

# GRACE CATHEDRAL

**Our Vision:** A world where people experience God's love and are made whole.

**Our Mission:** To share the love of Jesus through compassion, inclusivity, creativity and learning.



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## Christmas Lessons and Carols

*Sunday 24 December 2017*

*4 p.m.*



welcome  
to grace

# Rejoice!

It's Christmas.

- **If you are new to Grace Cathedral**, please introduce yourself and fill out a welcome card so we can be in touch with you. We're glad you're here!
- **Find out about our programs** for children, youth and families at coffee hour.

## Welcome from the Bishop



One thing about the Episcopal Church that thousands upon thousands of non-Episcopalians have directly experienced is Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. We go all-out for Midnight Mass —sublime music, candles, processions, and the giddy experience of being in church for a long stretch and then walking out into the wee hours of Christmas Day.

We Episcopalians pour so much into this service because we really love the God-made-human part of the whole sweep of Christian believing. That this peasant child contained the fullness of Divine Being is thrilling, and affects how we see everything that unrolls from that tiny life's beginning.

Because of our love for the Incarnation of God, we love all that God made, all the world. This is why you'll find Episcopalians hard at work and in the thick of every application to human need and every aspect of care of the Earth there is. We are glad you are joining us for Christmas, and for all that Christmas opens to us in this beautiful creation.

— *The Rt. Rev. Marc Handley Andrus, Bishop of California*

## worshipping with us

Merry Christmas! Thank you for being part of Grace Cathedral this Christmas. Together we celebrate the heart of our faith: that God loves this beautiful and broken world not from a distance, but in person—in flesh and blood, and dwelling among us.

Some of our services today include Holy Communion; the same divine gift, revealed long ago in Bethlehem, is made present for us now in bread and wine. **Everyone is welcome to receive Communion.** Ushers will help guide you to Communion ministers. Please let the ushers and communion ministers know if you need gluten-free Communion Bread. You may choose not to receive either the Bread or the Wine; if so, simply cross your arms over your chest and respond "Amen" when it is presented.

May you receive all the blessings of a joyful Christmas.

— *Jeffrey Hookom, Canon Precentor*

## welcome from the dean



Welcome to Grace Cathedral. Entering this cathedral, we become more aware of the intimate presence which abides everywhere in the world, the spirit of creativity, compassion, healing and holiness. This place grounds us in this beautiful mystery just as it inspires us with hope that we can make this life better than it has been in the past.

The altar in the Chapel of the Nativity was installed in 1936 as tensions were escalating around the world. In the mural above it a shepherd who is playing the flute pauses when he hears the choir of angels. I pray that we also will have the chance to pause and hear the voice of God during this holy season. I pray that as we celebrate the vulnerability of God in Jesus we will experience a rebirth of joy and wonder in the face of his simple teaching—that all people without exception are God's beloved children.

— *The Very Rev. Dr. Malcolm Clemens Young,  
Dean of Grace Cathedral*



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# A Festival of Lessons and Carols

CHRISTMAS EVE • SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER 2017 • 4 PM

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As you prepare for worship, please be sensitive to those around you who may wish to pray quietly.  
Please refrain from unnecessary conversation, silence any audible electronic devices, and do not use  
photographic, video, or audio recording equipment before or during worship services.

## VOLUNTARY

La Nativité

Jean Langlais

## HYMN 102

The people stand as the bells strike the hour.

Irby

**Solo treble** Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

**Choir alone** He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;  
with the poor, and mean and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

**All** **And through all his wondrous childhood he would honor and obey,  
Love and watch the lowly maiden, in whose gentle arms he lay:  
little children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.**

**4** **For he is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us he grew.  
He was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew:  
and he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.**

**5** **Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,  
we shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high.  
Where like stars his children crowned, all in white shall wait around.**

text: Sts. 1-2 and 4-6, Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.; st. 3 James Waring McCrady (b. 1938);  
music: melody Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876); harm. Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929)

## THE BIDDING PRAYER

All remain standing.

led by the Dean

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All** **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.**

## INVITATORY CAROL

The people sit.

Johann Sebastian Bach

**Choir** Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, and usher in the morning;  
O shepherds, greet that glorious sight, our Lord a crib adorning.  
This child, this little helpless boy, shall be our confidence and joy,  
the power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.

## The First Lesson

Genesis 3: 1-13, 22-24

In an ancient parable, Adam and Eve rebel against God, are cast out of the Garden of Eden. read by a Cathedral Chorister

### CAROL

Martin Shaw

**Choir** The Lord at first did Adam make out of the dust and clay, and in his nostrils breathed life, e'en as the scriptures say. And then in Eden's paradise he placed him to dwell, that he within it should remain to dress and keep it well.  
*Now let good Christians all begin an holy life to live, and to rejoice and merry be, for this is Christmas Eve.*

Now mark the goodness of the Lord, which he for mankind bore, his mercy soon he did extend, lost man for to restore; and then for to redeem our souls from death and hellish thrall, he said his own dear son should be the Saviour of us all. *Now let good Christians all begin...*

Now for the blessings we enjoy, which are from heaven above, let us renounce all wickedness and live in perfect love. Then shall we do Christ's own command, ev'n his own written word, and when we die in heaven shall enjoy our living Lord. *Now let good Christians all begin...*

And now the tide is nigh at hand, int' which our Saviour came; let us rejoice, and merry be, in keeping of the same. Let's feed the poor and hungry souls, and such as do it crave; then when we die, in Heaven sure, our reward we shall have. *Now let good Christians all begin...*

Percy Dearmer, R. Vaughan Williams, Martin Shaw, *Oxford Book of Carols*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1928

## The Second Lesson

Isaiah 35: 1-10

The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us.

read by the cathedral Wedding & Event Coordinator

### CAROL

Jean de Brebeuf (1593-1649), arr. Mary Lynn Place Badarak

**Choir** 'Twas in the moon of wintertime when all the birds had fled that mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead; Before their light the stars grew dim and wondering hunters heard the hymn, "Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, *in excelsis gloria.*"

Within a lodge of broken bark the tender babe was found; A ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round but as the hunter braves drew nigh the angel song rang loud and high, "Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, *in excelsis gloria.*"

The earliest moon of wintertime is not so round and fair as was the ring of glory on the helpless infant there. The chiefs from far before him knelt with gifts of fox and beaver pelt. Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, *in excelsis gloria.*

O children of the forest free, O seed of Manitou, the holy child of earth and heaven is born today for you. Come kneel before the radiant boy who brings you beauty peace and joy. Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, *in excelsis gloria.*

## The Third Lesson

God promises a sign: a child who will be called “God with us”.

Isaiah 7: 10–14

read by Associate for Liturgy

### CAROL

Ralph Vaughan Williams

**Choir** The blessed son of God only in a crib full poor did lie; With our poor flesh and our poor blood was clothed that everlasting good. *Kyrieleison.*

The Lord Christ Jesu, God’s Son dear, was a guest and a stranger here  
Us for to bring from misery, that we might live eternally. *Kyrieleison.*

All this did he for us freely, for to declare his great mercy; All Christendom  
be merry therefore, and give him thanks for evermore, *Kyrieleison.*

–Miles Coverdale, after Martin Luther

### HYMN 105

Sung by all, standing.

God Rest You Merry

**All** God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;  
remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,  
to save us all from Satan’s power when we were gone astray.

**chorus** *O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!*

**2** From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came  
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:  
how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. *O tidings ...*

**3** “Fear not, then,” said the angel, “Let nothing you affright;  
this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,  
to free all those who trust in him from Satan’s power and might.” *O...*

**4** Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
and with true love and charity, each other now embrace;  
this holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace. *O tidings ...*

text: London carol, 18th cent.; music: melody from *Little Book of Christmas Carols*, ca. 1850; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

## The Fourth Lesson

The people sit.

Luke 1: 26–38

The angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear a son.

read by Executive Pastor and  
Canon for Social Justice

### CAROL

David Willcocks

**Choir** The angel, stealing into the virgin’s chamber and soothing her fear, said,  
“Hail!” “Hail, Queen of Women; You, a virgin will conceive and bear the  
Lord of Heaven and Earth, the salvation of men. You have been made the  
Gate of Heaven, the redemption of sin.”

“How may I conceive, I who have not known a man? How may I break the  
promise which I vowed with a firm mind?” “The grace of the Holy Spirit will  
bring about all these things. Fear not, but rejoice, free from care because virtue  
will remain undefiled in you Through the power of God.”

Responding to these things, the noble maiden said to him, “I am a lowly  
handmaiden of the all powerful Lord. I say to you, heavenly one Of such a  
secret And knowing and desiring to see I am prepared to give birth to fulfill  
the plan of God.”

Ah, Mother of God, you who have given back Peace to the angels and to  
man when you bore Christ. Beseech your Son So that He may show himself  
favorable to us And so that he may wipe away our sins. After this life Is when  
we will partake of the blessed life.

– Dublin Troper ca. 1360

## The Fifth Lesson

Jesus is born in Bethlehem.

Luke 2: 1-7

read by the Canon to the Ordinary *pro tempore*

### CAROL

William Billings

**Choir** Methinks I see an heav'nly host of angels on the wing; Methinks I hear their cheerful notes so merrily they sing: Let all your fears be banish'd hence, glad tidings I proclaim. For there's a Saviour born today, and Jesus is his name. Lay down your crooks and quit your flocks, to Bethlehem repair; and let your wand'ring steps be squar'd by yonder shining star. Seek not in courts or palaces, nor royal curtains draw; but search the stable, see your God extended on the straw. Then learn from hence, ye rural swains, the meekness of your God, who left the boundless realms of joy to ransom you with blood. The master of the inn refus'd a more commodious place; ungenerous soul of savage mould, and destitute of grace. Exult ye oxen, low for joy, ye tenants of the stall, pay your obeisance, on your knees unanimously fall. The royal Guest you entertain is not of common birth, but second to the great I AM; the God of heav'n and earth. Then suddenly a heav'nly host around the shepherds throng, exulting in the threefold God and thus address their song. To God the Father, Christ the Son, and Holy Ghost ador'd; the first and last, the last and first, eternal praise afford.

- from *The Suffolk Harmony* (1786)

## The Sixth Lesson

Angels announce the sign of God's presence to shepherds.

Luke 2: 8-20

read by a Cathedral Seminarian

### HYMN 94

Sung by all, standing.

Winchester Old

- All** While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,  
the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.
- 2 "Fear not," said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind;  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind.
- 3 "To you in David's town this day, is born of David's line,  
the Savior, who is Christ, the Lord; and this shall be the sign.
- 4 "The heav'nly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed,  
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid."
- 5 Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith appeared a shining throng  
of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:
- 6 "All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;  
good will henceforth, from heav'n to men, Begin and never cease."

text: Nahum Tate (1625-1715); music: melody from *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, 1592; harm.  
*Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1922; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

## The Homily

The people sit.

The Rev. Canon Mark E. Stanger

## CAROL

John Bertalot

Choir Shepherds in the field abiding, tell us, when the seraph bright greeted you  
with wondrous tiding what you saw and heard that night.  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

We beheld it (it is no fable), God incarnate, King of bliss, swathed and cradled  
in a stable, and the angel strain was this: *Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Choristers on high were singing, Jesus and his Virgin birth heavenly bells the  
while a-ring, "Peace, good will to men on earth." *Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Thanks, good herdmen, true your story, have with you to Bethlehem; angels  
hymn the King of glory, carol we with you and them. *Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

— Quem vidistis, pastores, from *Sarum Antiphoner*

## The Seventh Lesson

Matthew 2: 1–12

The Magi are led by a star to Jesus.

read by the diocesan Working Group Head for Faith Formation

## CAROL

An offering will be received for the ministries  
of Grace Cathedral. Thank you for your generosity.

Donald Nally

Choir We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

*O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,  
King for ever, ceasing never over us all to reign. *O star of wonder...*

Frankincense to offer have I: incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, gladly raising, worship him, God Most High. *O star of  
wonder...*

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *O star of  
wonder...*

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;  
heaven sings alleluia: alleluia the earth replies. *O star of wonder...*

## The Eighth Lesson

Luke 2: 22–38

Jesus receives his name and is presented in the Temple.

read by a Cathedral Sexton

## CAROL

C. Hylton Stewart

Choir On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing to the Lord, Christ  
our King, born on earth to save us; him the Father gave us.

*Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o, gloria in excelsis Deo!*

His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came down to earth, Bethlehem saw  
his birth; ox and ass beside him from the cold would hide him. *Ideo...*

God's bright star, o'er his head, Wise Men three to him led; kneel they low by  
his bed, lay their gifts before him, praise him and adore him. *Ideo...*

On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring, praising Christ,  
heaven's King, born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us. *Ideo...*

—Isaiah 9:6

## The Ninth Lesson

The people stand.

John 1: 1-14, 16-18

The Word was made flesh and we have seen his glory.

read by the Bishop of California

Bishop The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.  
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the reading The Gospel of the Lord.  
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## HYMN 83

*Adeste fideles*

- All **O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come and behold him, born the King of angels;  
*O come, let us adore him... Christ the Lord.***
- 3 **God from God, Light from light eternal,  
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
only begotten Son of the Father; *O come, let us adore him... Christ the Lord.***
- 3 **Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God, glory in the highest; *O come, let us adore him... Christ the Lord.***
- 4 **Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;  
*O come, let us adore him... Christ the Lord.***

text: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others; music: present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906

## THE COLLECT AND BLESSING

All remain standing.

Bishop The Lord be with you.  
People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of the God of Love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

- All **Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with th'angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!**  
*Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!*
- 2 **Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity.  
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!**  
*Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!*
- 3 **Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Ris'n with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,  
hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!**  
*Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!*

text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.; music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

## VOLUNTARY

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne



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## The Lessons

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### THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:1-13, 22-24

In an ancient parable, Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." Then the Lord God said, "See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"—therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

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### THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10

read by the cathedral Wedding & Event Coordinator

The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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### THE THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-14

read by the Associate for Liturgy

God promises a sign: a child who will be called "God with us".

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too

little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel."

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## THE FOURTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house

read by the Executive Pastor and Canon for Social Justice  
The angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear a son.

of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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## THE FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He

the Canon to the Ordinary *pro tempore*  
Jesus is born in Bethlehem.

went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

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## THE SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-20

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When

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Angels announce the sign of God's presence to shepherds.

the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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## THE SEVENTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he

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The Magi are led by a star to Jesus.

inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.

Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with

joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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## THE EIGHTH LESSON

Luke 2:22-38

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for

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Jesus receives his name and is presented in the Temple

my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

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## THE NINTH LESSON

John 1:1-14, 16-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him;

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The Word was made flesh and we have seen his glory.

yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.





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### The Vine

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Evensong	3 p.m.
Evening Eucharist	6 p.m.

### Monday – Friday

Morning Prayer	9 a.m.
Holy Eucharist	12:10 p.m.
Evening Prayer	5:15 p.m.

### Tuesdays

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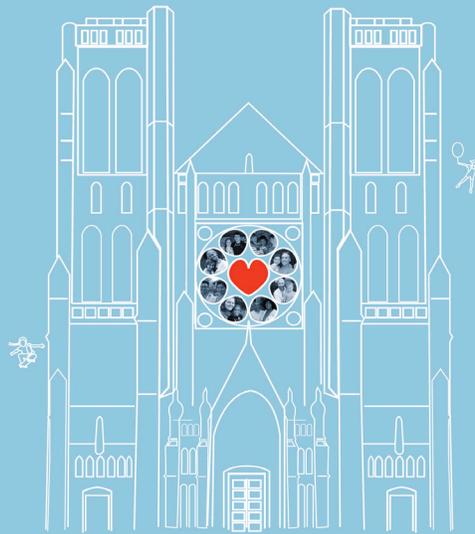
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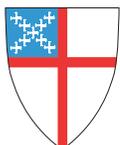
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