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Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24, 2019
4 p.m. Lessons and Carols

welcome
to grace

Rejoice!

It's Christmas.

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

Welcome from the Bishop



Welcome to Grace Cathedral for Christmas! On Friday, December 13, I gave the welcome to the throng that was in the cathedral to hear a performance of “Messiah” by the American Bach Soloists. It had come to me that the title of Handel’s great work can be read as a question, or an inquiry. Who is the Anointed One of God? The sacred texts chosen for “Messiah” and the musical settings for each text all together present a picture of the Messiah’s identity, but it isn’t something explicit, or at least not for me.

I’m planning on entering all the Christmas services with an open, hopeful and questioning heart. I’m inviting you to do the same: to ask, “Who is the Messiah of God?” and to ask about your own identity as one who bears the Spirit of Christ. Who are you, and who or what is our community? The

following is offered to you as a prompt to your prayerful meditation and inquiry. The text is by Albert Schweitzer, and it is the concluding paragraph to his landmark 1910 book, *The Quest for the Historical Jesus*.

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside, Jesus came to those who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same words: “Follow thou me!” and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time. Jesus commands. And to those who obey, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in Jesus’ fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience Who He is.

With Christmas blessings,
— The Rt. Rev. Marc Handley Andrus, Bishop of California

Worshipping with Us

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

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

May you receive all the blessings of a joyful Christmas.

— Jeffrey Hookom, Canon Precentor

Welcome from the Dean



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

better than it has been in the past.

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

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

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

CHRISTMAS EVE • 24 DECEMBER 2019 • 4 PM

Hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers. Restrooms are located on the lower level.
Ask an usher about wheelchair seating or large-print leaflets.

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

VOLUNTARY

Prelude on *Irby*

David Willcocks

HYMN 102

The people stand as the bells strike the hour.

Irby

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

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

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

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

5 **And our eyes at last shall see Him, through His own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle, is our Lord in heav'n above,
and He leads His children on to the place where He is gone.**

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

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

THE BIDDING PRAYER

All remain standing.

led by the Dean

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATORY CAROL

The people sit.

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

- Traditional

The First Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5

God creates light in the darkness.

CAROL

Traditional French, arr. Mary Lynn Place Badarak

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

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

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

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

- Jean de Brébeuf

The Second Lesson

Isaiah 35: 1-10

The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us.

CAROL

Traditional English arr. H. Walford Davies

Choir The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown,
of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown.

Refrain *O the rising of the sun, and the running of the deer,
the playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.*

The holly bears a blossom, as white as any flower;
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, to be our sweet Saviour. (Refrain)

The holly bears a berry, as red as any blood;
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, to do poor sinners good. (Refrain)

The holly bears a prickle, as sharp as any thorn,
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, on Christmas day in the morn. (Refrain)

The holly bears a bark, as bitter as any gall;
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, for to redeem us all. (Refrain)

- Traditional

The Third Lesson

Isaiah 7: 10–14

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

CAROL

John Joubert

Choir There is no rose There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu: *Alleluia*.
For in this rose contained was
Heav’n and earth in little space: *Resmiranda*.
By that rose we may well see
There be one God in Persons Three: *Paresforma*.
Then leave we all this worldly mirth
And follow we this joyous birth: *Transeamus*.

- Medieval carol

HYMN 105

Sung by all, standing.

God Rest You Merry, arr David Wilcocks

- All **God rest you merry, gentlefolk, let nothing you dismay;
remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,
to save us all from Satan’s power when we were gone astray.**
- chorus *O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!*
- 2 **From God our heavenly Father a blessèd angel came
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. O tidings ...**
- 3 **“Fear not, then,” said the angel, “Let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in him from Satan’s power and might.” O...**
- 4 **Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
and with true love and charity, each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace. O tidings ...**

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

The Fourth Lesson

The people sit.

Luke 1: 26–38

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

CAROL

Traditional French, arr. David Willcocks

Choir Ding dong! merrily on high in heav’n the bells are ringing Ding dong! verily
the sky is riv’n with angel singing. *Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!*
E’en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen, And io, io, io, by priest
and people sungen. *Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!*
Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers; May you beautifully
rime your evetime song, ye singers. *Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!*

- 15th-century English

The Fifth Lesson

Luke 2: 1–7
Jesus is born in Bethlehem.

CAROL

Traditional English, arr. Alice Parker

Choir What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
*This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the Son of Mary.*

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here The silent word is pleading. (Refrain.)

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, come peasant, king, to own him,
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. (Refrain)

–William Chatterton Dix

The Sixth Lesson

Luke 2: 8–20

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

CAROL

Gustav Holst

Choir In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
the Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
but his mother only, in her maiden bliss,
worshiped the beloved with a kiss.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim worship night and day,
A breast full of milk, and a manger full of hay.
Enough for Him, whom angel fall down before,
the ox and ass and camel, Which adore.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him—give my heart.

–Christina Rossetti

HYMN 96

Sung by all, standing.

Gloria

All **Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.**
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

- 2 **Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear? *Gloria...***
- 3 **Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. *Gloria...***
- 4 **See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love. *Gloria...***

text: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.; music: French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

Homily

The Rev. Canon Dr. Ellen Clark-King
Vice Dean and Canon for Social Justice

CAROL

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

Amy Beach

Choir It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold.
Peace, peace, peace on the earth, goodwill to men, goodwill to men,
from heaven's all gracious King;
the world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Ye beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way, with painful steps and slow.
Look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing;
O rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing.

For lo the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
when the new heav'n and earth shall own, the Prince of Peace their King
and the whole world send back the song that now the angels,
the angels sing: Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, Amen.

- Edmund H. Sears (1810 - 1876)

The Seventh Lesson

Matthew 2: 1-12

The Magi are led by a star to Jesus.

CAROL

Judith Weir

Choir Jerusalem rejos for joy: Jesus the sterne of most beauty,
In thee is rissin as richtous roy fro dirkness to illumine thee.
With glorious sound of angel glee thy prince is born in Bethlehem
Which sall thee mak of thralldome free: *Illuminare Jerusalem.*

With angellis licht in legionis thou art illuminit all about.
Three kingis of strange regionis to thee are cumin with lusty rout.
All drest with dyamantis, reverst with gold in ev'ry hem,
Sounding attoneis with a shout: *Illuminare Jerusalem.*

The regeand tirrorant that in thee rang, Herod, is exileit and his offspring,
The Land of Juda that josit wrang, and rissin is now thy richtous king.
So he so mychtie is and digne when men his glorious name does nem,
Heaven, erd and hell makis inclyning: *Illuminare Jerusalem.*

- 15th-century Bannatyne manuscript

The Eighth Lesson

John 1:1-14, 16-18

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

HYMN 83

The people stand.

Adeste fideles

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

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

THE COLLECT

All remain standing.

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

Let us pray.

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

Amen.

THE BLESSING

All remain standing.

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

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

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

VOLUNTARY

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne



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The Lessons

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light";

and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

read by Mason Gemmil, Cathedral Chorister
God creates light in the darkness.

THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and

make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue

read by The Rev. Heather Erickson, Director of Senior Ministry and Outreach
The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us.

of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for

God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

THE THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-14

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

read by The Rev. Kenneth W. Parris, Deacon
God promises a sign: a child who will be called "God with us".

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

THE FOURTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

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

read by Elizabeth Leep, Annual Giving Manager
The angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear a son.

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

THE FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

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

read by Ammar Najjar, Sexton
Jesus is born in Bethlehem.

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

THE SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-20

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around

read by Jorim Rhee, Program Manager, Office of the Congregation
Angels announce the sign of God's presence to shepherds.

them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of

David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing

that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

THE SEVENTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time

read by Kevin Fox, Voice and Theory Teacher
The Magi are led by a star to Jesus.

when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

THE EIGHTH LESSON

John 1:1-14, 16-18

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

read by The Rev. Canon S. Abbott Bailey, Canon to the Ordinary
The Word was made flesh and we have seen his glory.

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

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music, arts, ideas

Mixed Company at Grace Cathedral

Tuesday, January 7 • 8 p.m. • Cathedral

Yale University's eclectic a cappella singing group performs a diverse repertoire from pop and rock to jazz and R&B. Free and open to all.

LINES Ballet Training and BFA Programs Showcase



Saturday, January 25 • 7:30 p.m. • Quire

A showcase performance by students in the LINES Ballet Training and BFA Programs, as part of our Artist in Residence programming with internationally-known choreographer Alonzo King. Free and open to all.

Alonzo King LINES Ballet World Premiere

Friday, February 7 & Saturday, February 8 • 7:30 p.m. • Cathedral

Grace Cathedral's 2019 Artist in Residence and internationally-celebrated choreographer Alonzo King, brings his residency to a stunning finish with this new work performed by his company, LINES Ballet. Tickets at eventbrite.com.

San Francisco Movement Arts Festival

Friday, January 24 • 6 p.m. • Cathedral

Watch performances by over 100 local artists all over the cathedral in this winter festival of dance. Tickets at sfmaf.org.

Intonations: Songs from the Violins of Hope

Saturday, January 21 • 7:30 p.m. • Cathedral

This premiere performance is inspired by the Violins of Hope, instruments owned and played by Jews in the ghettos and death camps during the Holocaust. This work is by Jake Heggie and Gene Scheer and is part of a Bay Area-wide festival. Tickets at eventbrite.com.

congregational life

The Vine Returns January 8

Wednesdays • 6:30 p.m. • Indoor Labyrinth

Find your place to thrive on The Vine, our weekly contemporary service and community for urban dwellers and spiritual seekers.

Candlelight Labyrinth Walk



Friday, January 10 • 6 p.m. • Labyrinth

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

Who is my Neighbor: Building Bridges Towards Inclusivity and Justice

Select Thursdays beginning January 30 • 6-8:30 p.m.

In an increasingly divided city, how can we find common ground and reclaim civility? In 2020, we join Glide Memorial Church for a series of bridge-building conversations about systemic racism, poverty and climate change. Learn more at gracecathedral.org/grace-and-glide.

Come to Bethlehem: Holy Land Pilgrimage in July 2020

Informational meeting Thursday, January 9 • 6 p.m. • Cathedral

Holy Land Pilgrimages led by the Rev. Canon Mark Stanger are peak experiences and fill up quickly. Come to an informational meeting with Mark to learn more.

summer arts camp

Summer Arts Camp at Grace Cathedral



Monday, June 22 to Friday, June 26 • Cathedral

First through sixth graders will explore the arts through theater, dance, screenprinting and more. Contact the Rev. Mary Carter Greene at maryg@gracecathedral.org.

MLK: The Time for Justice

Interfaith Service Celebrating MLK



Sunday, January 19 • 3 p.m. • Quire

Celebrate MLK with interfaith reflections from local faith leaders and rousing music from the gospel tradition.

King and Faith Forum

Sunday, January 19 • 4:15 p.m. • Gresham Hall

Attend a panel organized around the MLK2020 theme, in partnership with the NorcalMLK Foundation.

MLK@Grace Youth Overnight and Day of Action

Sunday, January 19, 5 p.m. to Monday, January 20, 1 p.m. • Cathedral

Youth from Northern California gather for an overnight of fellowship and discussion, and then join the Monday MLK March from SF Caltrain Station to Yerba Buena Gardens for an interfaith commemoration. Register with the Rev. Mary Carter Greene at maryg@gracecathedral.org.

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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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Resumes January 7

Wednesday

The Vine	6:30 p.m.
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Contemporary Worship
Resumes January 8

Thursday

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

Saturday

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

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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.

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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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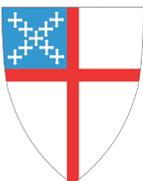
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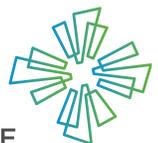
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