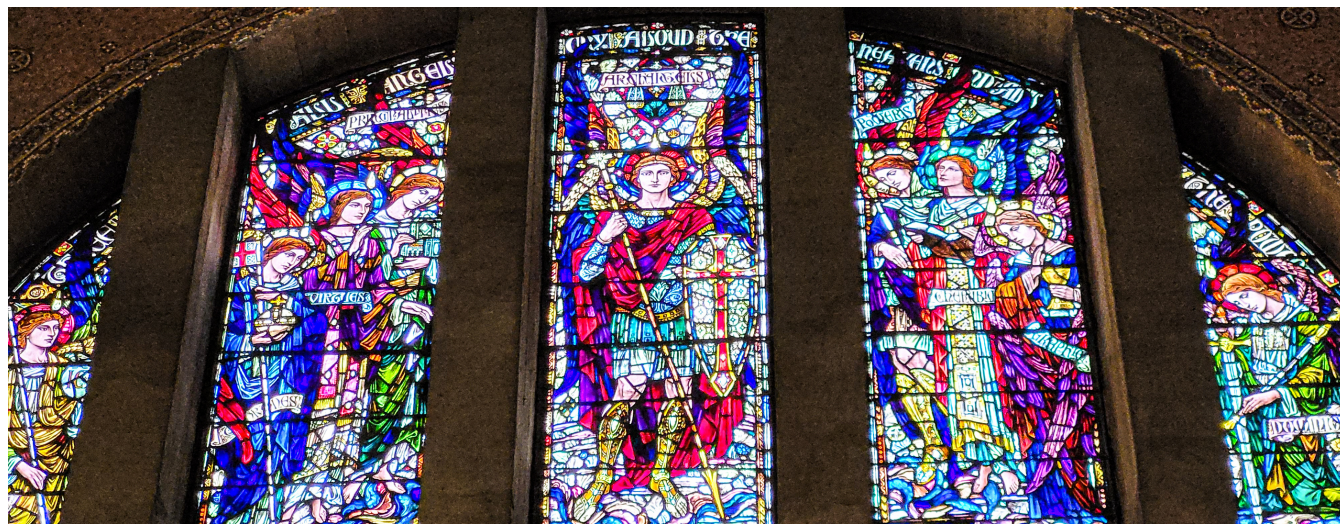


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CATHEDRAL LIFE



I have just begun my time with you as Bishop-in-Charge, a position that is both a pleasure and an honor for me to hold. I thank you and Bishop Taylor for this opportunity.

Let me tell you briefly what I have discovered so far. You are a warm and welcoming congregation, diverse yet united, thankful to be followers of Jesus. You have an eager and talented Vestry, which has begun working with me to make some exciting plans. You have a peerless staff, always up to any task. And, of course, we have a stunning structure that invites worship of the Holy One.

My main task among you will be to assist you in making a transition to a new chapter in the long and honored history of St. John's. Early next year I am certain the staff of the diocese will begin assisting you in the process of finding a new dean and rector. You will be engaged in self-study, prayer, and spiritual discernment before coming to some conclusions about the sort of priest you believe Christ wants you to call and about the kind of parish he wants you to be. I emphasize that this is not a job hunt in the usual sense but is, rather, a process of Spirit-led discernment rooted in prayer, resulting in a leader and partner in the *Missio Dei*. It will require a group of people ready to work hard on the process with the congregation patiently cooperating and praying. In the end the vestry and Bishop Taylor will together extend a call to a candidate. The process will result in a new dean and rector who will serve Christ among you under the supervision of the bishop.

In the meantime, I ask for your cooperation and support in my ministry among you. I assuredly will stumble on occasion. My agreement with you is a part-time one, which means that not everything that you may want to happen will happen. I will do my best for you given my experience, training, age, and energy level.

That's what I hope to do. I ask that you work at being united, taking this period to become better acquainted, remembered that we are all baptized into Christ and together are his body in the world. I ask that you be ardent and faithful in prayer, opening yourselves to the changes and challenges that inevitably will occur. I ask that you be generous and consistent in giving; the cathedral does face financial challenges. Consider, for example, discovering what percentage of your income you give to the church, plan to increase it by 1% or 2%, and aim toward becoming a tither. For goodness sake, please do not gossip or grumble. Finally, I ask that we have a good, jolly time together; let's enjoy being with our Lord and Savior and enjoying together worshipping and serving him.

The Right Rev. C. Franklin Brookhart



Compline

Compline at St. John's Cathedral is a contemplative service of candlelit prayer sung on the 1st Sunday of each month from October through June at 8:00 pm

Welcome Home!

Christopher G. Gravis, D.M.A.
Canon for Music & Cathedral Arts

While the season of Michaelmas traditionally marks the start of our program year at John's, this year is even more special. It's the first time since the 2019-20 season in which we return to a full liturgical and cathedral music expression. St. John's is in a time of transition, but the music imprinted upon your hearts from years past will be a steady spiritual touchstone as we journey forward together.

You can find a listing of all the music for our services at www.StJohnsLA.org, or in hardcopy form on the table in the rear of the nave. We hope you'll join us for our many musical liturgies this season. Highlights will include the feast days of St. Michael & All Angels (October 2), All Saints' (November 6), Christ the King (November 20), when the choir will sing beautiful and elaborate musical settings of the choral mass. Bathed in incense and ritual movement, these liturgies are intended to draw the worshiper into a sense of awe and supplication. November 20 will feature special music in recognition of Fr. Mark & Fr. Dan's 17-year leadership here.

The Office of Compline also returns on first Sundays of the month at 8.00pm (excepting December and January). This 30-minute chanted service is the the last of the monastic daily prayer services. It is a deeply peaceful and meditative experience, perfect for concluding the weekend in rest and quietness. Because it is relatively brief, musical, and there is very little spoken word, it is an ideal service in which to invite people from outside our cathedral community. An inviting wine & cheese reception follows the service, and all are truly welcome.

Please join us for 11.30am Christian Education on November 13, 20, when I'll be taking participants on an exciting journey through the Hymnal 1982 — what's in it, where it comes from, why we sing it, and when. Our own organist Dr. Zachary Neufeld will lead the class on November 27 in a demonstration of our historic 1924 Skinner pipe organ. If you haven't yet met Zach, you should. He's one of the most talented and kind people I know, and he'll show you that there's a lot more than meets the eye when it comes to our cathedral pipe organ!

You'll also want to mark your calendars for our annual Advent Procession of Lessons & Carols service on December 4 at 5.00pm. This beloved service is modeled after the one made famous by the Choir of King's College, Cambridge, and is imbued with deep spiritual symbolism. We begin in candlelit

darkness, as the choir sings of story foretold of Christ's coming. At one point the choir surrounds the nave, and holds the congregation in a moment of musical and liturgical beauty that is absolutely spellbinding. We end in resplendent light at the high altar, singing together the great hymn "Lo! He comes with clouds descending".

Christmas Eve is always a special celebration at St. John's. The midnight mass includes glorious music, traditional carols, majestic processions, and all the smells & bells of that joyous night. This service is always filled to capacity, and you'll want to arrive early to make sure you get a seat.

Thank you for your generous support of this and all our various musical services at John's. I look forward to greeting you each week after services at coffee hour. Welcome home!



Cathedral Choral Academy Fall 2022

Mr. Stephen Salts,
Director of the Cathedral Choral Academy

The Cathedral Choral Academy's fall term is well underway, and we are thrilled to have a group of six wonderful choristers. The Choral Academy families and I are grateful to each of you for your continued support of this important ministry, and we especially thank Bishop Brookhart and Dr. Christopher Gravis.

Thursday, September 8th began the fourth year of the Cathedral Choral Academy, our music education and outreach ministry focusing on engaging youth in our local community. It was a fantastic time that we will

enjoy every Thursday from 5 - 7pm. Our choristers this fall are Allison, Annika, Elliot, Irene, Noor, and Ryan, and we are ready to warmly welcome even more.

The Choral Academy uses an open enrollment system so that we can welcome new children at any time throughout the year. There is plenty of room for more choristers this fall, so I encourage you to reach out to any families that you think might be interested in joining us on Thursdays. We welcome all children ages 7 - 14 regardless of previous music experience, and tuition for all children is generously underwritten by the Cathedral Arts Guild. Interested families can contact me at any time via email at ssalts@stjohnsla.org. We look forward to sharing our music with you throughout this year!

Community

See our upcoming events and announcements!

Upcoming Services

NOV. 6
All Saints

NOV. 20
Christ the King

DEC. 4
**Advent Procession of
Lessons & Carols**

Christian Ed

NOV. 13 & NOV. 20
Hymnal 1982
Class led by Dr. Christopher Gravis

NOV. 27
**Pipe Organ
Demonstration**
Class led by Dr. Zachary Neufeld

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Become A New Member of the Flower Guild

Current members are eager to share their knowledge and artistry with new members and are always willing to pass along their experience and skills to others. A desire to learn, and a love for reverently arranging natural beauty is encouraged. Contact the office or speak with Ms. Martha Ree for more information.



Sunday Services

Said Mass at 8:00 am | In-Person Only
Choral Mass at 10:00 am | In-Person and Online



Online Evening Prayer

Tuesdays and Thursdays
at 6:30 pm

Interested in leading Evening Prayer? Contact the church office at churchoffice@stjohnsla.org



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