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The Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols

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ABOUT TODAY'S TEXTS

Welcome to the Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols. The Annunciation to Joseph (Matthew 1:18–24) speaks of the coming of Emmanuel, God with us. The images and expressions of the God who is with us are as diverse as those among whom God abides. Our tradition includes images God as lawgiver, sovereign, father, judge, creator; it also includes God as healer, counselor, peace, breath, silence. Not one can exhaust the mystery we call God. The lessons in today's procession highlight images of God as midwife, working with and through mortals and angels to bring new life to birth.

Immediately, we might think of Mary, mother of Jesus, and her assent to the unexpected angelic visitor, Gabriel. Certainly, the Holy One functions as a midwife in this principle story of our faith. The image also has deep roots in the Hebrew Scriptures, and in the foundational stories of the three Abrahamic religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. We hear it in God's meeting with Hagar in desert (Genesis 16:7–11, 13), and God's promise to Abraham (Genesis 17:15–22). That God the Midwife transcends confessional boundaries may prompt us to consider the broader patterns of divine action in human history, including God's hand in the generative social movements of our time.

Bringing new life to birth requires hard physical labor, partnership and imagination. It requires hopeful expectation about the one who is to come. The season asks us to make space for blanket and crib, to prepare our budgets and bodies to nourish this new life, to sound out a suitable name for the one who is coming. We are participants in the divine drama. How are you preparing in this sacred time? What plans have you made to mark the birth?

The birth of Jesus comes in the least expected time and place. He comes with great vulnerability, precariously and exposed to the elements. And yet, by the persistence of his earthly parents and the kindness of strangers, he survives and grows into a person of extraordinary and cosmic purpose. God the Midwife draws us into the support of those who live most precariously on this earth, that they too, might survive the fragility of infancy, and grow into the full stature of their humanity. God invites us to bear the kindness of strangers. What gifts shall we bring?

- The Rev. Canon Anna E. Rossi

Restrooms are located on the lower level. Please silence any audible electronic devices. Today's service will be live-streamed for our online congregation. Cameras focus primarily on vested ministers, but others in the cathedral may also be visible in live or archived video.

VOLUNTARY

Prelude on *Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen*

Johannes Brahms

INVITATORY

The people stand as the bells toll the hour.

Sarah MacDonald

Choir I look from afar:
and lo, I see the power of God coming,
and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:
Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign
over thy people, Israel?
High and low, rich and poor,
one with another,

Go ye out to meet him and say:
Tell us, art thou he that should come
to reign over thy people, Israel?

Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel,
thou that ledest Joseph like a sheep.
Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord,
and come to reign over thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.

I look from afar:
and lo, I see the power of God coming,
and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:
Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign
over thy people, Israel?

– Advent Matins Responsory

THE COLLECT

Dean May God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

The First Lesson

GENESIS 16:7–11, 13

The people sit.

read by Ronan McDougall
Choirboy

Hagar names the Lord who spoke to her.

The angel of the Lord found Hagar by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. And he said, 'Hagar, slave-girl of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?' She said, 'I am running away from my mistress Sarai.' The angel of the Lord said to her, 'Return to your mistress, and submit to her.' The angel of the Lord also said to her, 'I will so greatly multiply your

offspring that they cannot be counted for multitude.' And the angel of the Lord said to her, 'Now you have conceived and shall bear a son; you shall call him Ishmael, for the Lord has given heed to your affliction. So she named the Lord who spoke to her, 'You are El-roi'; for she said, 'Have I really seen God and remained alive after seeing him?'



Come, thou Re - deem - er of the earth, and man - i -
 Be - got - ten of no hu - man will, but of the
 From God the Fa - ther he pro - ceeds, to God the
 O e - qual to thy Fa - ther, thou! Gird on thy
 Thy cra - dle here shall glit - ter bright, and dark - ness
 O Je - su, vir - gin - born, to thee e - ter - nal



fest — thy vir - gin birth; let eve - ry age a - dor - ing
 Spir - it, thou art still the Word of God in flesh ar -
 Fa - ther back he speeds, runs out his course to death and
 flesh - ly man - tle now, the weak - ness of our mor - tal
 glow — with new - born light, no more shall night ex - tin - guish
 praise — and glo - ry be, whom with the Fa - ther we a -



fall; such Birth be - fits the God of all.
 rayed, the Sav - ior, now to us dis - played.
 hell, re - turns on God's high throne to dwell.
 state with death - less might in - vig - or - ate.
 day, where love's bright beams their pow'r dis - play.
 dore and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

text: St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, tr. J. M. Neale (1818-66) and others; vv. 4-5 based on Ps. 19:5-6 (BCP translation); music: melody adapt. by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621); harm. by Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

The Second Lesson

GENESIS 17:15-22

The people sit.

read by The Rev. Canon Mary Carter Greene
Canon Pastor

God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.' Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said to himself, 'Can a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Can Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?' And Abraham said to God, 'O that Ishmael might live in your sight!' God said, 'No, but your wife Sarah shall bear you a son, and you

shall name him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. As for Ishmael, I have heard you; I will bless him and make him fruitful and exceedingly numerous; he shall be the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this season next year.' And when he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham.

ANTHEM

Elizabeth Poston

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 a while.
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



O come, thou Wis - dom from _____ on high, who or - d'rest
 O come, O Day-spring from _____ on high, and cheer us
 O come, De - sire of na - - - tions, bind in one the
 O come, O come, Em - ma - - - nu - el, and ran - som



all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 by your draw - ing nigh; Dis-purse the gloo-my clouds _____ of
 hearts of hu - man-kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 cap - tive Is - - - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



show, and teach us in her ways _____ to go. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 night, and death's dark sha-dow put _____ to flight.
 cease, and be thy - self our King _____ of Peace.
 here un - til the Son of God _____ ap-pear.



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

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

The Third Lesson

1 SAMUEL 1:19–28

The people sit.

read by The Rev. Joe C. Williams
 Succentor

Hannah dedicates Samuel to the Lord.

Hannah and Elkanah rose early in the morning and worshipped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned

him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.' She left him there for the Lord.

Choir Eventide, our single star, one looking star, this night.
 Next to me, the sparrow hen, two pilgrims small and bold.
 Dusking hour, that lonely hour, the sky dims blue to grey.
 Our forest road will fade. We look for You.

Pines glisten wet with sleet.
 She looks with me, we look for You.
 Fog falls in, so close, my breath,
 She looks with me, we look for You:
 Great Silent One Unseen, we look for You.

Eventide, our single star, one looking star, this night.
 We look for You, forgiving light, our guide.

-Rebecca Gayle Howell

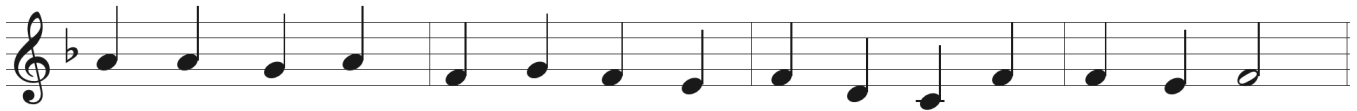
HYMN 66

The people stand as the procession moves to the sanctuary gate.

Stuttgart



1 Come thou long ex - pec - ted Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;



1 from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
 2 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 3 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 4 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788); music: melody from Psalmodia Sacra, Oder And% C3% A4chtige Und Sch% C3% B6ne Ges% C3% A4nge, 1715; adapt and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

The Fourth Lesson

LUKE 1:5-17

The people sit.

read by The Rev. Canon Anna E. Rossi
 Canon Precentor and Director of Interfaith Engagement

The birth of John the Baptist is foretold.

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by

lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son,

and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn

many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

ANTHEM

Reena Esmail

Choir The longest night is come,
 A matins for beasts, they low, they kneel,
 O, their sleep, their psalm sung.
 A matins for trees, they slow, they stem,
 O, their reach, their psalm won.
 Hush, hush,
 Can I hear them?
 Can I hear what is not said?
 Hush, hush,
 Can I hear You?
 Every need met.
 To light, the path is dark,
 Our star has gone.
 Beneath my feet a year of leaves fallen, frozen, done.
 I walk these woods,
 The longest night is come,
 Above me, the sparrow,
 She brings our new seed home.
 Brown true sparrow,
 Take tomorrow home.

-Rebecca Gayle Howell

HYMN 59

The people stand as procession moves to the Chapel of the Nativity.

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 heav'n;
 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,



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

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

The Fifth Lesson

LUKE 1: 26-38

The people sit.

read by The Rev. Mark Stanger
Assisting Clergy

Mary of Nazareth is made a servant of the Most High.

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

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

ANTHEM

Robert Parsons

Choir, in Latin Hail, Mary, full of grace;
the Lord is with thee,
Blessed are thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.
Amen.

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1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came, _____
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be, _____
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head, _____
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born _____



1 his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes _____ as flame; _____
 2 all gen - er - a - tions laud and ho - nor thee, _____
 3 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," _____ she said, _____
 4 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn, _____



1 "All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry, _____
 2 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told. _____
 3 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name." _____
 4 and Chris - tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say -



1 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!" _____
 2 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!" _____
 3 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!" _____
 4 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!" _____

text: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924); music: Basque carol; harm. Edgar Pettman (1865-1943)

The Sixth Lesson

MATTHEW 1:18-24

The people sit.

read by The Rev. Canon Dr. Greg Kimura,
Vice Dean and Cathedral Canon

Righteous Joseph receives the good news of an angel.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David,

do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'

Choir King Jesus hath a garden, full of divers flowers,
 where I go culling posies gay, all times and hours.
Refrain: There naught is heard but Paradise bird, harp, dulcimer, lute,
 with cymbal, trump and tymbal, and the tender, soothing flute.

The Lily, white in blossom there, is Chastity;
 the Violet, with sweet perfume, Humanity. *(Refrain)*

The bonny Damask-rose is known as Patience;
 the blithe and thrifty Marygold, Obedience. *(Refrain)*

The Crown Imperial bloometh too in yonder place,
 'tis Charity, of stock divine, the flower of grace. *(Refrain)*

Yet, 'mid the brave, the bravest prize of all may claim
 the Star of Bethlem, Jesus, bless'd be his Name! *(Refrain)*

Ah! Jesu Lord, my heal and weal, my bliss complete,
 make thou my heart thy garden-plot, fair, trim and neat. *(Refrain)*

-Dutch traditional carol,
 tr. George R. Woodward

The Seventh Lesson

LUKE 1:39-45

read by Eva Woo Slavitt
 Canon For Marketing & Communications

Mary will be a blessing to many generations.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is

the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

ANTHEM

William McKie

Choir We wait for thy loving kindness, O God:
 in the midst of thy temple. Alleluia.
 O God, according to thy Name,
 so is thy praise unto the world's end.
 Thy right hand is full of righteousness: Alleluia.
 O Lord send us now prosperity. Amen.

- The Rev. C. M. Armitage

Closing Prayers

THE RESPONSORY

The people stand.

Bishop Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;
 People **Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord will be with you.**

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT

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

HYMN 57

Sung by all, standing.

Helmsley



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds descend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now behold him, robed in
3 Those dear tokens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all adore thee, high on



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



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



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



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

text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788); music: melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778) fanfare by Bruce Neswick;
 descant by Jeffrey Smith

THE BLESSING

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

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

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

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

VOLUNTARY

Fiat lux

Théodore Dubois

All are warmly invited to an Advent Tea immediately following the service in the Chapter House Dining Room, directly across the plaza.



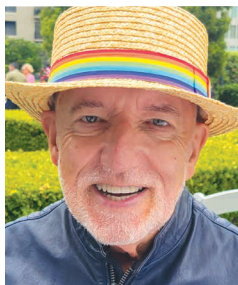
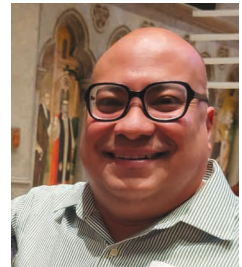
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UPCOMING AT GRACE CATHEDRAL



ADVENT PROCESSION OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, AT 3 P.M.

Greet the new liturgical year and anticipate the promise of Christmas with Lessons and Carols sung by the Cathedral Choir of Men & Boys. Please join the festive Advent Tea after the service in the Chapter House Dining Room, across the plaza from the cathedral.



ADVENT WREATH MAKING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, AT 12:30 P.M.

You are warmly invited to join us after the 11 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday for this beloved tradition that marks the beginning of Advent, hosted by the Children, Youth, and Family Ministry. All necessary materials and instructions will be provided for you to create a fragrant wreath.



WORLD TREE OF HOPE LIGHTING CELEBRATION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, AT 6:30 P.M.

Rainbow World Fund and Grace Cathedral invite you to join us for a celebration of hope, as we gather wishes for the future of our global community, and give them wings. Participants include Emcee Donna Sachet, San Francisco Boys Chorus, Leberta Lorál, Tammy Lynne Hall, The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, and many more!



SOULFUL JOY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, AT 7:30 P.M.

Kick off the Christmas concert season with a joyful and soulful way to come together! Soulful Joy reimagines the holiday spirit with jazz, gospel, soul, and a hint of storytelling. It's a beautiful new tradition at Grace Cathedral!



A CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, AT 3 P.M.

Ring in the season with the Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys and their exquisite performances of classic carols and sacred masterpieces accompanied by full orchestra and our 7,466 pipe organ. Make this beloved San Francisco tradition your own. Learn more about all of the performances and times at gracecathedral.org/christmas.



CHRISTMAS SERVICE USHER TRAINING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, AT 12:15 P.M.

The Hospitality Ministry needs ushers to help with all services on Christmas Eve at 11 a.m., 4 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 11 p.m. and Christmas Day at 11 a.m. If you're interested, please contact Bill Quinn at billquinnsf@gmail.com. In addition, Bill will hold a training session for all interested ushers near the Font in the Nave following the 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist on December 17.



SENIOR COMMUNITY DAY: CHRISTMAS BRUNCH, PROGRAM, & EUCHARIST

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, AT 10 A.M.

Join us for a festive Christmas-themed brunch in celebration of the holidays! Father Christmas will make a special appearance, so be ready for some holiday cheer. At 11 a.m., The Rev. Margaret Deeths will lead us in singing Christmas carols and teach us about the history of some of our favorite carols. Pre-registration is required.

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MIDDAY EUCHARIST:
CHAPEL OF THE NATIVITY
WEDNESDAYS AT 12 P.M.

**THE VINE: CONTEMPORARY
WORSHIP IN PERSON**
WEDNESDAYS AT 6:10 P.M.

CHORAL EVENSONG:
IN PERSON AND LIVESTREAM
THURSDAYS AT 5:30 P.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HYMNS:
IN PERSON
SUNDAYS AT 8:30 A.M.

CHORAL EUCHARIST:
IN PERSON AND LIVESTREAM
SUNDAYS AT 11 A.M.

**VESPER LIGHT: EVENING EUCHARIST
IN PERSON AND ZOOM**
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