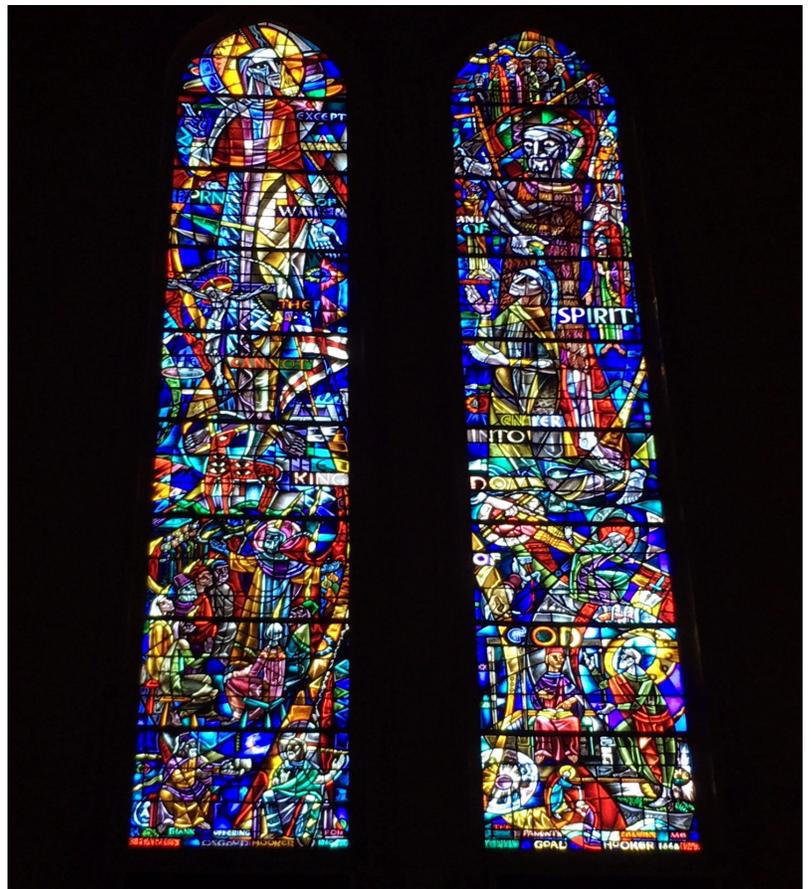




GRACE CATHEDRAL

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.



"He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord's coming! Clear the road for him!'"
Mark 1:3

Second Sunday of Advent

*10 December 2017
11 a.m. Choral Eucharist*

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 40:1-11, 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8

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

The words of today's readings are familiar to many of us - Isaiah's promise of comfort and sanctuary; Mark's leading up to the narrative of Jesus' ministry with the foretaste provided by John the Baptist. In both passages, we learn of paths made straight, of the leveling of hills and the clearing of obstacles, the easing of an otherwise arduous journey. The message of repentance is clear, both in Mark's account of John's preaching and in Isaiah's proclamation to Jerusalem that "her hard service has been completed." What good news, in both. What relief and comfort.

The original readers of Mark's gospel lived a generation after Jesus' death; they would have experienced first-hand the rooting of Christian faith in Jewish scripture, as we see so clearly here. They also would have been familiar with the wilderness as a place of testing, of rebellion, of danger, of renewed covenant. In this way, these early first verses of Mark prepare all readers (and listeners) for the narrative to come, with its stories of testing and healing and rejection and ultimate resurrection.

Mark's original audience would also have hungered for - anticipated - the coming kingdom that Jesus had led them to expect, that seemed just around the corner. And in their waiting, they would have encountered the mystery that God's time is not our time. A thousand years, a day away - who among us can know when will that day come like a thief? One thing seems certain from this morning's words: as we prepare, once again, for Christmas and the seasonal traditions, may we heed the call to prepare the way and straighten the paths through the wilderness of our own hearts and lives.

Journeying Through Advent

Today, December 10 - Sunday, December 24

Get a daily prayer, meditation or poem through this season of hope and expectation by visiting gracecathedral.org/adventcalendar.

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highlights



A Cathedral Christmas

Today, December 10 • 3 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! You can buy tickets at the door for today's concert, and tickets to upcoming concerts at cityboxoffice.com.



This Week Only — Handel's *Messiah* in Grace Cathedral

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

American Bach Soloists bring 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.

The Holy Eucharist

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT • 10 DECEMBER 2017 • 11:00 AM

Ask an usher about nursery care and Sunday school, hearing assistance devices, or large-print leaflets.
Restrooms are located on the lower level corridor. Please silence any audible electronics and refrain from taking video or photos during the service.

VOLUNTARY

Partita on *Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele*

Georg Böhm

The Gathering

The people stand as the procession enters.

INTROIT

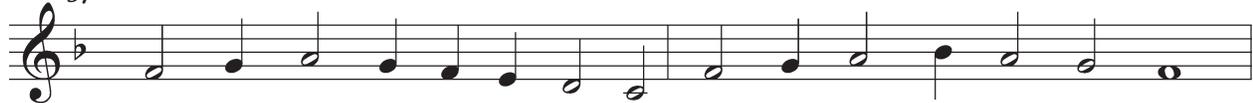
Benedictus Dominus Deus
(See pg. 50 in the BCP for text.)

Tonus Peregrinus

HYMN 37

Sung by all, standing.

Psalm 42



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert far and near,
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er pla - ces plain;



com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing 'neath their sor - row's load.
call - ing us to new re - pent - ance since the king - dom now is here.
let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign.



Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er, and her war - fare now is o - ver.
Let the val - leys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

text: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.; music: melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. Hymnal 1982

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

KYRIE

Sung in Greek.

Hans Leo Hassler
Missa "Dixit Maria"

Choir LORD, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. LORD, have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

Readings can be found at the end of this service leaflet.

THE FIRST READING

The people sit.

Isaiah 40:1-11

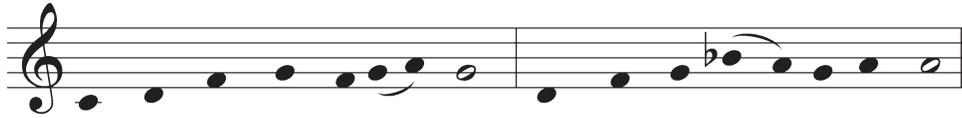
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 85: 1-2, 8-13

The people remain seated.

Mode I



Choir, then all **Show us your mer-cy O LORD, and grant us your sal-va-tion.**

Choir You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.

I will listen, O LORD God, to what you are saying, *
for you are speaking peace to your faithful people and to those who turn
their hearts to you.

Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, *
that your glory may dwell in our land.

All **Show us your mercy O LORD, and grant us your salvation.**

Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

O LORD, you will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before you, *
and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.

All **Show us your mercy O LORD, and grant us your salvation.**

THE SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 59

Sung by all, standing.

Merton



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)

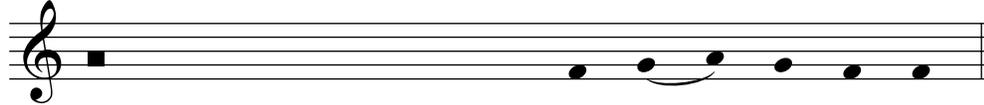
THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8



Choir, then all, repeat **Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.**

Choir Prepare the way for the Lord, make his paths straight



People **and all flesh shall see the sal - va - tion of our God.**

All repeat the three Alleluias.

Before the Gospel The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

A period of silence may follow.

All invited to sit.

The Very Rev. Dr. Alan Jones
Dean Emeritus

THE NICENE CREED

The people stand.

All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he
became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake
he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and
is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

The presider adds a concluding collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

All **God of all mercy, we confess
that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness
in each other, in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

The presider pronounces God's absolution.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

All may greet each other in the name of Christ.

WELCOME

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

ANTHEM

Anthony Piccolo

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Prayer III, Enriching our Worship)

Solemn Tone

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in blue and some in black. The first staff has a blue 'b' at the beginning. The second staff has a blue 'b' at the beginning. The third staff has a blue 'b' at the beginning.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider, continuing Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

SANCTUS

Sung by all.

Plainsong

Ho - ly, ——— Ho - ly, ——— Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.
 Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry: Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord: Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

Presider, continuing Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
All **We remember his death; We proclaim his Resurrection;
 We await his coming in glory.**

Presider, concluding Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



All **A - MEN.**

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.
 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins
 as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
 Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.
 For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours,
 now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

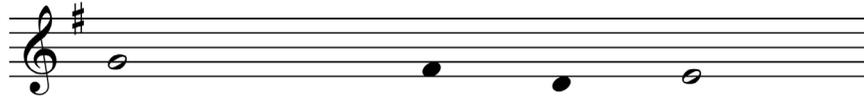
The Bread is broken. Silence follows.

Tone IV



Choir, then all, repeat **Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.**

Choir Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;



People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

All repeat the three Alleluias.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The presider invites the people to come forward for Communion.
All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at God's table.

Gluten-free Communion wafers are available at the north altar rail; please ask the Communion minister.
For a variety of reasons, it is our custom to consume the Bread and sip the Wine directly from the cup.

You are invited to guide the cup with your hands. If you choose not to receive either the Bread or the Wine, simply cross your arms over your chest and respond "Amen" when it is presented.

Ministers are available for shared prayer for healing
in the AIDS Interfaith Chapel at the rear of the Cathedral.

AGNUS DEI

Sung in Latin.

Hassler

Choir O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

MOTET

Thomas Ravenscroft

Choir Remember O thou man, thy time is spent: Remember O thou man, how thou cam'st to me then, and I did what I can, therefore repent! Remember God's goodness, O thou man, and promise made: Remember God's goodness, how his only son he sent, our sins for to redress: Be not afraid! The angels all did sing, O thou man, on Sion hill: The angels all did sing, praises to our heav'nly King, and peace to man living, with right good will. Give thanks to God always, O thou man, with hearts most jolly: Give thanks to God always, as we await that day, let all men sing and say: "Holy, Holy!"

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER After all have received Communion, the people stand.

Presider Let us pray.

All **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 Sending Forth

HYMN 65

Sung by all, standing.

Bereden väg för Herran



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near! ____
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove. ____
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace. ____



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear. ____
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love. ____
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place. ____



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sac - red sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name. ____

text: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772-1847); tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (1920-1999);
music: melody from Then Svenska Psalmboken, 1697; harm. Korallbok for Svenska Kyrkan, 1939, alt.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL The presider pronounces God's blessing.

All respond **Amen.**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Noël Suisse

Louis-Claude Daquin



Serving the Assembly:

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Scripture Readings

ISAIAH 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

2 PETER 3:8-15A

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

MARK 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

From the Hasidic Tradition

Once upon a time there was a holy rabbi who was granted a vision of the Last Judgment. He found himself in a courtroom. There before him was a table. On it were the scales of justice. There were also two doors and both of them were open. Through one he could see the light of Paradise, through the other the darkness of Hell. It was the Day of Judgment and the human race was on trial.

The defense counsel entered the courtroom carrying a little bundle of good deeds under his arm. It had not been a great year for good deeds. Next, the chief prosecutor came in with two assistants. Each of them carried an enormous sack of sins. They were bent over with their sheer weight. Dropping their sacks before the scales of justice, they took a deep breath, and went back for more. "This isn't even a tenth of it," they said, as they dragged in more sacks. The defense counsel, whose tiny bundle of good deeds was beginning to look pathetic next to the great pile of sins sitting on the floor, buried his head in his hands and sighed.

Just outside the door to Paradise someone was listening. It was Levi Yitzhak of blessed memory, the rabbi of Berditshev. When he was on earth he had sworn that not even in death would he forget the plight of struggling humanity. When he heard the sigh of the defense counsel, he decided to slip into the court room. Seeing the tiny bundle of good deeds next to the huge sacks of sins, he didn't take long to size up the situation. He decided on a plan of action. He waited until there was a recess. Left alone in the court room, he began to drag the sacks of sins, one at a time, to the door leading to Hell. It took all his strength and a great deal of time to throw them in one by one. He was almost finished -- in fact he was holding the very last sack -- when the prosecutors and the defense counsel returned. Rabbi Yitzhak was caught red-handed. He did not deny what he had done. How could he? He had thrown away the sins so that the good deeds would outweigh the bad.

Since the court was bound to uphold the law, the chief prosecutor demanded justice. "It is written that a thief shall be sold for his theft. Let Levi Yitzhak be sold at auction right now in this court room! Let's see if anyone will bid for him!"

By now the demons from hell and the angels from heaven had heard all the commotion in the court room and they came to watch the two parties lined up beside the scales of justice. The bidding began. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob threw their good deeds onto the scales and the Matriarchs added theirs. In fact all of the righteous contributed what they could. But the dark forces were able to gather up unnumbered sins stored in the deep places of the earth. The scale on their side went down and down and down. Rabbi Yitzhak was doomed. His crime had been to throw away the sins of the world so that we could be forgiven. "I buy him!" said the chief prosecutor, and dragged him to the door leading to the great darkness.

Just then, above the court room, from the Throne of Glory itself, came a voice. "I buy him!" There was a great silence. And God spoke, "I buy him. Heaven and Earth are mine, and I give them all for Levi Yitzhak -- Levi who would have me forgive my children."

- provided by the Very Rev. Dr. Alan Jones

holiday cheer



Advent Sale

Today, 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 congregation 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.



New Year's Eve Cioppino Community Dinner

Sunday, December 31 • 5 p.m. • Chapter House Dining Room

Celebrate the New Year and break bread—literally, to go with the delicious hot soup!—with congregants, neighbors and members of our wider San Francisco community. Enjoy home-cooked cioppino and dessert. \$30 donation requested. To RSVP or volunteer, visit gracecathedral.org/newyears.

grace gives



"Year of the Gift" Holiday Drive

Today, December 10 • all services and online
Cathedral

Donate to our online gift drive to give local families a brighter Christmas. Donate at

gracecathedral.org/giftdrive.



Bayview Mission Holiday Party

Monday, December 11 • 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
1547 Jerrold Avenue

Help Bayview Mission get ready for Santa! Wear comfortable clothes and help distribute toys, infant care items, books, coats and holiday décor to our local families. Learn more about Bayview Mission at gracecathedral.org/bayview.



Share the Joy of Christmas — become a cathedral greeter or usher!

Welcome our many visitors as a greeter at one of our upcoming concerts and events. Contact Rebecca Nestle, Cultural Program

Manager, at concerts@gracecathedral.com to volunteer at concerts. This opportunity is available year-round. You can also serve as an usher at Christmas services. Contact Bill Quinn, Head Usher, at billq@cceb.org to assist at services.

community



Senior Community Day with Chris Keady

Thursday, December 21 • 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Chapter House Dining Room

Enjoy breakfast followed by Bible study and social hour. Special guest Chris Keady, Assistant Director of Music, will play piano and lead us in singing carols before the 12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Chapel of Grace. We conclude our day with a catered Christmas luncheon. Learn more about Seniors with Grace at gracecathedral.org/swg.

christmas concerts



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 16 • 11 a.m. • Friday, December 22
and Saturday, December 23 • 3 p.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

Saturday, December 16 and 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.



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.



DECEMBER 23

The Bishop's Christmas Pageant, 11 a.m.
Children enact the Christmas story in costume

CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24

Holy Eucharist, 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Sung by the Cathedral Camerata

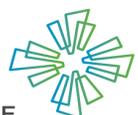
Christmas Lessons and Carols, 4 p.m.
Sung by the Choir of Men and Boys

Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist, 7:30 p.m.
Sung by the Cathedral Camerata

Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist, 11 p.m.
Sung by the Choir of Men
and Boys with Orchestra

CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25

**Christmas Day
Choral Eucharist**, 11 a.m.
Sung by the
Men of the Choir



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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

Cathedral: Open daily 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Thursday open 7 a.m.).

Pee't's Coffee Kiosk: Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Saturday - Sunday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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

Docents generally available: Monday - Thursday 1 - 3 p.m. • Saturday 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Sunday after the 11 a.m. service (meet at the font).



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Listen to sermons and services online

The 11 a.m. Sunday Eucharist and 5:15 p.m. Thursday Evensong are posted on our website for a week after each service. Subscribe to the sermons through iTunes or listen: gracecathedral.org/listen.

Prayer Requests

To request prayers of thanksgiving or intercession, email prayer@gracecathedral.org. Every day, our prayer team tends to the concerns of the community and remembers those who have died.

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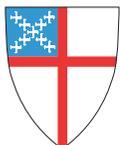
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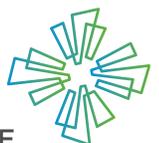
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