

Advent at Christ Church Cathedral

Events

Theology Uncorked Event

Sunday, December 3 | 4:30 PM

Looking Back: Situating the historical, political, and theological contexts of Luther's reforms with an eye towards understanding the process of reformation today. Dr. David Mengel, discussion leader.

The Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 9 | 9:30 AM to 3 PM

Our Advent retreat this year will be led by the Rev. Dr. Shane Phelan and the Rev. Elizabeth R. Broyles of the Companions of Mary the Apostle. The retreat will take place in the library. There is no charge. Light refreshments will be provided through the day.

To register, please contact Kathy Noe at 513.842.2051 or knoe@cccath.org.

Advent Series Content

Our 2017 Advent Series, scheduled for Wednesday evenings, December 6, 13, and 20, will focus on the nexus between the liberation event in Exodus and the theology of Incarnation. We will begin with Evening Prayer at 6:05 PM, enjoy dinner together at 6:30 PM, and being learning together at 7:00 PM. The evening will conclude with Compline at 8:05 PM.

Our theologians-in-residence, the Rev. Dr. Shane Phelan and the Rev. Elizabeth R. Broyles, will lead the series. They will also share in the liturgical and preaching duties at the cathedral during the month of December.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve | Sunday, December 24

Holy Eucharist | 4 PM

Carols before the Eucharist | 10:30 pm

Holy Eucharist | 11 pm

Christmas Day | Monday, December 25

Holy Eucharist | 10 am

An Advent Procession with Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 3 | 6 PM

This beautiful service is a wonderful way to begin the season of waiting for Christ's birth. It is built around the seven Great "O" Antiphons that were traditionally sung at Vespers on the seven days prior to Christmas and eventually became the seven stanzas of the familiar Advent hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." During the service, music, Scripture readings, and prayers invite us to reflect on each of the antiphons. Seven gorgeous banners bearing the "O" Antiphon symbols, each carried in procession while its corresponding antiphon is sung, make this a visually as well as musically rich experience.

Blue Christmas: A Service for Grieving, Praying, and Healing

Saturday, December 16 | 3 PM

Christmas holidays don't feel bright and cheery for everyone. Living in the midst of grief—the death of a loved one, picking up the pieces after a divorce or separation, coping with job loss, living with illness, or other circumstances that mute our experience of deep joy—these things can make holiday festivities painful for many people.

With this in mind, Christ Church Cathedral will be offering Blue Christmas; A Service for Grieving, Praying, and Healing. Our worship will be candle lit, with space for silence and reflection, with music and meditations for honoring our grief and holding out hope for healing and wholeness. All are welcome.

Yoga Vespers

Friday, December 22

This Yin Yoga class will be led by Yoga Bar founder Rachel Roberts, and will include Gregorian chant sung live. A portion of the proceeds will benefit local charities. Registration required. More information at <http://theyogabar.net>

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Resources

FOR DEEPENING YOUR
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Online Resources

Daily Office Online

The Book of Common Prayer is a wonderful resource as one aims to live a life of prayer. This online resource makes praying the office easily accessible. You can use the link to access Morning and Evening Prayer, or sign up to have the Daily Office delivered to your email inbox daily. If you would like to use your own Prayer Book to pray the Offices, see the IN PRINT section.

<https://dailyoffice.wordpress.com/>

Forward Day by Day Meditation Online

An online resource of Forward Movement, this link provides a short daily scripture and reflection, with prayers for the world. Also included are links to the Daily Office readings assigned for the day.

<http://prayer.forwardmovement.org/>

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) Advent Meditations 2017 pdf version available.

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/uploaded/files/Church-In-Action/Toolkits/Advent/2017/2017-08-ERD-GFL-brochure-CHURCH-v3.pdf>

Resources from Society of Saint John the Evangelist

<https://www.ssje.org> and <http://adventword.org>

Ignatian Spirituality

During the four weeks of Advent, we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth through prayer and reflection. We contemplate the First Coming of Jesus as Savior, and anticipate his promised Second Coming. And amid the flurry of Christmas preparations, we look for practical ways to observe the holiness of the season in our everyday lives. Ignatian contemplation and reflective prayer encourage us in the season of Advent.

<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent>

In Print Resources

Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

The Book of Common Prayer is a wonderful resource as one aims to live a life of prayer. In Advent, as we embark on preparing ourselves for the Incarnation, we invite you to pray with the Collects for Advent and engage in a prayerful meditation of scripture.

First Sunday of Advent

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.

Second Sunday of Advent

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Third Sunday of Advent

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



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