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 Fifth Sunday in Lent
18 March 2018
11 a.m. Choral Eucharist
Welcome to Grace Cathedral

Welcome to this sacred house of prayer. Those who built and care for this sanctuary 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, statesmen, saints, an astronaut and even animals like pelicans, raccoons, frogs and bears. They remind us of God’s love for all creation. We invite you to be part of this joyful community even if your visit is short. Every year we celebrate a theme. This year our theme is truth. We are asking what is the truth about our self, each other, the world and God. Let us know what truth you are coming to know. May God bless you on your journey!

Love,
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
Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33
Reading texts can be found at the end of the service leaflet.

As we walk our Lenten pilgrimage and grow closer to the time of Christ’s passion and sacrifice, the approaching truth of what must be casts a chill shadow across our path. We can choose to hear thunder instead of God’s voice. We can armor ourselves against loss and willfully misunderstand what we’re being told about where we’re going and what will happen to the one we love when we arrive. It’s not a surprising response. Heaven knows there are losses and partings enough in this world; we don’t need to go looking for them, do we? Can we just have a moment to pretend this isn’t happening?

As always, Jesus walks ahead of us. Look at this grain — it’s so neat and whole now, but as it’s broken open and buried, it will offer untold abundance. Look at my body — where a shameful punishment will be translated, by grace, into a mighty welcome for all into God’s loving embrace. In our willingness to be opened is our salvation.

How can we respond, faithfully and truthfully, to God’s self-giving? Our limits and our failings are as known and loved by God as our resilience and our possibilities. Nothing can stop us from being beloved and included — except our own closed eyes and ears.

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.

The Sunday of the Passion:
Next Sunday, March 25, we enter Holy Week together:
8:30 a.m. Join us for an intergenerational pilgrimage.
11 a.m. Gather for a Palm Procession and Eucharist
6 p.m. Pray the Stations of the Cross, a walking meditation.

Preventing Gun Violence
Telling the truth and taking action against gun violence is a part of the Year of Truth at Grace Cathedral. If you are wondering what you can do so that the momentum achieved by the brave students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School is not squandered, begin by attending our panel on gun violence prevention this Tuesday, March 20 at 7 p.m. San Francisco Police Chief William Scott, Jen Reidy of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence and other experts will explain how you can have an impact. Next, join us on Saturday, March 24, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for a morning of reflection, education and action to end gun violence that will culminate in us walking to join the March for Our Lives at Civic Center. Please invite family and friends and visit us on Facebook to share the event. All are welcome. Have your voice heard! Learn more at gracecathedral.org/peace.

SF Silent Film Festival: The King of Kings
Saturday, March 24 • 7 p.m. • Cathedral
See this restored, rarely-seen epic retelling of the life of Christ with live organ accompaniment by the acclaimed organist David Briggs. Tickets $22 at silentfilm.org.
The Holy Eucharist
The Fifth Sunday in Lent • 18 March 2018 • 11 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

Folk Tune

Percy Whitlock

The Gathering

The people stand as the procession enters. Sung by the choir.

George M. Garrett

(Introit)

The people may kneel or stand.

Presider

Blessed be the God of our salvation.

Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

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Presider

Let us confess our sins to God.

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.

Opening Acclamation

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(Psalm 126:1-6; see BCP p. 782 for text.)

Hymn 471

Sung by all, standing.

Breslau

text: Thomas Kelly (1769-1855), alt.; music: melody from Lochamer Gesangbuch, ca. 1450; harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
**Kyrie Eleison**

Sung in Greek.

Giovanni Palestrina

*Missa brevis*

**Choir**

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**The Collect of the Day**

The people stand.

**Presider**

May God be with you.

**People**

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**The Word of God**

**The First Reading**

The people sit.

**Reader**

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 51:1-13**

T. Tertius Noble

Choir, then all

Have mercy on me, O God; according to your loving kindness.

Choir

Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

All

Have mercy on me, O God; according to your loving kindness.

Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

All

Have mercy on me, O God; according to your loving kindness.

**The Second Reading**

Hebrews 5:5-10

**Reader**

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

Thanks be to God.

**Hymn 443**

Sung by all, standing.

Salem Harbor
1. From God Christ's deity came forth, his manhood from humanity;
2. He joined with guests at wedding feast, yet in the wilderness;
3. The dissolute he did not scorn, nor turn from those who were in sin; he for the righteous did rejoice but word was given; and he descended to the earth and Great was small, the Pure baptized, the Life who died, the royalty from David's tree: praised be his Oneness.
people saw him die at last; praised be his teaching.
bade the fallen to come in: praised be his mercy.
his work done, went up to heaven: praised by his coming.
King a-based to hon-or all: praised be your glory.

text: Ephrem of Edessa (4th cent.); tr. John Howard Winslow Rhys (b. 1917); adapt. and alt. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); music: Ronald Arnatt (b. 1930)

The Holy Gospel

Choir  If anyone serves me, he must follow me, says the Lord;

People  and where I am, there shall my servant also be.

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

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.

The people sit.

The Rev. Dr. Susanna Singer
Church Divinity School of the Pacific
The Nicene Creed

Sung on monotone. 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

The deacon leads the people in prayer.

After each petition Lord, have mercy.

The presider concludes with a collect.

Presider Holy God
Open our minds that we may learn the truth about our selves. Open our hearts that we may perceive the truth of others. Open our hands that we may care for this great creation. Open our spirits that we may become truly yours: alert, questioning, curious, faithful, Servants of your grace.

All Amen.

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

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

Anthem Sung in Latin.

Choir O Savior of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

The people stand as representatives of the congregation bring the people’s offerings of bread, wine, and money to be placed on the Altar.
The Great Thanksgiving

Presider, continuing  ... who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus  Sung in Latin.  Palestrina

Choir  Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Presider, continuing  Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All  Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Presider, concluding  ... 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 Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. For give us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread  The Bread is broken; silence is kept.

Choir  Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

People  Therefore let us keep the feast.

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 by grasping its base. 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.

_Palestrina_

**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**

_Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky_

**Choir**

When Jesus Christ was yet a child he had a garden small and wild, Wherein he cherished roses fair, and wove them into garlands there. Now once, as summertime drew nigh, there came a troop of children by, And seeing roses on the tree, with shouts they plucked them merrily. “Do you bind roses in your hair?” they cried, in scorn, to Jesus there. The boy said humbly: “Take, I pray, all but the naked thorns away.” Then of the thorns they made a crown, and with rough fingers pressed it down, Till on his forehead fair and young red drops of blood like roses sprung.

— Plechtchéev

**Postcommunion Prayer**

After all have received Communion, the people stand.

_Let us pray._

**All**

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.
The Sending Forth

Sung by all, standing.

Wondrous Love

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The Prayer Over the People

**Deacon**
Let us bow down before the Lord.
All may kneel; silence is kept.

**Presider**
Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, we may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Dismissal
All may stand.

**Deacon**
Let us bless the Lord.

**All**
Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Toccata, from *Plymouth Suite*  
**Percy Whitlock**

Serving the assembly:

**Presider**  
The Very Rev. Dr. Malcom Clemens Young, Dean

**Homilist**  
The Rev. Dr. Susanna Singer, Church Divinity School of the Pacific

**Deacon**  
The Rev. Kenneth Parris, Assisting Clergy

**Lay Assistant**  
Roberta Sautter

**Readers**  
Kim Kaso
J. Sanford Miller

**Musicians**  
The Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys
Benjamin Bachmann, The Diana Dollar Knowles Canon Director of Music
Christopher Keady, Assistant Director of Music
Clare Simmons, Volunteer Carillonneur

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The Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord”, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.”
We have reached 86% or our goal of 500 pledging households and 97.5% of our goal to raise $1 million to support cathedral life. Help us reach our goal by using the pledge cards in the pews, by the St. Francis statue or online at gracecathedral.org/pledge.

**Year of Truth Bible Study with the Dean**

Mondays, March 19 and March 26 • 7 - 8:30 p.m. • Dining Room

This Lenten Bible study is guided by the Very Rev. Dr. Malcolm Clemens Young. See more ways to prepare for Holy Week and Easter at gracecathedral.org/Lent.

**Telling Your Truth: Writing As Spiritual Practice**

Thursdays, April 12 through June 21 • 6:15 p.m. • Chapter Room

Join us for a workshop exploring writing as a spiritual practice. The workshop meets every other Thursday beginning Thursday, April 12. All forms of writing are welcome. Email Carol James at carolj@gracecathedral.org.

**Senior Health Fair**

Saturday, April 21 • 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. • Cathedral

Hear health and social justice experts share resources for better health and share a delicious, fresh lunch. The health fair is geared toward seniors but all are welcome. Learn more or sign up to volunteer at gracecathedral.org/healthfair.

**Easter Extravaganza**

Sunday, April 1 • 3 p.m. • Cathedral

This fun-filled performance for children and their families tells the story of Easter and includes songs, dance, prayer - and chocolate! Free and open to all.

**Spring Senior Retreat - New Dates!**

Tuesday, April 10 through Thursday, April 12 • Bishop’s Ranch, Healdsburg

Enjoy three days of fun activities, prayer, reflection, companionship and relaxation in beautiful Healdsburg. RSVP to the Rev. Canon Nina Pickerrell at ninap@gracecathedral.org.

**Looking Towards the Joy of Easter**

Honor those you love or have lost — while beautifying the cathedral with flowers — with an Easter gift to Grace Cathedral. All gifts, in any amount, are warmly appreciated. Make a gift at gracecathedral.org/donate (select “Easter Flowers”) or mail your gift to: Grace Cathedral, Easter Flowers, 1100 California St., San Francisco, CA 94108. Please indicate “in honor of” or “in memory of” with your loved one’s name. Gifts must be received by March 26 for name(s) to be included in the Easter leaflets.

**Holy Week and Easter Services**

Palm Sunday, March 25 - Easter Day, April 1

Holy Week begins next Sunday. Find the full schedule of services on the back page or at gracecathedral.org/easter.

**Music, Art, Ideas**

**Manhattan Concert Productions Presents Haydn’s Te Deum and Little Organ Mass**

Monday, March 19 • 7 p.m. • Cathedral

Enjoy an evening of classical works, led by renowned composer and conductor René Clausen. Tickets at brownpapertickets.com.

**Haydn’s Seven Last Words of Christ: The Alexander String Quartet**

Friday, March 30 • 7:30 p.m. • Cathedral

The celebrated quartet will perform Joseph Haydn’s reflection on Good Friday, with verse readings by Dean Emeritus Alan Jones. Suggested donation $20.

**We Have Made These Lands What They Are: The Architecture of Slavery**

Art Exhibit • Through March 31 • Cathedral

See artist and journalist Keris Salmon’s exhibit documenting antebellum Southern plantations and slave dwellings.

**Community**

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**Summer of Sacred Arts**

June 18-22 and June 25-29 • 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. • Cathedral

Join a musical theater summer camp packed with singing, dancing and acting, for children ages 7-12. There will be two sessions offered at $275 per week. Register at gracecathedral.org/summercamp.
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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 at 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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