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**THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE
PRESENTS ONLINE
NEW YEAR'S EVE CONCERT FOR PEACE**

Featuring

The Right Reverend Clifton Daniel III, Dean

Harry Smith, Journalist

Kent Tritle, Conductor

David Briggs, Organ

Arthur Fiacco, Cello

Jamet Pittman, Soprano

The Cathedral Choir



Photo: Neal Slavin

New York (December XX, 2020) – As this year unlike any other comes to a close, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine will offer an online iteration of the beloved annual **New Year's Eve Concert for Peace on Thursday, December 31 at 7 p.m. at stjohndivine.org and [Facebook.com/StJohnDivineNYC](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnDivineNYC).**

A holiday tradition for almost 40 years, the Concert for Peace was founded by Leonard Bernstein as a tribute to the people of New York City. 2020 has tested the mettle of New Yorkers and Americans from

coast to coast, and in homage to Bernstein's original concept, the Cathedral will use this year's online performance as a way to safely pay tribute to the bravery, selflessness, and ongoing resilience of the city.

The Right Reverend Clifton Daniel III, Dean of the Cathedral, will preside over the 40-minute program. Esteemed broadcast journalist Harry Smith, a longtime friend of the Cathedral and master of ceremonies at many previous Concerts for Peace, will present a keynote talk and reflection. Kent Tritle, Director of Cathedral Music, and David Briggs, Organist in Residence, alongside the renowned Cathedral Choir and soloists Arthur Fiacco and Jamet Pittman, will present musical highlights by Leonard Bernstein, J.S. Bach and Harry Dixon Loes.

Ending the evening on a high note, the Cathedral Choir will perform the beloved spiritual "This Little Light of Mine," and all viewers are encouraged to light their own candles at home to join in the festivities, lending their own bright flame to illuminate the coming year.

For more information and to view the performance, visit stjohndivine.org/calendar/38183/new-years-eve-concert-for-peace.

Music

My House

From the 1950 musical *Peter Pan*
Leonard Bernstein

Take Care of This House

From the 1976 musical *1600 Pennsylvania Avenue*
Leonard Bernstein and Alan Jay Lerner

Conducted by Kent Tritle, featuring the Cathedral Choir and Arthur Fiacco, Cello

In Dir ist Freude (In Thee is Gladness)

J.S. Bach
Performed by David Briggs, Artist in Residence

This Little Light of Mine

Harry Dixon Loes
Performed by Jamet Pittman, Soprano

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About The Cathedral

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine is the Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. It is chartered as a house of prayer for all people and a unifying center of intellectual light and leadership. People from many faiths and communities worship together in services held more than 30 times a week; the soup kitchen serves roughly 25,000 meals annually; social service outreach has an increasingly varied roster of programs; the distinguished Cathedral School prepares young students to be future leaders; Advancing the Community of Tomorrow, the renowned preschool, afterschool and summer program, offers diverse educational and nurturing experiences; the outstanding Textile Conservation Lab preserves world treasures; concerts, exhibitions, performances and civic gatherings allow conversation, celebration, reflection and remembrance—such is the joyfully busy life of this beloved and venerated Cathedral.

Please visit stjohndivine.org for more information and a schedule of public programs.