



# Evensong

THE FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS • 6 DECEMBER 2018 • 5:15 PM

Welcome to Grace Cathedral. Choral Evensong marks the end of the working day and prepares for the approaching night. The roots of this service come out of ancient monastic traditions of Christian prayer. In this form, it was created by Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, as part of the simplification of services within the newly-reformed Church of England. The Episcopal Church, as part of the worldwide Anglican Communion, has inherited this pattern of evening prayer.

In this service we are invited to reflect on the business of the past day, to pray for the world and for ourselves, and to commend all into God's hands as words of Holy Scripture are said and sung. The beauty of the music is offered to help us set our lives in the light of eternity; the same light which dwelt among us in Jesus, and which now illuminates us by the Spirit. May this service be a blessing to you.

## VOLUNTARY

*Legende de Sainte Nicolas*

Jean Langlais

The people stand as the procession enters.

## The Invitatory and Psalter

## PRECES

Bernard Rose

**Officiant** O Lord, open thou our lips.  
**Choir** And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.  
O God, make speed to save us.  
O Lord, make haste to help us.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
Praise ye the Lord.  
The Lord's name be praised.

## HYMN

Sung by all, standing.

St. Elisabeth



1. Fa - ther of mer - cy, Lov - er of all chil - dren, Who in their  
2. In thy com - pass - ion, Help - er of the help - less, Tend them in  
3. Pow - er and bless - ing Grant us now and ev - er, Who fain would



form didst send thy Son; Glad - ly we bless thee,  
sick - ness, ease their pain, Heal their dis - eas - es,  
serve them in thy Name; May all our la - bor,



hum - bly we pray thee, For all the chil - dren of the earth.  
light - en their sor - rows, And from all e - vil keep them free.  
crowned by thy fa - vor, Bear fruit e - ter - nal un - to thee.

text: Francis John Moore (b. 1935-); music: Silesian Folk melody; Schlesische Volkslieder, Leipzig, 1842

## The Lessons

PROVERBS 19:17, 20-23

THE MAGNIFICAT

The people stand.

John Harper  
*Washington Service*

**Choir** My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

- Luke 1:45-55

MARK 10:13-16

The people sit.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

The people stand.

Harper

**Choir** Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

- Luke 2:29-32

HOMILY

The people sit.

The Rev. Canon Dr. Ellen Clark-King  
Executive Pastor and Canon for Social Justice

THE APOSTLES' CREED

The people stand. Sung by all on a monotone.

**All** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

# The Prayers

Sung by the officiant and choir.

Rose

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. The people may kneel.

Lord have mercy upon us.

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rose

Choir 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. Amen.

## THE SUFFRAGES

Rose

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save this land.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## THE COLLECTS

Sung by the officiant.

## ANTHEM

The people sit.

Sydney Hugo Nicholson

Choir Welcome Yule, thou merry man, In worship of this holy day! Welcome  
Yule, Welcome Yule. Welcome be thou, heaven-king, Welcome born in one  
morning, Welcome for whom we shall sing Welcome Yule. Welcome be ye,  
Stephen and John, Welcome Innocents every one, Welcome Thomas, Martyr  
one: Welcome Yule. Welcome be ye, good New Year, Welcome Twelfth Day,  
both in fere, Welcome Saintès lief and dear: Welcome Yule. Welcome be ye,  
Candlemas, Welcome be ye, queen of bliss, Welcome both to more and less:  
Welcome Yule. Welcome be ye that are here, Welcome all, and make good  
cheer, Welcome all another year! Welcome Yule.

— Text 15th Century; (spelling modernised)

## CLOSING PRAYERS

The people may kneel.

The Rev. Jude Harmon  
Director of Innovative Ministries

1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,  
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,  
 4 At your great Name, O Jes - us, now  
 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,

1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,  
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,  
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow;  
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,

1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,  
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child  
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,  
 6 praise, ho - nor, might, and glo - ry be

1 we pray you hear us when we call.  
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.  
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.  
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

text: Latin, 9th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940, alt.; music: plainsong, Mode 4; acc. Bruce Neswick (B. 1956)

## O ANTIPHON

Sung by choir in Latin.

Choir O Wisdom, you came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and reaching from beginning to end, you ordered all things mightily and sweetly. Come and teach us the way of prudence.

## O ANTIPHON

Sung by choir in Latin.

Choir O Adonai and Ruler of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush, and on Mount Sinai gave him your Law: Come, and with an outstretched arm redeem us!

## VOLUNTARY



## The Readings

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### PROVERBS 19:17, 20-23

**W**hoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and will be repaid in full. Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom for the future. The human mind may devise many plans, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will be established. What is desirable in a person is loyalty, and it is better to be poor than a liar. The fear of the Lord is life indeed; filled with it one rests secure and suffers no harm.

### MARK 10:13-16

**P**eople were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.



### Serving the Assembly

- Homilist **The Rev. Canon Dr. Ellen Clark-King,**  
Executive Pastor and Canon for Social Justice
- Prayers **The Rev. Jude Harmon,** Director of Innovative Ministries
- Musicians **The Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys**  
**Canon Benjamin Bachmann,** The Diana Dollar Knowles Canon Director of Music  
**Christopher Keady,** Assistant Director of Music

## spiritual life and practice

### Exploring Spiritual Practices

Thursdays, November 29, December 6 & 13, January 10 & 17 • 6:30-7:30 p.m. • Chapter Room

The Rev. Canon Dr. Ellen Clark-King leads this 5-part series using her book *The Path to your Door: Approaches to Christian Spirituality*. Contact [congregation@gracecathedral.org](mailto:congregation@gracecathedral.org) for more information.

### Candlelight Labyrinth Walk

Friday, December 7 • 6 p.m. • Labyrinths

Walk the labyrinth by candlelight and music and pray for peace in our hearts and peace in the world.

### Book Study: The Cloud of Unknowing

Sundays, December 16-  
January 13 • 4:30 p.m.  
Chapter Room

Join us as the 4:30 Book Study group begins a 5-week discussion of "The Cloud of Unknowing" an anonymous,

medieval English work that extols contemplation as the way to the Divine. Please read the first nine chapters.

## volunteers needed

### Acolytes Needed for Christmas Services

Monday, December 24 - Tuesday, December 25

Experience and share the joy of the Nativity by serving as an acolyte at Christmas services, especially our 11 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Training will be provided, and youth are welcome. Email [erving@gracecathedral.org](mailto:erving@gracecathedral.org).

### Advent Sale

Sundays, December 9, 16, 23 • 12:15 p.m. • Gymnasium

Buy unique, handmade holiday gifts and treats to support scholarships for our annual congregation retreat. Your donations of handmade baked goods and crafts are needed! Volunteer at [gracecathedral.org/advent-sale](http://gracecathedral.org/advent-sale).

### Share the Joy of Christmas - Become a Cathedral Greeter or Usher!

Make a special contribution to the cathedral by welcoming our many visitors as a greeter or usher at an upcoming concert or service. Contact Bill Quinn, Head Usher ([billq@cceb.org](mailto:billq@cceb.org)) to assist at services, and Rebecca Nestle, Director of Events ([rebeccan@gracecathedral.org](mailto:rebeccan@gracecathedral.org)) to volunteer at concerts.

### Sing You A Merry Christmas and Snowflake Tea

Saturday, December 8 • 11 a.m.

Get in the Christmas spirit by attending the very first performance of our beloved Christmas show for families, also **the only day we are offering a**

**Snowflake Tea**. Tickets to the Snowflake Tea make a magical outing with a private pre-show reception with cast members, delightful treats and premier reserved seats. Tickets: [cityboxoffice.com](http://cityboxoffice.com) or (415) 392-4400.

### World Tree of Hope

On view through January 6 • Cathedral

The Rainbow World Fund World Tree of Hope is a gift to the world from the LGBT community. The world's largest origami-decorated holiday tree, it contains 17,000 cranes and stars, all folded by volunteers.

### Les Colombes: The Doves

On view through January 31 • Cathedral • Free Performances December 9-11 • 7:30 p.m.

An installation of thousands of white paper doves by the German artist Michael Pendry, calling for a more peaceful world. There are sound and light performances through December. Visit [gracecathedral.org/doves](http://gracecathedral.org/doves) for more information.

### Holiday Gift Drive

[gracecathedral.org/giftdrive](http://gracecathedral.org/giftdrive)

Shine the light of your heart with the Holiday Gift Drive. Donations benefit children of incarcerated parents, children in foster care, and formerly homeless residents of our city.

### Women in Community

Saturday, December 8 • 4 p.m.

Women in Community is a group of women from Grace Cathedral that get together monthly for refreshments and conversation in a casual, supportive setting. Join us! Contact Joanne Compean at (415)

819-8003 or [joannejcompean@gmail.com](mailto:joannejcompean@gmail.com).

## cathedral worship

### Sunday

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.

### Tuesday

Yoga	6:15 p.m.
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### Wednesday

The Vine	6:30 p.m.
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*Contemporary Worship*

### Thursday

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

### Saturday

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

## CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

### A Cathedral Christmas

December 15, 16, 22 and 23 • 3 p.m.  
December 21 • 7:30 p.m.

Ring in the season with the Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys performing classic carols and sacred masterpieces with full orchestra and organ. Tickets: cityboxoffice.com or (415) 392-4400.

### A Brass and Organ Christmas

December 17 • 7:30 p.m.

Experience the perfect marriage of the Bay Area's finest brass musicians, a beloved pipe organ, and unparalleled acoustics. Tickets: cityboxoffice.com or (415) 392-4400.

### Messiah in Grace Cathedral

December 12, 13 and 14 • 7:30 p.m.

American Bach Soloists brings together the outstanding performance of Handel's timeless score. Tickets: americanbach.org or (415) 621-7900.

### Sing You A Merry Christmas

December 8, 15 and 22 • 11 a.m. and  
December 21 • 3 p.m.

Sing along with your favorite Christmas carols as the toys of St. Nicholas's workshop lead you on an extraordinary journey. Snowflake Tea on December 8. Tickets: cityboxoffice.com or (415) 392-4400.



## when we're open

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

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

**Docents generally available:** Monday - Friday 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 at [gracecathedral.org/listen](http://gracecathedral.org/listen).

## Prayer Requests

To request prayers of thanksgiving or intercession, email [prayer@gracecathedral.org](mailto: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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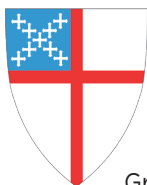
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