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THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE CELEBRATES THE LEGACY OF ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU WITH MEMORIAL SERVICE



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*Memorial will include sermon by The Most Reverend Michael Curry,
Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church*

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine, joining with global activists, clergy, and revolutionary thinkers, will celebrate the life and legacy of The Most Reverend Archbishop Tutu in a memorial service on **Sunday, February 13 at 4 pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, 1047 Amsterdam Avenue (at 112th Street).** The service will be livestreamed, with limited in-person attendance.

Archbishop Tutu, known throughout the world for preaching a Gospel of radical reconciliation and truth-telling, first spoke at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in 1986 to thank Americans for protesting against apartheid, and to raise awareness for South African refugee funds. After the Archbishop's passing in December 2021, the world mourned the loss of this great human rights activist and theologian, with politicians and activists joining with outpourings of remembrance.

In honor of Archbishop Tutu's legacy and memory, the Cathedral's memorial service will include a sermon by The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. The Right Reverend Andrew Dietsche, Bishop of the Diocese of New York, and The Right Reverend Clifton Daniel, Dean of the Cathedral, will speak, along with fellow clergy and public figures.

Due to the ongoing pandemic and Cathedral construction work, in-person attendance for the memorial will be limited. The memorial will be livestreamed on the Cathedral's website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel for all to participate in this tribute to Archbishop Tutu's prophetic voice for justice.

For more information, [visit the Cathedral's website.](#)

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.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cathedral has responded to changing needs in the local community and across the city and state. People from many faiths and communities worship together in daily services held online and in person; the soup kitchen serves roughly 50,000 meals annually; social service outreach has an increasingly varied roster of programs to safely provide resources and aid to the hardest-hit New Yorkers; 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.

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