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### CELEBRATE THE SEASON: VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

**(Date)** The Cathedral of St. John the Divine celebrates the season with festive, livestreamed holiday services on **Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25, streamed live at [stjohndivine.org](http://stjohndivine.org). The livestreams of the services will also be accessible on the Cathedral of St. John the Divine's [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#).**

**On Christmas Eve, December 24, the Cathedral will livestream a Service of Lessons and Carols from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM.** The Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols is a recent but now classical element of Anglican Liturgy, incorporating seasonal music in the Biblical story of Jesus's birth. Performances by the Cathedral Choir, led by Director of Music Kent Tritle, and Artist in Residence David Briggs will round out this beloved service. The Right Reverend Andrew ML Dietsche, Bishop of New York, will preside, and the Right Reverend Clifton Daniel III, Dean of the Cathedral, will offer a reflection. The service will be livestreamed at 4 pm and will be available to view later in the evening across the Cathedral's social media platforms.

**The Christmas Day Service will be held on Friday, December 25 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.** Following the format of the Cathedral's usual Sunday and Feast Day services during the time of COVID, the Cathedral celebrates a Service of the Word virtually for Christmas Day. The Dean of the Cathedral presides, and the Bishop of New York preaches.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.stjohndivine.org/spiritual/celebrating-the-season-advent-christmas/>

#### **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 (ACT), 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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