

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



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

October 2, 2016 - 9 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

## 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.

# 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 & BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Hymn

“For the beauty of the earth”

1. For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies;  
*Refrain*  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise
2. For the wonder of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon and stars of light:  
*Refrain*
3. For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child;  
Friends on earth and friends above;  
For all gentle thoughts and mild:  
*Refrain*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*Celebrant* Let the earth glorify the Lord.  
*People* Praise him and highly exalt him forever.

*Celebrant* The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord;  
*People* And you give them their food in due season.

*Celebrant* You open wide your hand.  
*People* And fill all living things with plenteousness.

### 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.

*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!

*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.*

## 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 continues*

O Lord, who has looked upon all creation and declared it good; we thank you for the animals of your creation with whom we share the earth. Remembering especially those animals you have entrusted into our care, we pray that we may be instruments of your loving providence, that we may all abound in your glory. *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

### Offertory

*As the Altar is prepared for Communion, representatives of the congregation collect the offerings of the People. The people stand when the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar.*

### Hymn

“Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;  
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharist Prayer III

Book of Common Prayer of the Church of Ireland

*The People stand.*

*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.

*The Celebrant continues*

Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you for your goodness and your love. When we turned away you did not reject us. You came to meet us in your Son, welcomed us as your children and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

*He opened wide his arms upon the cross and, with love stronger than death, he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.*

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on the night before you died you came to table with your friends. Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying, Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

*Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the bread of life.*

At the end of supper you 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; do this in remembrance of me.

*Lord Jesus, we bless you: you are the true vine.*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:

*Dying, you destroyed our death, rising, you restored our life; Lord Jesus, come in glory.*

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

*As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace, one in Christ, our risen Lord.*

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity: with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven, for ever praising you and saying:

*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.

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.

*Amen. Amen. Amen.*

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

*Celebrant and people*

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*            The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.  
*People*                *We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Remember that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## Communion and Blessing of the Animals

*Please walk down the center of our labyrinth to receive Communion, then bring your pets around the perimeter of the labyrinth to be blessed.*

## Music at Communion

### “Amazing Grace”

1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
was blind but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

3. The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
**'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,**  
and grace will lead me home.

5. When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
**we've no less days to sing God's praise**  
**than when we'd first begun.**

### “I am the bread of life”

1. I am the bread of life;  
they who come to me shall not hunger;  
they who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
unless the Father draw them.

*Refrain*  
And I will raise them up,  
and I will raise them up on the last day.

2. The Bread that I will give  
is my Flesh for the life of the world,  
and they who eat of this bread,  
they shall live for ever.

*Refrain*

3. Unless you eat  
of the Flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his Blood,  
you shall not have life within you.

*Refrain*

4. I am the resurrection,  
I am the life.  
They who believe in me,  
even if they die,  
they shall live for ever.  
*Refrain*

5. Yes, Lord, we believe  
that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God  
who has come into the world.  
*Refrain*

## 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.*

## Closing Hymn

### “All creatures of our God and King”

1. All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voices, let us sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Bright burning sun with golden beams,  
pale silver moon that gently gleams,

*Refrain*

O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. Great rushing winds and breezes soft,  
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,  
stars nightly shining, find a voice,  
*Refrain*

3. Swift flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,  
you give to us both warmth and light,  
*Refrain*

4. Dear mother earth, you day by day  
unfold your blessings on our way,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,  
let them his glory also show:  
*Refrain*

## The Dismissal

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

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*All are invited for refreshments in the Cathedral Park following the service.  
Don't forget to pick up your special blessing certificate at the conclusion of the service.*

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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