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#### **ADVENT 2024-2025**

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025 Saturday January 18 – Saturday January 25 "Do You Believe?" – John 11:26

The theme for the <u>2025 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</u> was approved by the Roman Catholic Church's *Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity* and the *Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches*, in collaboration with the ecumenical monastic community of Bose in Italy.

The entire passage chosen for reflection is **John 11:17-27**, where Jesus arrives in Bethany and raise Lazarus from the dead. A part of that story is the encounter between Jesus and Martha, at the end of which Martha confesses faith in Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God.

This year's theme was chosen in recognition of the 1700th anniversary of the *First Council of Nicaea* (325), at which the words "**I believe**" were chosen to anchor the Creed as an instrument of universal Christian unity.

More from our colleagues, the Friars of the Atonement <a href="https://www.atonementfriars.org/2025-week-of-prayer-theme-announced-do-you-believe">https://www.atonementfriars.org/2025-week-of-prayer-theme-announced-do-you-believe</a>

#### **SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY JANUARY 19**

An invitation to all of us from the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine (see below)



CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SAINT JOHN THE DIVINE

## Save the Date

4:00 PM Sunday

19

January 2025

# Lvensong

An Invitation from the Dean of the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine

4:00 PM Evensong Ecumenical Prayer Service

Celebrating the 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea

as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity