

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.



Vertical dance pioneers BANDALOOP soar through the cathedral during this year's *Carnivale*.

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The Second Sunday in Lent

12 March 2017 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Welcome to Grace Cathedral



Welcome to this sacred house of prayer for all people. Those who built this place and care for it love tradition and feel passionate about engaging with what is new.

If you look closely you will find images of scientists, reformers, Jewish rabbis and Roman Catholic popes, political leaders, saints, and even an astronaut.

We invite you to be part of this joyful community even if your visit is short. You might ask yourself two questions: "What do I need to receive? What do I have to give?" We would be delighted to hear about your explorations. May God bless you on your journey!

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

- If you are new to Grace Cathedral, please introduce yourself and fill out a welcome card so we can be in touch with you. We're glad you're here!
- **Join us for coffee and conversation** across the plaza in the Chapter House Library after the 8:30 a.m. service or in the Dining Room after the 11 a.m. service.

about today's readings

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 Reading texts can be found at the end of the service leaflet.

A sculpture by Michelangelo depicts Nicodemus delivering Jesus from the cross into the arms of the Virgin Mary and Mary Magdalene. Michelangelo portrays Nicodemus as a witness and a participant in this heartbreaking scene - an old man bearing his sorrow with dignity and fulfilling his destiny with restraint. The face of Nicodemus is a self-portrait of Michelangelo.

Nicodemus illuminates the question that preoccupies Paul in today's passages from Romans and is implied by the reading from Genesis: What makes us good in the eyes of God?

Children, Youth and Family Programming during Lent
We invite all families with children to gather together around the children's carpet, which will be laid out in perfect view of the altar, in the north transcept. Regular programming will be suspended in lieu of Communion classes during this Lent season.

Nicodemus appears three times in John's Gospel. First is the late night conversation with Jesus in today's readings. Later Nicodemus attempts to persuade his fellow Pharisees to give Jesus a fair hearing. Finally, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea bear the body of Jesus away for ritual dressing and burial. Each time Nicodemus falls short. He doesn't understand what Jesus is saying. His legal defense of Jesus is ineffective, as Paul would have predicted. His lavish spending on preservatives for Jesus' body turns out to be beside the point.

Yet who could say that Nicodemus, whom we acknowledge as a saint, was not good enough for God? Nicodemus risks his status and position by seeking out Jesus. He defends Jesus in public. In the end he ministers to the body of Christ. The virtue of Nicodemus is initiative and persistence rather than fervor or effectiveness.

What did you initiate in this season of Lent? How is it going?

This reflection was written by Jim Simpson. He is a member of the Grace Cathedral Congregation Council and a graduate of the Cathedral's Education for Ministry program.

highlights

Installation of the Rev. Dr. Ellen Clark-King and the Rev. Nina Pickerrell

Thursday, March 16 • 5:15 p.m. • Cathedral
Celebrate with us at Evensong as the
Rev. Dr. Ellen Clark-King is installed

Rev. Dr. Ellen Clark-King is installed as Canon of Social Justice alongside v. Nina Pickerrell, who is receiving the distinction of

the Rev. Nina Pickerrell, who is receiving the distinction of Honorary Canon. A reception will follow.

The Forum: The Honorable Willie L. Brown Jr.



Sunday, March 19 • 9:30 a.m.• Gresham Hall

The former two-term Mayor of San Francisco, legendary Speaker of the California State Assembly and one of the most influential African-American

politicians of the late twentieth century in conversation with Malcolm Young on the next generation of California and government leaders.

The Holy Eucharist

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT • 12 MARCH 2017 • 8:30 AM

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at God's table. Restrooms are located on the lower level corridor. Please silence any audible electronics and refrain from taking video or photos during the service.

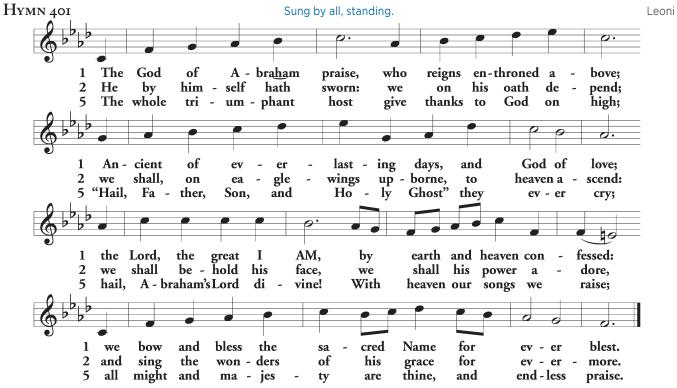
Voluntary

Chorale Prelude and Fugue, from O Traurigkeit, O Herzeleid

Johannes Brahms

The Gathering

The people stand as the procession enters.



text: Thomas Olivers (1725-1790), alt.; music: Hebrew Melody

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

The people may kneel or stand.

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

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

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

The presider pronounces God's absolution.

Collect of the Day

The people stand.

Presider May God be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

THE FIRST READING

The people sit.

Genesis 12:1-4a

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121

chant: John Naylor



Sung by all I lift up my | eyes • to the | hills; *
from | where • is my | help • to | come?

My help | comes • from the | LORD, *

the | maker • of | heaven • and | earth.

The LORD will not let your | foot • be | moved * and the One who watches over you | will • not | fall • a-| sleep.

Behold, the One who keeps | watch • over | Israel * shall | neith•er | slumber • nor | sleep;

It is the LORD who | watches | over you; * the LORD is your | shade • at | your • right | hand,

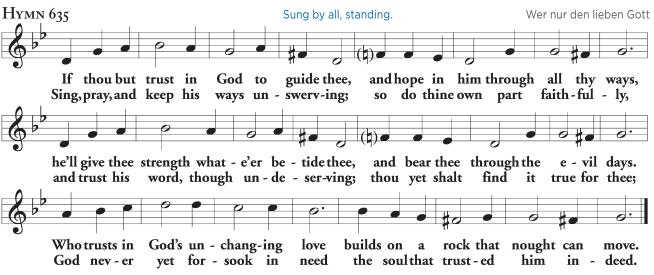
So that the sun shall not | strike you • by | day, *
— | nor • the | moon • by | night.

The LORD shall preserve you from | äll | evil; * the | LORD • shall | keep • you | safe.

The LORD shall watch over your going out and your | comoing | in, * from this time | forth of or | evoer-| more.

The Second Reading Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.



text: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.; music: Georg Neumark (1621-1681)

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 3:1-17

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 HOMILY

A period of silence may follow.

The people sit.

The Rev. Mark E. Stanger Canon for Formation We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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

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

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition Lord, hear our prayer.

The presider adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

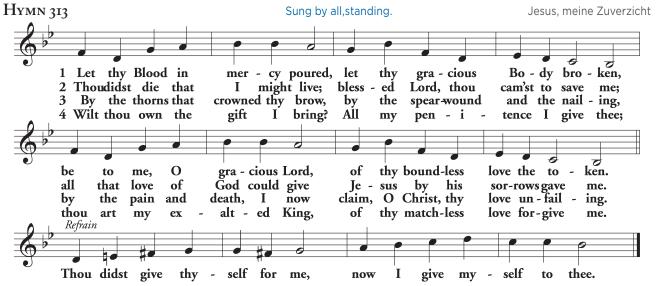
All And also with you.

Welcome

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider, continuing

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



Presider, continuing Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider, concluding

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

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All 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.

Forgive 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. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All 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; 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. 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.

Postcommunion Prayer After all have received Communion, the people stand.

Presider 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

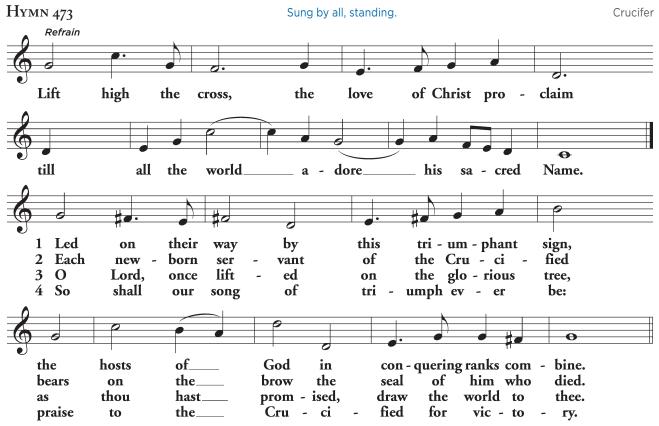
that we are living members of the Body of your Son

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.



text: George William Kitchin (1827-1912); alt. Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956); music: Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Deacon Let us bow before the Lord.

Silence is kept.

Presider Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying

solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine

protection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Voluntary Fugue in A-flat minor Brahms



Serving the assembly:

Presider The Rev. Mary Carter Greene, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Homilist The Rev. Mark E. Stanger, Canon for Formation Deacon The Rev. Nina L. Pickerrell, Cathedral Deacon

Lay Assistant Rodney Anderson Readers Wayne Rash

Kathryn Kirkpatrick

Musician David Hatt, Interim Organist

The Readings

GENESIS 12: 1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

That then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

John 3: 1-17

Tow there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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community



Youth Snow Trip

Friday, March 24 through Sunday, March 26 Location TBD

7th through 12th grade skiers, snowboarders and ski-lodge loungers are welcome to join the cathedral Youth Group for a fun

weekend on the slopes. Contact the Rev. Mary Carter Greene for details.

Women in Community

Saturday, March 25 • 4-6 p.m. • Private residence

Join women of the Grace Cathedral community for refreshments and conversation in a casual, supportive setting. Contact Joanne Compean at (415) 819-8003 or joannejcompean@gmail.com.



Sunday Book Study Group

Today and Sundays through April 9 • 4:30 p.m. Chapter Room (March 5)

Join us as we journey through Jesus' final week in The Last Week by Borg and Crossan. For more information, email Lnstrinc@yahoo.com.

Spring Senior Retreat

Tuesday, March 14 through Wednesday, March 16 The Bishop's Ranch in Healdsburg, CA

The Spring Senior Retreat at the Bishop's Ranch is three days of prayer, fun and companionship in beautiful Healdsburg. Contact the Rev. Nina Pickerrell to learn more and register.



Senior Community Day

Thursday, March 23 • 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Chapter House Dining Room

Meet peers for breakfast, Bible study and a presentation from a guest speaker. After the Holy Eucharist service, enjoy

a catered lunch and reflection. Contact the Rev. Nina Pickerrell for information.

spiritual life

New Grace

Wednesdays • 6:30 p.m. • Chapel of Grace

Join us at the weekly gathering of this new community and contemporary worship service. Learn more on our website.





Ancient Faith, Our New Life in

Sundays through April 9 • 12:45 p.m. Various locations at the cathedral

This core class provides preparation for adults who have not been baptized in

a Christian church and who seek to join the Christian community. For information, contact the Rev. Mark Stanger.

Dessert and Dialogue

Wednesdays, March 8 through April 5 • 7:30 p.m. Chapter Room

Shared wisdom over shared dessert! Cathedral clergy and lay leaders will be open for questions about the Church, the Bible, our beliefs and our life together. This week ask us

about the Episcopal Church and Anglicanism.



upcoming performances

Taft Collegium Musicum

Sunday, March 12 • 4 p.m. • Cathedral

A group of 30 vocalists from Taft School in Connecticut will perform a program of Renaissance and English cathedral choral music directed by Bruce Fifer with special guest composer and organist, Paul Halley.



The Choir of Salisbury Cathedral

Sunday, March 26 • 11 a.m. service; 4 p.m. concer Cathedral

In a rare U.S. appearance, the celebrated choir, founded in 1220, will sing Mozart's

beloved Coronation Mass with the Grace Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys at the 11 a.m. service and present a concert of sacred masterpieces at 4 p.m.



Organ Recital Series - John Karl Hirten

Sunday, April 2 • 4 p.m. • Cathedral

Our organ recital series features some of the finest organists playing one of America's great organs. Noted Bay Area organist and composer John Karl Hirten will play the premiere of the new and revised version of his composition, Seven Meditations on the Last Words of Christ.





Bayview Mission

Monday, March 13 and Monday, March 20 9-1 p.m. • 1547 Jerrold Ave

Join us to provides much needed services, food, and supplies to

residents of the Hunters Point and Bayview neighborhoods. March 13 is the Infant/Toddler Program and March 20 is the Senior Community Program. We also gratefully accept donations of clothing and household items to support our work.



Dinner with Grace

Tuesday, March 14 and Wednesday, March 15 • 5:30-7:30 p.m. • Tenderloin

The mission of Dinner with Grace is simple yet transformative: bringing diverse people together to discover their common humanity, feeding

hungry bodies and souls. Join us in preparing a warm meal for residents of the Mentone Hotel, an Episcopal Community Services supportive housing site in the Tenderloin.



Extended! Winter Interfaith Shelter

Monday, March 20 and Friday, March 31 • 4-6 p.m. Cathedral • 6-8 p.m. Canon Kip Senior Center

The Interfaith Shelter provides dinner, breakfast and a dry place to sleep for 60 - 100 homeless men during the coldest and wettest time of the year. Grace Cathedral cooperates with many other congregations in San Francisco in this important endeavor. Learn more at www.gracecathedral.org/winter-interfaith-shelter.



cathedral worship

Sundays Nursery Eucharist Sunday School Choral Eucharist Evensong Evening Eucharist	8 a.mv1 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11 a.m. 3 p.m. 6 p.m.
Monday - Friday Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer	9 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.
Wednesdays Holy Eucharist Thursdays	6:30 p.m.
Holy Eucharist Choral Evensong	7:30 a.m. 5:15 p.m.

The Forum



The Forum is a series of stimulating conversations in relation to the important issues of our day. This season, we've included some Tuesday evening dates in addition to our regular Sunday morning program. For more information on upcoming guests and past visitors, visit gracecathedral.org/forum.

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when we're open

Cathedral: Open daily 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Thursday open 7 a.m.). The Shop: Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Sunday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Peet's Coffee Kiosk: Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Saturday - Sunday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Columbarium: Sunday 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. • Docents generally available: Monday - Thursday 1 - 3 p.m. • Saturday 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. • Sunday after the 11 a.m. service (meet at the font).



Morning Prayer

Evening Prayer



Get connected, stay connected

9 a.m.

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: 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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