

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.



The Advent Wreath, 2014.

First Sunday of Advent

3 December 2017
The Advent Procession

Welcome to Grace Cathedral



Welcome to this sacred house of prayer for all people. Those who built this place and care for it love tradition and feel passionate about engaging with what is new. If you look closely you will find images of scientists, reformers, Jewish rabbis and Roman Catholic popes, political leaders, saints and even an astronaut. We invite you to be part of this joyful community even if your visit is short. You might ask yourself two questions: "What do I need to receive? What do I have to give?" We would be delighted to hear about your explorations. May God bless you on your journey!

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

- **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!
- **Join us for coffee and conversation** across the plaza in the Chapter House Library after the 8:30 a.m. service or in the Dining Room after the 11 a.m. service.
- **Find out about our programs** for children, youth and families at coffee hour.

about today's readings

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

Reading texts can be found at the end of the service leaflet.

Keep awake.

Our readings today vividly remind us that waiting for God's transformative power to break in our world is not a safe or tame or passive undertaking. Our prophets and teachers challenge us to rise and meet God wherever we stand today, with our gifts and our sins intermingled. When short days and crammed schedules conspire to make hibernation look pretty attractive, voices of Advent call us again and again: *Keep awake. Prepare the way of the Lord. Keep awake.*

For me, keeping awake has a lot to do with paying attention. The more loving focus I can offer to what's immediately around me, the more I feel connected and able to do the work that's given to me to do. Generalities, especially the generalities of injustice and greed that seem so widely abounding, are tiring, and a burden that's hard to carry day by day. Paying attention isn't the whole of our work of keeping awake, but it's a good start to our Advent journey.

When we're awake, we can act. When we're awake, we can connect. When we're awake, we can imagine possibility. Join me this week in committing to stay awake, to seek and respond to God's invitation and loving energy in the world around us and within us.

Journeying Through Advent

Today, December 3 - Sunday, December 24

Reflect on a daily prayer, meditation or poem through this season of hope and expectation. Visit gracecathedral.org/adventcalendar.

Carol James has been part of the cathedral community for over a decade. She has served as a co-mentor in the Education for Ministry program. She currently leads the evening prayer providers in the Jail Ministry and is a cathedral staff member.

highlights



Advent Procession and Tea

Today, December 3 • 3 p.m. Procession • Cathedral • 4 p.m. Tea • Chapter House Dining Room

We begin the new liturgical year with Advent lessons and carols led by the Choir of Men and Boys. Then, join us for a festive high tea. Please bring sweet or savory treats to the Chapter House kitchen before coffee hour or the Advent Procession. Contact Regan Murphy at reganhmurphy@gmail.com.



Flower Fund

This Christmas, honor a special person in your life while helping to beautify our cathedral home with a gift to the Flower Fund. Loving tributes received **by tomorrow – Monday, December 4** will be listed in our Christmas service leaflets. Your meaningful gift directly supports the cathedral's Christmas decorations, plants and flowers. Donate online at gracecathedral.org/donate.

The Advent Procession

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT • 3 DECEMBER 2017 • 3 PM

Welcome to Grace Cathedral. This Advent Procession with lessons and carols dates in its present form from the early part of the 20th century. It also incorporates much older liturgical forms that express vividly the Church's preparation for the coming of Christ. The most obvious focus of this preparation, in our readings from Luke and from the Old Testament prophets, is the coming of Christ that we celebrate at Christmas. The other readings direct our attention to the coming of Christ's kingdom into a world in need of redemption.

The symbolic action which links these several aspects of the Advent message is the bringing of light into the darkness, the lighting of lamps and candles. A living flame is a potent symbol of the victory of light over darkness, and as the procession moves around the cathedral and we hear again the ancient prophecies of Christ's coming, we move, both literally and spiritually, from darkness into light.

Ask an usher about hearing assistance devices, or large-print leaflets. Readings texts are found at the end of this leaflet. Restrooms are located on the lower level corridor. Please silence any audible electronics and refrain from taking video or photos during the service.

VOLUNTARY

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen

Johannes Brahms

INVITATORY

The people stand as the bells toll the hour.

Benjamin Bachmann

Choir I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel? High and low, rich and poor, one with another, Go ye out to meet him and say: Stir up thy strength, and come To reign over thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

- Advent Matins Responsory

THE COLLECT

The Dean May God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

The people sit.

Genesis 3:1-15, 22-24

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden. read by the Canon Director of Development

ANTHEM

Stanford Scriven

Choir The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.
His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell
the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.
For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.
I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile:
under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.
This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

- Anon, collection of Joshua Smith, New Hampshire, 1784

HYMN (NEH 19b)

The people stand as the procession moves to the Great Font.

Puer nobis nascitur

The choir alone Come, thou Redeemer of the earth, and manifest thy virgin birth; let every age adoring fall; such Birth befits the God of all.

2 Begotten of no human will, but of the Spirit, thou art still the Word of God in flesh arrayed, the promised fruit to man displayed.

All sing



3 The vir - gin womb that bur - den gained with vir - gin
 5 From God the Fa - ther he pro - ceeds, to God the
 8 All laud, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose ad - vent
 ho - nor all un - stained; the ban - ners there of vir - tue
 Fa - ther back he speeds; his course he runs to death and
 sets - thy peo - ple free, whom with the Fa - ther we a -
 glow; God in his tem - ple dwells be - low.
 hell, re - turn - ing on God's throne to dwell.
 dore and Ho - ly Ghost, for e - ver - more.

text: St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, tr. J. M. Neale (1818-66) and others; vv. 4-5 based on Ps. 19:5-6 (BCP translation); music: melody adapt. by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621); harm. by G. R. Woodward (1848-1934)

The Second Lesson

The people sit.

Genesis 12:1-5, 13:14-18

The Lord promises Abram that he will be made into a great nation.

read by the Diana Dollar Knowles
Canon Director of Music

ANTHEM

Sung in Latin.

William Byrd

Choir Pour out dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One. Let the earth open and bring forth a Saviour. Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. Come, O Lord, and do not delay. Alleluia.



1 O come, O come, Em - ma - - - nu - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from _____ on high, who or - derest
 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - - - e's tree, free them from
 8 O come, O come, Em - man - - - u - el, and ran - som



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power _____ to
 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



here un - til the Son of God _____ ap - pear. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 show, and teach us in her ways _____ to go.
 save, and give them vic - tory o'er _____ the grave.
 here un - til the Son of God _____ ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

text: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.; music: plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale*, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890); acc. Richard Proulx (1937-)

The Third Lesson

The people sit.

Isaiah 9:2,6-7

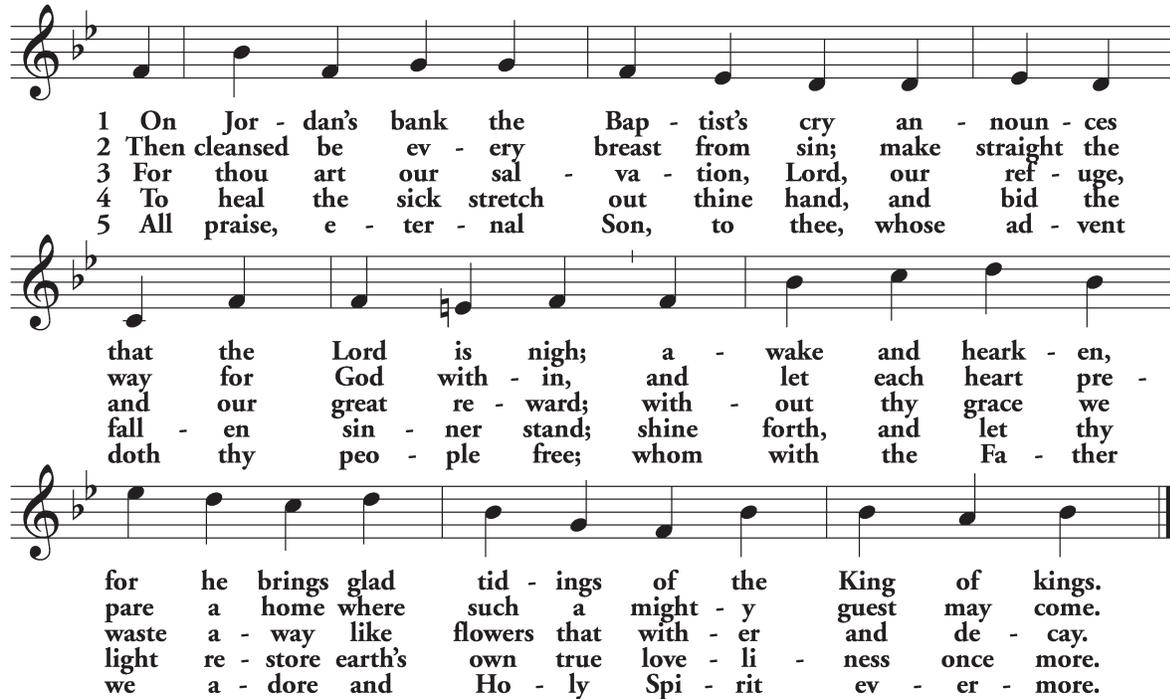
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

read by the Canon Precentor

CAROL

Michael Praetorius

Choir Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung. It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, When half spent was the night. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind; With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, When half spent was the night. This Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere; True Man, yet very God, from sin and death He saves us, And shares every load.



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - noun - ces
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make straight the
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our ref - uge,
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 way for God with - in; and let each heart pre -
 and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

text: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.;
 music: melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

The Fourth Lesson

The people sit.

Luke 1:57-60, 67-80

The unborn John the Baptist is declared a prophet of the Most High. read by the Associate for Congregational Ministries
 and
 Canon to the Ordinary pro tempore

ANTHEM

Orlando Gibbons

Choir This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who art thou?" And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What art thou then? Art thou Elias?" And he said, "I am not." "Art thou the prophet?" And he answered, "No." Then said they unto him, "What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?" And he said, "I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'"

- John 1:19-23



1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound - ing. "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
 2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pec - ted, comes with par - don down from heaven;
 4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
 5 Hon - or, glor - y, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,



"Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child - ren of the day."
 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
 let us haste,with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

text: Latin, ca. 6th Cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, alt.; music: William
 Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935)

The Fifth Lesson

The people sit.

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she is to bear God's Son. read by Executive Pastor and Canon for Social Justice

ANTHEM

Lennox Berkeley

Choir I sing of a maiden That is makeless: King of all kinges To her son she ches.
 He came all so stille There his mother was, As dew in Aprille That falleth
 on the grass. He came all so stille To his motheres bowr, As dew in Aprille
 That falleth on the flowr. He came all so still There his mother lay, As dew in
 Aprille That falleth on the spray. Mother and maiden Was never none but she;
 Well may such a lady Godes mother be.

HYMN 61

The people stand. An offering is received as the procession moves to the Quire.

Wachet auf



1 "Sleep - ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the shout of ram - part -
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - man sing - ing; her heart with joy - ful
 3 Lamb of God, the heav'ns a - dore you; let saints and an - gels



guards sur - rounds us: "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, — a - rise!"
 hope is spring - ing, she wakes and hur - ries through the night.
 sing be - fore — you, as harps and cym - bals swell — the sound.



Mid - night's peace their cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons
 Forth he comes, her bride - groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in
 Twelve great pearls, the ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to



clear - ly spo - ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 truth vic - to - rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
 join the im - mor - tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.



Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -



sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and —
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and —
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to —



has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast — may share."
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

text: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); tr. Carl P. Daw Jr. (b. 1944); music: melody
 Hans Sachs (1494-1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

The Sixth Lesson

The people sit.

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

The Lord will be among us; we are summoned to rejoice and sing.

read by the Dean

ANTHEM

Anthony Piccolo

Choir I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, if thou art he who shall reign over the people of Israel? All ye inhabitants of the earth, and ye children of men, rich and poor, one with another, Go ye out to meet him and say: Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock, Tell if thou art he. Lift up your heads O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors and the king of glory shall come in who shall reign over the people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

- Advent Matins Responsory

The Seventh Lesson

The Lord says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Revelation 22:12-17, 20

read by the Bishop

ANTHEM

Paul Manz

Choir Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, Who was and is and is to come; sing Holy, Holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; They need no light nor lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their All!

- Revelation 22, adapted by Ruth Manz

Closing Prayers

THE RESPONSORY

The people stand.

Dean Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;

People **Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord will be with you.**

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together,
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us;
And we beheld his glory, full of grace and truth.

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.

THE COLLECT

Dean 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 Christ comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Bishop May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May Christ, whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at Christ's second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788); music: melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778)

VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

J. S. Bach



AN ADVENT TEA

We invite you to an Advent Tea immediately following the service in the Chapter House Dining Room, directly across the plaza.

The Readings

GENESIS 3:1-15, 22-24 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.” The Lord God 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.”

The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

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.

The Readings

GENESIS 12: 1–5, 13: 14–18 The Lord promises Abram that he will be made into a great nation

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan.

When they had come to the land of Canaan, the Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, “Raise your eyes now, and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward; for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever. I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth; so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. Rise up, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you.” So Abram moved his tent, and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron; and there he built an altar to the Lord.

ISAIAH 9: 2, 6–7 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

LUKE 1: 57–60, 67–80 The unborn John the Baptist is declared a prophet of the Most High

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, “No; he is to be called John.”

Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies

The Readings

and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.” The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

LUKE 1: 26–38 The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she is to bear God’s Son

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, favored 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 favor 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 of Jacob forever, 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.

ZEPHANIAH 3: 14–18a The Lord will be among us; we are summoned to rejoice and sing.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

The Readings

REVELATION 22: 12-17, 20

The Lord says,
"Surely I am coming soon."

See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and

everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!



Serving the assembly:

The Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys

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Advent

The First Sunday of Advent - December 3



Each Advent we repeat the refrain “Come, Lord, Come” which may mistakenly lead us to imagine that God is somewhere else and needs to come down from there to be with us.

But the Advent hope is not that God will come to somewhere God is presently not, because God is deeply present in the world always and ever.

No, the Advent hope is that we will open our eyes and see where God is already present; that we will open our minds and be transformed into agents of God’s will; that we will open our hearts and find room in them for all of God’s beloved creation.

Each Advent offers the possibility of a second coming. Not in the traditional sense of a world-ending conclusive final appearance of the divine, but in the potential of Christ being born again in us. Meister Eckhart put it this way: “We are all meant to be mothers of God, for God is always needing to be born.” To be a mother of God - a calling for men as much as for women - is to allow ourselves to be open to the life-changing grace of God finding a home in us. It is to put ourselves at the service of God in a life which becomes fruitful and procreative.

Each Advent we are called to be open to God’s grace that we may become the hope the world needs if it is to survive, to change and to reach shalom. We are to be the Advent hope.

— The Rev. Canon Ellen Clark-King

The First Sunday of Advent - December 3

“They who watch for Christ”

They who watch for Christ
who are sensitive, eager, apprehensive in mind,
who are awake, alive, quick-sighted,
zealous in honoring him,
who look for him in all that happens, and
who would not be surprised,
who would not be over-agitated or overwhelmed,
if they found that he was coming at once...

This then is to watch:

to be detached from what is present, and
to live in what is unseen;
to live in the thought of Christ as he came once,
and as he will come again;
to desire his second coming, from our affectionate
and grateful remembrance of his first.

— John Henry Newman

Monday after Advent 1 - December 4

“We Grow Accustomed to the Dark”

We grow accustomed to the Dark—
When Light is put away—
As when the Neighbor holds the Lamp
To witness her Goodbye—
A Moment—We uncertain step
For newness of the night—
Then—fit our Vision to the Dark—
And meet the Road—erect—
And so of larger—Darknesses—
Those Evenings of the Brain—
When not a Moon disclose a sign—
Or Star—come out—within—
The Bravest—grope a little—
And sometimes hit a Tree
Directly in the Forehead—
But as they learn to see—
Either the Darkness alters—
Or something in the sight
Adjusts itself to Midnight—
And Life steps almost straight.
— Emily Dickinson

Wednesday after Advent 1 - December 6

St. Nicholas Day



A legend surrounding St. Nicholas is that he provided for families in need by throwing sacks of gold through the window at night. Some families around the world remember this story by making small colorful bags of treats (nuts, candies, oranges) and hanging them on their neighbor’s front doorknobs, with a note from “Saint Nick”!

REFLECT

What gifts do you want to share with others this holiday season? What might delight those you love, and what might be better left unbought? How can you expand your circle of giving? How do you respond joyfully to the gifts you’ve been given?

Discover a new way to commemorate this special time in the church through the lessons, songs and activities provided for each day leading up to Christmas. Visit gracecathedral.org/adventcalendar.



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Choir of Men and Boys

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A Sing-Along and Christmas Show
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DECEMBER 9-23

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SERVICES

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DECEMBER 23

The Bishop's Christmas Pageant, 11 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24

Holy Eucharist, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Christmas Lessons and Carols, 4 p.m.

Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist, 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist, 11 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day Choral Eucharist, 11 a.m.

INFORMATION gracecathedral.org/Christmas



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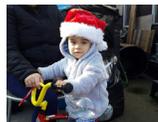
grace gives



Fill-A-Need: Diapers

Today, December 3 • all services • Cathedral

Bring diapers and wipes to help families in the Bayview/Hunters Point communities this holiday season. Look for baskets at the back of the pews. Learn more at gracecathedral.org/bayview.



“Year of the Gift” Holiday Drive

Today, December 3 through Sunday, December 10
all services and online • Cathedral

Share your heart with others this Christmas through Grace Gives. Donate to our online gift drive to give local families and community members a brighter Christmas. We are collecting donations for our Jail Ministry, Bayview Mission, Foster Care Regional Office of Bayview-Hunters Point and The Mentone. Learn more and donate at gracecathedral.org/giftdrive.



Dinner with Grace

Tuesday, December 12 • 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Chapter House Kitchen
Wednesday, December 13 • 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
387 Ellis St.

Prepare and serve a warm meal for residents of the Mentone Hotel, an Episcopal Community Services supportive housing site in the Tenderloin. Sign up at gracecathedral.org/dwg.

gender justice series



Women and the Workplace

Wednesday, December 6 • 7 p.m. • Gresham Hall

The Rev. Dr. Ellen Clark-King, Canon for Social Justice, has spearheaded a series on how we can build a country where everyone can live in dignity and freedom. Caroline Guenther of Cisco and Rosalind Hudnell of Intel offer their experience on creating equality in the workplace for the last session of the Gender Justice Series.

spiritual life



The Vine

Wednesday, December 6 • 6:30 p.m. • Chapel of Grace

Find your place to thrive on The Vine, our weekly service and community for urbanites and spiritual seekers, launched in March 2017. The Vine is all about creating new connections as we explore, experience and share the transformative love of Jesus. Whether it's through contemporary worship with great music or small “Grace Groups” throughout the city, we know you'll find community and connection. Learn more at gracecathedral.org/thevine.

holiday cheer



Advent Sale

Today, December 3 and Sunday, December 10 and 17
after the 11 a.m. Eucharist • CSB Gymnasium

Find unique, handmade holiday gifts and treats all benefitting scholarships to our annual Family Retreat. Volunteers to make and bake eagerly sought at gracecathedral.org/advent-sale.



The Choir of Men and Boys Christmas CD on Sale Today

Ring in the season with the Choir of Men and Boys. This compilation includes favorite carols and holiday masterpieces, all recorded live during the 2016 Christmas Concert Series. Buy the CD at the Advent sale or online at gracecathedral.org/choirCD.



Yoga Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 5 • 7:30 p.m. • Cathedral

Enjoy the last yoga session of the year followed by an end-of-the-year holiday party, with festive treats and music.

christmas at the cathedral



Gather with friends and family to take part in a beloved San Francisco tradition full of beautiful music in our stunning cathedral. Tickets at gracecathedral.org/christmas.



Sing You A Merry Christmas

Saturday, December 9, 16 and 23 and Friday,
December 22 • 11 a.m. • Cathedral

Sing along with your favorite Christmas carols as the toys of St. Nicholas's workshop lead you on an extraordinary journey, filling children, young and old, with the joys of the season. Festive for families!



A Cathedral Christmas

Saturdays, December 9 and 16, Sundays, December
10 and 17 • 3 p.m. • Friday, December 22 • 7:30 p.m.
Cathedral

Ring in the season with Grace Cathedral's Choir of Men and Boys, in a performance of classic carols and sacred masterpieces with full orchestra and organ. A holiday tradition! Tickets \$15-60.



Handel's Messiah

December 13, 14 and 15 • 7:30 p.m. • Cathedral

American Bach Soloists brings together the outstanding performance of Handel's timeless score and one of San Francisco's most breathtaking settings in an indelible Bay Area experience. Tickets at americanbach.org.



A Brass and Organ Christmas

Monday, December 18 • 7:30 p.m. • Cathedral

Experience the perfect marriage of the Bay Area's finest brass musicians, a beloved pipe organ, and unparalleled acoustics.

cathedral worship

Sundays

Nursery	8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Eucharist	8:30 a.m.
Sunday School	10:45 a.m.
Choral Eucharist	11 a.m.
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

Yoga	6:15 p.m.
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Wednesdays

The Vine (Contemporary Worship)	6:30 p.m.
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Thursdays

Holy Eucharist	7:30 a.m.
Choral Evensong	5:15 p.m.

Saturdays

Morning Prayer	9 a.m.
Evening Prayer	3 p.m.



when we're open

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Columbarium: Sunday 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

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Sunday after the 11 a.m. service (meet at the font).



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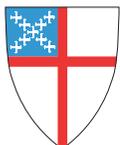
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