

The Adult Choir's primary mission is to praise God through leading the congregation in worship services and exceptional musical programs. The Choir sings every week at the 11:00 am worship service (10:00 during the summer) and at special services on Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Thanksgiving Eve. Occasionally, the Choir sings for funerals and weddings.

The group also performs special programs at St. Mary's, at other churches with their choirs, at area colleges, and has sung with the Winston-Salem Symphony.

Membership is made up of adult men and women who have both talent and interest in music. Regular attendance at rehearsals and services is expected. Regular rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 and Sunday mornings from 10:00 to 10:45. When the church shifts to its summer schedule, the Choir rehearses Sunday mornings at 10:00 for the 11:00 service. Extra rehearsals for special programs are held several times a year, usually on Saturdays.

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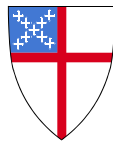
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### September 5 - Adult Choir Rehearsal Resumes

**September 30 - St. Michael & All Angels - Choral Evensong at 5:00pm.** Michael is one of only two named angels in Scripture, the other being Gabriel. Michael is found in the book of Daniel where he is a heavenly champion of the Israelites. In Revelation (12:7-12), Michael leads the host of angels who overcome Satan and his forces and casts them out of heaven.

**December 2 - Advent Lessons & Carols at 11:00am.** This annual service is celebrated on the first Sunday of Advent and will feature all of St. Mary's Choirs.

**December 23 - Bach: Christmas Oratorio [with Morning Prayer at 11:00a.m.]**

**December 24 - Christmas Eve, Carols at 10:30pm and midnight Eucharist with St. Mary's Choir.** Half an hour before the midnight Eucharist begins, St. Mary's Choir offers favorite carols and anthems celebrating Christ's Nativity. The Eucharist itself is a vibrant festival of the Incarnation with both traditional and new Christmas carols. The church is beautifully decorated with a towering Christmas tree, wreaths, poinsettias, and candles in all of the windows.

**December 30 - Christmas Lessons & Carols at 11:00am.** This venerable service, which originated at Kings College Chapel, Cambridge, has been observed at St. Mary's for nearly half a century. A wide variety of readers recount the beloved story alternating with hymns and carols sung by the choir and the congregation.



### January 6 - Epiphany

The whole season of Epiphany, which lasts until Lent, focuses on the manifestation of Christ on earth. Epiphany extends this year for six Sundays until Ash Wednesday, February 13. There is a great repertoire of hymns, anthems, and prayers for this season.

### February 3 - Presentation of Christ in the Temple Choral Evensong with Candlemas Procession at 5:00pm.

This ancient holy day is observed by most Anglican, Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches and is a significant link connecting us not only to Christians around the globe, but also to the founders of the Church from the early 4th century. Luke's Gospel (2:22-40) tells of Jesus' parents bringing him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. There Simeon praised God with what we now know as the *Nunc dimittis*.

### March 17 - Brahms: Requiem [with Morning Prayer at 11:00a.m.]

**April 7 - The Annunciation - Choral Evensong at 5:00pm.** This is an especially significant day for any church whose Patron is Mary! Luke recounts (1:26) the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary in Nazareth. And Matthew (1:18) tells of the angel appearing to Joseph in a dream.

**May 5 - St. Mary's Choir Festival with all of St. Mary's choirs at 11:00am.** Each choir will be heard individually and in a combined choir anthem. The Eucharist will be celebrated as usual.

**May 12 - Ascension Day - Choral Evensong at 5:00pm.** The Ascension of Jesus into heaven to sit at the right hand of God the Father is celebrated 40 days after Easter. The Lectionary provides readings from Acts (1:1), Ephesians (1:15) and Luke (24:44). Choral, organ, and congregational music will all join to celebrate this festival.