

Welcome to **St. John's Cathedral**



**“Come to me,
all you that are
weary...”**
- Matthew 11:28a

October 2, 2016 - 8 a.m.
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
St. Francis of Assisi Sunday

LOVE *at the* CORE.

Welcome to St. John's Cathedral! We are so glad that you are here.

We worship God in the heart of the city. We are surrounded by the poor in an area of town that is often neglected. In his life, Jesus often ministered to the poor and needy, and we believe that by worshipping **God in the urban core, we can catch a glimpse of God's love.**

We welcome all people. Our nursery is open all morning on Sundays. We would love to get to know you better, and you can help us by filling out a visitor card located in your pew and placing it in the offering plate as it comes by, or by handing it to an usher. Please let us know if you need prayers and if you would like us to email you our online newsletter. Listening devices are always available for the hearing impaired and large-print bulletins for those who have trouble with their eyesight. Please ask an usher if you need these items or anything else. We want to help you feel at home here.

We believe that worship should be beautiful and sacred, a moment to hush the hurriedness of our lives and experience the peace of God. I **hope that you feel God's love this morning.**

Faithfully,

The Very Reverend Kate Moorehead,
Dean

GROW: LIVING INTO THE FULLNESS OF GOD



“Jesus put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.’” - Matthew 13: 31-32

It is a beautiful time to be a part of Jesus’ mission at St. John’s Cathedral. God is doing amazing things with us as a community and in our lives. It is exciting to see how, with the power of the Holy Spirit, we are growing into all that God designs us to be.

My hope is that you have received your pledge packet in the mail and that you are prayerfully considering your pledge to the cathedral for the upcoming year. This annual process of inviting people to make a financial commitment to the life and ministry of St. John’s is important, as it sets the potential, financially, for our good work in the upcoming year. It is also an important part of our individual faith journeys, as it is an opportunity to reflect on what God has done in our lives, and what we hope to discover in our faith journey this next year.

But the word “pledge” has lost some of this sense of excitement and depth. It is most likely that the last time we heard this word regularly was when we said the “pledge” of allegiance in our younger school days. While that is good, this pledge toward God is a different journey, and so I would like to offer some other ways to explore and contemplate this opportunity of the pledge card.

First, this is a Gratitude Card. By filling out and returning this card to St. John’s Cathedral, we are acknowledging all the good and grace that God has flooded our lives with through this community. This is an opportunity to remember all the blessings we have received and to model our lives after them. Modern research has shown that a consistent practice of gratitude can actually improve our quality of life. In Jesus’ understanding, it is simply seeing the Kingdom of God all around us.

Second, this is an Excitement Card. God is doing amazing things at and through the cathedral. Homeless people are fed and children are cared for and educated. Elderly people have purpose in their life. Relationships abound as God’s grace is experienced in worship and community and then extended to those beyond our physical walls. How can we not get excited about what may possibly happen next! This is an opportunity to imagine all the wonderful possibilities ahead of us as ambassadors of Christ in the world.

Finally, this is an Intention Card. While it is wonderful to be thankful for all the good God has blessed us with and to imagine all the good that can be done, if all we do is think and imagine, our dream remains just a dream. This is an opportunity to actively step into, to commit, to God’s Good News in our lives and the world. There is a difference between knowing the path and walking the path, and this is an opportunity to actively set ourselves on the transformative journey that is the life of Christ.

Gratitude. Excitement. Intention. These powerful words reflect the fullness of a pledge to the Life of God here at the cathedral. It is an invitation to grow into who we truly are and to be a part of something bigger than ourselves: the Good Life, the Life of Jesus Christ and God’s Kingdom.

The Reverend Canon David Erickson

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Hymn 400

“All creatures of our God and King”
(St. 1-4)

Lasst uns erfreuen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Blessed be our God.
People Forever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant and People

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 Celebrant and the People say together

The Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The People are seated.

The Lesson

Jeremiah 22:13-16

Lector A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness, and his upper rooms by injustice; who makes his neighbours work for nothing, and does not give them their wages; who says, “I will build myself a spacious house with large upper rooms”, and who cuts out windows for it, panelling it with cedar, and painting it with vermilion. Are you a king because you compete in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink and do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him. He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Is not this to know me? says the Lord.

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

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.

The Psalm is read in unison.

Psalm 148:7-14

Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;

Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord, *
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

A period of silence for reflection follows the reading.

The People stand.

The Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

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

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

The People are seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Canon David Erickson

A period of silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The People stand.

The Nicene Creed

The Celebrant and People say

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

All remain standing as able.

Let us pray for the needs of the world.

For peace and justice on the earth, for the leaders of all nations, and for understanding among all races and peoples.

Lord, in your mercy, *Help us to grow in your grace.*

For the people of this nation as we approach the election of a new president. Guide and strengthen this country in its discernment.

Lord, in your mercy, *Help us to grow in your wisdom.*

For those who are ill, lonely, or suffering in any way.

Lord, in your mercy, *Help us to grow in your compassion.*

For those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy, *Help us to grow in your community of saints.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Lord, in your mercy, *Help us to grow in your love for all.*

Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Celebrant and people

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers

The Confession of Sin

The People kneel. The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

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.

The Celebrant continues

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

The People stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Clergy and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Representatives of the congregation bring forward the People's offerings of money, and other gifts. The People stand when the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar.

Hymn 51, stanzas 1 & 2

“We the Lord’s People”

Decatur Place

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

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 him thanks and praise.

The Peoples's responses are in italics. The Celebrant continues

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Celebrant and People say

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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.”**

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

The Celebrant and People 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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

The Celebrant continues

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.)

Please join us at God's table.

All baptized people are welcome to receive communion. Everyone is welcome to come to the altar for a blessing. If you would like a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.

The Postcommunion Prayer

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People say together

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

The Celebrant blesses the people.

Hymn 405

“All things bright and beautiful”

Royal Oak

The Dismissal

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

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The flowers in Cummings Chapel and at the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for all of God's creation.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We have a new exhibit of photography in Taliaferro Hall this Sunday by The Reverend Ron Owen entitled *Selah*. The prints from this exhibition are available for purchase. All proceeds from the sale of these images will go to the benefit of Church Without Walls. Please consider making a purchase to benefit this worthy ministry to those most in need among us. Framed prints are \$225.00. Unframed prints are \$175.00. Checks should be payable to Church Without Walls. Questions: please contact Ron Owen at 904-612-3243.

THIS SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, OCT. 2 - ST. FRANCIS OF
ASSISI SUNDAY - NO CHRISTIAN
FORMATION CLASSES

► **Holy Eucharist**

8 a.m. Cummings Chapel

► **Holy Eucharist w/Blessing of the
Animals**

9 a.m. Cathedral Park

If there is rain, the service will be held in the cathedral as usual. We'll also be collecting donations of dog and cat food, as well as monetary donations, for the Springfield Pet Rescue Group, who will be joining us. Special refreshments will be offered after the service.

► **Holy Eucharist**

11 a.m. Cathedral

► **Verger Meeting**

12 p.m. Ingram Lounge

► **David Briggs Organ Concert:**

The Phantom of the Opera

4 p.m. concert in the cathedral;

Reception to follow in Taliaferro Hall

Renowned organist David Briggs will perform improvisational music during a screening of the 1929 remastered classic silent film *The Phantom of the Opera*, starring Lon Chaney, in the cathedral!

This concert is sponsored by the Beaches Fine Arts Series and is free. Join us for a fun and fabulous evening!

► **Birthday Blessings (Sun. - Mon.)**

Sunday, October 2

Lep Stewart

Monday, October 3

Selecia Young-Jones, Megan Cochran,
Jerome Lofton, Austin Brown, Hadden Turvey,
Max Moorehead

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

MONDAY, OCT. 3

► **Feed the Homeless**

2 p.m. Sulzbacher Center

Dinner preparation begins at 2 p.m. and is served at 6 p.m. Please call Don Wucker at 398-4776 for more information.

► **Friends of Bill W.**

5:30 p.m. Ingram Lounge

► **Men's Grill 'n Chill**

6 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

All men of the cathedral are cordially invited to this fellowship dinner on the first Monday of each month in Taliaferro Hall. Bring your own steak (or chicken, or fish or veggie burger) to cook and a drink. The Brotherhood will provide a starch, vegetable, salad and bread. We suggest a donation of \$3. Men, please consider bringing your sons with you, regardless of age. This is a monthly opportunity for all the men of the cathedral to gather, so please join us!

TUESDAY, OCT. 4

► **Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

► **Yoga**

5:45 p.m. Cummings Chapel

► **EFM**

7 p.m. Ingram Lounge

► **Tuesday Birthday Blessings**

Jeanette Brode, Susan Burns, Paul Cuffe,
Jack Laneve

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5

► **Holy Eucharist**

7 a.m. Holy Communion Chapel

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL CONTINUED

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5

► **Episcopal Elementary Schools**

Celebration Eucharist

10 a.m. Cathedral

► **Wonderful Wednesday Dinner**

5 – 5:30 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

Dinner cost: \$5 per adult, \$3 per child under 12

► **Chorister Rehearsal**

5:30 p.m. Choir Room

► **Discovery**

5:45 p.m. Taliaferro Hall, with dinner at 6 p.m.

If you are looking to engage further with your St. John's Cathedral family and the ministries that we share, join us for this excellent series.

Registrations are required, and the deadline to register is next Wednesday, October 12!

► **Art Class**

6 p.m. Painting Place, Basement

Fr. Lou Towson and the Rev. Jean Dodd lead this fun class. No experience necessary. Basic materials are provided and are free!

► **Youth Group**

6:30 p.m. Undercroft

► **Choir Rehearsal**

7:30 p.m. Choir Room

THURSDAY, OCT. 6

► **Shakespeare Reading Group**

9:30 a.m. Ingram Lounge

The group is currently reading *King Lear*. For more information about the Shakespeare Reading Group at the cathedral, contact Peter McCranie at petermccranie1@gmail.com.

► **Lectionary Bible Study**

12 p.m. Ingram Lounge

► **Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

► **Celebration Singers Rehearsal**

5:30 p.m. Ascension Chapel

FRIDAY, OCT. 7

► **Poetry Reading Group**

9:30 a.m. Ingram Lounge

For the first hour, the group will read from the selected source material, which will include works from Emily Dickinson, Robert Frost and more. The second hour will be reserved for **reading participants' own poetry**. Contact Peter McCranie at petermccranie1@gmail.com if you are interested in participating in this group in any way!

► **Clara's at the Cathedral**

11 a.m. Taliaferro Hall

► **Contemplative Holy Eucharist**

12:10 p.m. Cummings Chapel

SATURDAY, OCT. 8

► **11th Step Meditation Group**

9:30 a.m. Room 306

► **Blessing of the Bikes**

11:15 a.m. Cathedral and Shields Place

All bikers are welcome to come and be blessed! Bikes should be parked on Shields Place. Bikers will go into the cathedral first for a brief, ecumenical service of prayer and then return to Shields Place for individual blessings from Dean Kate, Fr. David and Fr. Raja.

► **Birthday Blessings (Wed. - Sat.)**

Wednesday, October 5

Gloria Zittrouer, Constance Frankenberg, Marcus Meide, Chris Collinsworth, Abigail Hunt

Thursday, October 6

Ava Mae Van Wie

Friday, October 7

Richard Garten, Nina Searcy, Linda Shepherd, James Tubre

Saturday, October 8

Stephen Horne, Eugenia White, Pat Clance, Jim Jamison, W.C. Parker, Ginny Hough, Rae Richards, Mary Kaylor

NEXT SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, OCT. 9

► **See Sunday service times on page 10 of the bulletin.**

► **Christian Formation for all ages**

All Christian Formation classes meet at 10 a.m.

Children's Formation

Pre-K to Kindergarten - Room 5, Basement

1st - 3rd grades - Room 202, 2nd floor

Tweens Formation

4th - 5th grades - Room 302, 3rd floor

Youth Formation

6th - 8th grades - Undercroft

9th - 12th grades - Room 304, 3rd floor

Adult Formation

Centering Prayer - Room 306, 3rd floor

This is a time in community to experience centering prayer as well as explore appropriate readings and reflections. All are invited.

Grow: Living into the Fullness of God - Taliaferro Hall

In this series, we will be exploring the many opportunities the cathedral offers to us to grow into our true selves, as well as how we, as a community, are growing into our call as the body of Christ.

► **Lector Training**

12 p.m. Cathedral

This training is for all current lectors, as well as those who wish to be lectors!

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