

The Words of Holy Scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 126

**When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it
was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."
The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.
Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who
sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with
shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

*All stand. 1982 Hymnal
The congregation sings the
refrain only.*

All sit.

*The story of the gathering of
God's people.*

*The Psalms are the Church's
oldest hymnal and prayer
book. Even before the Church
existed, Jesus himself prayed
these words. In worship, the
psalm is often spoken together
as a way of shaping our
community's hearts.*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Homily

The Rev. Canon Mark S. Anderson

THE HOLY BAPTISM

The Presentation of the Candidates

Parents & Godparents I present Noah Joseph Roberts to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Answer I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Answer I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in his life in Christ?

People We will.

Celebrant Let us join with this Candidate who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The people stand as the Celebrant addresses the congregation.

The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open his heart to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We renew our baptism as followers of Jesus.

In partnership with provinces across the Anglican Communion, we offer this additional prayer as a sign of our shared commitment to care for God's creation.

The Prayers for the Candidates are chanted by the Celebrant and sung responsively by the congregation.

Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send him into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION: THE FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

The Great Noise

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Easter Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



The Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The good news of our Savior.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

A priest will extend the baptismal blessing by sprinkling the congregation from the Easter font. This liturgical rite is known as the asperges.

Make a loud noise as the light of resurrection enters the world! The People begin softly and slowly ringing bells and other noisemakers they have brought with them. The crescendo builds until it is brought to a climax with the organ. The Altar candles are lit from the Paschal Candle. The people may now extinguish their individual candles. All stand.

The Resurrected Christ, when he appeared to the disciples, said these words.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Anthem

When Mary thro' the garden went, Charles Villiers Stanford

When Mary thro' the garden went, there was no sound of any bird,
And yet, because the night was spent, the little grasses lightly stirred,
The flowers awoke, the lilies heard.

When Mary thro' the garden went, the dew lay still on flower and grass,
The waving palms above her sent their fragrance out as she did pass.
No light upon their branches was.

When Mary thro' the garden went, her eyes were dim.
The grass beneath her footsteps bent, the solemn lilies, white and slim,
These also stood and wept for him.

When Mary thro' the garden went, she sought within the garden ground,
One for Whom her heart was rent, one Who for her sake was bound,
One Who sought, and she was found. -Mary E. Coleridge

LEVAS #13

Harmony

My Lord, what a morn-ing, My Lord, what a morn-ing, O

my Lord, what a morn-ing, When the stars be-gin to fall. **Fine**

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship I

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All sit.

As the altar is prepared for Holy 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.



All stand. Sing 3 times.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, and when he had given thanks, he 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:

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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. 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.**

The Sanctus is sung 3 times.

This ancient song, called the Sanctus, is sung by the angels in the book of Revelation.

All kneel or stand as able.

These words come from Scripture:

Matthew 26:26-29

Mark 14:22-25

Luke 22:14-20

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

All who long for God are welcome to receive Communion. If you are not baptized, we invite you to speak with a member of the clergy about Baptism, the doorway into the Church's full sacramental life.

Everyone is also welcome to come to the altar for a blessing, indicated by folding your arms across your chest.

Please let clergy know if you would like a gluten-free wafer.

If you would like to receive communion and are unable to come to the altar, please ask an usher for assistance.

We thank God for the gift of Christ's body and blood.

All stand. 1982 Hymnal. We follow the cross into the world to be the hands and feet of Christ.

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.

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.

Music at Communion

Hymn #174

“At the Lamb’s high feast we sing praise” *Salzberg*

Motet

Antiphon of Spring, Everett Titcomb

I went down into my garden to see the fruits of the valley, and to see if the vines had flower’d, and the pomegranates were in blossom. Return thee, O Shulamite, that we may look upon thee. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of Sending and Service

Let us pray.

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.

The Blessing

Almighty God has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord. May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

In Recession, Hymn #207

“Jesus Christ is risen today” *Easter Hymn*

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Concluding Voluntary

The Holy Savior is Arisen!, J.S. Bach



The flowers at the altar today are given by Cathedral parishioners in thanksgiving and in memory of loved ones, as shown on page 17. The flowers at the altar on Palm Sunday were given in thanksgiving and celebration of the baptism of Henry Grey Sobeck.



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 Loved ones who have gone before us

and in thanksgiving for

St. John's Cathedral
 Our Beautiful Discipleship Group Sisters
 Doug, Jacob, Conner, and Zachary
 Our brother, Ron Higgins
 My sister, Nancy E. Mason
 The daughters and families of Dennis &
 Lynn Doiron: Leslie, Roger & Margo
 Clark, and Laura, Kenny, Savannah &
 James Kwaak
 Mr. Park



Calendar

MON. 4/6

St. John's Cathedral offices, Bookstore, and Center for Wellbeing will be closed in observance of Easter Monday.

12pm - First Monday Book Club, Zoom

Becoming Madam Secretary, by Stephanie Dray. Visit jaxcathedralbooks.org for more information and the Zoom link.

TUES. 4/7

10am - Art Group, The Painting Place (under Taliaferro Hall)

Come paint with us. Contact Kathie at meuselbachkl@yahoo.com.

4pm - Cancer Support Group, Room 303

All are welcome, regardless of faith tradition or stage in the journey. Contact Lisa at lisamck@bellsouth.net.

WED. 4/8

12:10pm - Healing Service, Cummings Chapel

A weekly gathering of prayer and the Holy Eucharist.

6pm - Art Group, The Painting Place (under Taliaferro Hall)

Gather with fellow artists and paint to your heart's content. Contact Heather at chihuahua7044@att.net.

THURS. 4/9

8:15am - Divorce Support Group, Room 304

9:30am - Centering Prayer, Dooly Library

Let go of distractions; open your heart to the divine within.

FRI. 4/10

9am - Reading Between the Lines, Zoom

An online Scripture study supplemented by art, literature, poetry. Contact Owene at ocourtney@jaxcathedral.org.

SAT. 4/11

No Cathedral Events

SUN. 4/12

11:45am - Retirement Celebration for Anice Jackson, Taliaferro Hall

Join us in sharing a special celebratory lunch with Anice and her family, in loving thanks for her 29 years of faithful service to St. John's Cathedral!

MON. 4/13

8am - Centering Prayer, Zoom

Start your week off with guided centering prayer. Contact Owene at owene_courtney@yahoo.com.

6-7:15pm - Yoga, Cummings Chapel

Free, gentle yoga practice, led by Megan Cochran.

TUES. 4/14

10am - Art Group, The Painting Place (under Taliaferro Hall)

Come paint with us. Contact Kathie at meuselbachkl@yahoo.com.

10am-8pm - Spires in the Sun Road Trip 2.0

Join ART@noon for this art walk! Your \$35 ticket includes a complimentary copy of *Spires in the Sun: The Carpenter Gothic Episcopal Churches of Florida*, and author-led visits to two of the churches featured in the book: Trinity Episcopal Church in Melrose and St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Starke. Attendees are invited to enjoy lunch in Melrose at the Blue Water Bay restaurant, and dinner in Green Cove Springs (meals not included in ticket price). For more information and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code here!



4pm - Cancer Support Group, Room 303

All are welcome, regardless of faith tradition or stage in the journey. Contact Lisa at lisamck@bellsouth.net.

WED. 4/15

7:30am & 11am - Bible Study, Taliaferro Hall

The Rev. Mark Anderson and the Rev. Tom O'Dell will offer lessons from the life of David on five Wednesdays this Easter-tide. Choose the time on Wednesdays that works for you!

12:10pm - Healing Service, Cummings Chapel

A weekly gathering of prayer and the Holy Eucharist.

6pm - C-Change Conversation: Breaking the Silence, Taliaferro Hall

St. John's Cathedral welcomes Kathleen Biggins, founder and president of C-Change Conversations, for an evening of thoughtful dialogue presented in partnership with St. Johns Riverkeeper and the Jacksonville Climate Coalition. Participants can expect a clear, accessible overview of climate science, insight into how climate trends are already affecting communities like ours along the St. Johns River, and space to engage thoughtfully with neighbors who may see the issue differently. Whether you feel deeply concerned, uncertain, skeptical, or simply curious, this evening offers an opportunity to listen, learn, and reflect together. Scan the QR code for more information and to register.



6pm - Art Group, *The Painting Place (under Taliaferro Hall)*
Gather with fellow artists and paint to your heart's content.
Contact Heather at chihuahua7044@att.net.

THURS. 4/16

8:15am - Divorce Support Group, *Room 304*

9:30am - Centering Prayer, *Dooly Library*

Let go of distractions; open your heart to the divine within.

7:30pm - SoundQuest Community Sound Journey,

Cummings Chapel

Bring pillows, blankets, and yoga mats. A cash donation is greatly appreciated. This event is open to all, please come out and experience relaxation through sound. Donations from this event will benefit the multiple programs that benefit our community offered through St. John's Cathedral.

FRI. 4/17

9am - Reading Between the Lines, *Zoom*

An online Scripture study supplemented by art, literature, poetry. Contact Owene at ocourtney@jaxcathedral.org.

5:30pm - Jazz in the Garden, *Bishop's Garden/Burwell Court*

Listen to soulful music. Relax with coworkers and friends. Refresh for the weekend. The North Florida Quartet will delight you and your friends with pure jazz in the interior gardens of historic St. John's Cathedral. \$15 suggested donation at the door.

SAT. 4/18

11am -A Celebration of the Life of John S. Barry,

Cathedral Nave

SUN. 4/19

9am - Living Faith at the Cathedral:

Newcomer's Class, *Cathedral House Reception Area*

If you are new to the Cathedral or are simply looking to renew your faith, join the Rev. Tom O'Dell Sunday mornings, April 19, April 26, and May 3. This will be an informative series, answering your questions about life at the Cathedral and in the Episcopal Church.

Questions: todell@jaxcathedral.org.

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