# The Cathedral Church of St. James

The Birth of the Lord - Christmas Day

December 25, 2018 – Procession & Choral Eucharist at 11:00am



"Pomegranate Mother" by Jyoti Sahi, India.

The feast day of your birth resembles You, Lord because it brings joy to all humanity. The Elderly and infants alike enjoy your day. Your day is celebrated from generation to generation. Kings and emperors may pass away, and the festivals to commemorate them soon lapse. But your festival will be remembered until the end of time. Your day is a means and a pledge of peace. At Your birth heaven and earth were reconciled, since you came from heaven to earth on that day you forgave our sins and wiped away our guilt. You gave us so many gifts on the day of your birth: a treasure chest of spiritual medicines for the sick; spiritual light for the blind; the cup of salvation for the thirsty; the bread of life for the hungry. In the winter when trees are bare, you give us the most succulent spiritual fruit. In the frost when the earth is barren, you bring new hope to our souls. In December when seeds are hidden in the soil, the staff of life springs forth from the virgin womb.

- St. Ephraim the Syrian (AD 306-373)

# Welcome to St. James Cathedral

This sacred land is the territory of several Indigenous Nations - the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishnaabe, with special recognition to the Mississaugas of New Credit. We also acknowledge that we are on the shores of Niigaani-gichigami/Lake Ontario. This territory is governed by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Treaty, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishnaabe Confederacy to peaceably share and sustain the life of the Great Lakes. In the spirit of that Treaty we seek to place at the centre of our gatherings the values of respectful reciprocity, diversity, peace, responsibility, and mutual aid.

## A WARM WELCOME AND MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

especially visitors and newcomers attending this week's services and other events.

Information about Cathedral events and ministries announcements can be found at the back of this booklet after the service program.

Questions? Speak to a sidesperson – the people wearing gold name tags.

#### **Children & Families**

There will be no nursery care or children's programming today. Families and children are encouraged to worship together.

Children's Worship Booklets are available for use during the services to help guide children of all ages in worship. Ask a sidesperson for a copy. Please return any colouring supplies at the end of the service.

St. George's Chapel Families with children are welcome to use this space as needed to prepare to re-enter worship.

# **Accessibility**

A Wheelchair Accessible Washroom is located at the front of the Cathedral through the doors by the pulpit. Assisted hearing devices are available from the sidespersons.

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As this is a very public and open space please be aware of your personal belongings. Do not leave them unattended in the Cathedral or in the Cathedral Centre.

Welcome! We are so glad you have joined us for worship this morning. Please ensure that cell phones are turned off and refrain from taking photographs during the liturgy.

#### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

#### Prelude

#### **Procession**

Deacon Let us go forth in peace. People In the Name of Christ. Amen.

**Processional Hymn** 

Text: Tr. from the Latin by Canon F. Oakeley, W.T. Brooke, and others; Music: J.F. Wade's Cantus Diversi, 1851; Tune: Adeste Fideles

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him, born the King of angels:

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light, Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb; Very God, Begotten not created; *O come...* 

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above, Glory to God in the highest; *O come*...

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesu to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *O come...* 

## Collect at the Crèche

Please turn to face the crèche.

Presider The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us;

*People* And we beheld his glory.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thine only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come again to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever.

People Amen.

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# Hymn

Text: James Montgomery, alt.; Tune: Henry Thomas Smart; desc. Craig Sellar Lang; Tune: Regent Square





Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God,

all unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria

Please stand, as you are able.

Merbecke

Presider

Glory be to God on high,

All

and in earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

# Collect of the Day

*Presider* Let us pray.

Please remain standing.

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

People

Amen.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

# The First Reading

Isaiah 52: 7-10

Reader

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Reader

The word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm** 

Please remain seated.

Psalm 98 – Chant by Robert Busiakiewicz

Choir

O sing unto the LORD a new song;

for he hath done marvellous things.

With his own right hand, and with his holy arm,

hath he gotten himself the victory.

The LORD hath declared his salvation:

his righteousness hath he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He hath remembered his mercy and his faithfulness

toward the house of Israel;

and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

Show yourselves joyful unto the LORD, all ye lands:

sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

Praise the LORD upon the harp:

sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

With trumpets also and the sound of the horn,

O show yourselves joyful before the LORD, the King.

Let the sea make a noise, and all that is therein; the round world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands,

and let the hills be joyful together before the LORD;

for he is come to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall he judge the world, and the peoples with equity.

# The Second Reading

Hebrews 1: 1-4

Reader

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Reader

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## Plainsong

## Gospel Acclamation

Please stand as you are able and turn to face the Gospeller in the centre aisle.

Cantor Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! People Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cantor I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the

people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

People Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

John 1: 1-14

Gospeller The Lord be with you. People And with thy spirit. Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Gospeller

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Gospeller

The Gospel of Christ.

People

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## **Homily**

**The Nicene Creed** Please stand, as you are able.

Merbecke

Presider I believe in one God

All

the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the

Father; through whom all things were made: who for us all and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Intercession

Presider

Dear friends in Christ, as we join the whole of creation and celebrate with joy the Word made flesh, let us offer our prayers to God who dwells among us to the end of time.

Please kneel, as you are able, or be seated.

Intercessor Hear us, O Lord.

People Lord, grant us peace.

At the Thanksgiving for the departed:

Intercessor Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,

People And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Presider Heavenly God, Source of grace and truth, accept the prayers we offer on

this joyful feast. May we come to see the true light who shines throughout the world and who is God for all eternity; we ask this through Jesus Christ

our Lord.

People Amen.

## **Confession and Absolution**

Presider Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

Almighty God,

All Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people:

We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful

Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Peace Please stand, as you are able.

We offer each other a sign of peace.

A handshake or a simple bow are appropriate.

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

#### THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

An offering will now be taken for the life and ministry of the Cathedral.

**Offertory Hymn** 

Text: Translated from the Latin of Prudentius (348-413) by J.M. Neale and H.W. Baker; Music: Plainsong Melody, 12th cent.; arranged by Healey Willan; Tune: Divinum Mysterium

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, he the Source, the Ending he, Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore.

At his word the worlds were framed; He commanded; it was done: Heaven and earth and depths of ocean in their threefold order one; All that grows beneath the shining of the moon and burning sun, evermore and evermore.

O that birth for ever blessèd! When the Virgin, full of grace, By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bare the Saviour of our race, And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore. This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord; Whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word; Now he shines, the long-expected; let creation praise its Lord, evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heaven, adore him; angel-hosts, his praises sing; All dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King; Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore.

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee, Hymn and chant, and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be, Honour, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore.

Presider

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

People

Amen.

## Thanksgiving & Consecration

Presider The Lord be with you. People And with thy spirit.

Presider Lift up your hearts. People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Presider

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin.

Therefore with Angels, and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Please kneel, as you are able, or be seated.

*Missa Brevis – Grayston Ives* 

#### Sanctus & Benedictus

Choir

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth, pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus, qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Presider

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; And, when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded.

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins,

and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Merbecke

*Presider* And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father,

who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the

kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Presider* We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

## The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

# Agnus Dei

Missa Brevis – Grayston Ives

Choir

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request.

If you choose not to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your hands over your chest to indicate this to the priest.

## **Communion Hymn**

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti; Music: Gustav T. Holst; Tune: Cranham





**Motet** Videte Miraculum

Thomas Tallis

Choir

Videte miraculum matris Domini: concepit virgo virilis ignara consortii, stans onerata nobili onere Maria; et matrem se laetam cognosci, quae se nescit uxorem. Haec speciosum forma prae filiis hominum castis concepit visceribus, et benedicta in aeternum Deum nobis protulit et hominem. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.

Behold the miracle of the mother of the Lord: a virgin has conceived though she knows not a man, Mary, who stands laden with her noble burden; knowing not that she is a wife, she rejoices to be a mother. She has conceived in her chaste womb one who is beautiful beyond all, and blessed for ever, she has brought forth God and man for us. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Presider Let us pray.

Please stand, as you are able.

Father of all, the child born for us is the Saviour of the world. May he who made us your children welcome us into your kingdom, where he is alive and reigns with you now and for ever.

People Amen.

All

Presider Glory to God,

whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Blessing

Presider May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless

you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart

with the light of his holiness.

People Amen.

Presider May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Saviour's

birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

People Amen.

Presider May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth

to heaven, give you his peace and favour.

People Amen.

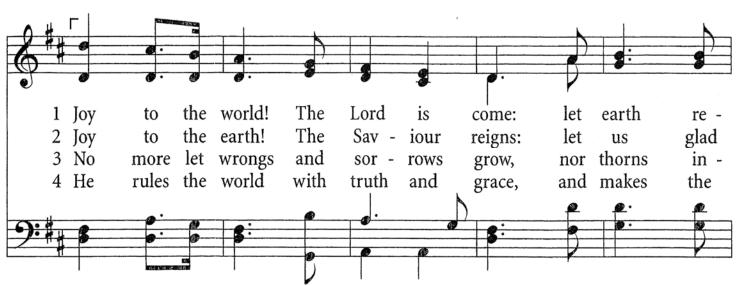
Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy

Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People Amen.

# Hymn

Text: Isaac Watts, alt.; Music: Melody George Frideric Handel; adapt. William Holford, Voce de Melodia, 1835; harm. Lowell Mason; Tune: Antioch





#### **Dismissal**

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**

After the service, you are invited to visit the crèche to pray in thanksgiving for the incarnation of the Prince of Peace.

Presiding Celebrant & Homilist: The Archbishop
Deacon: The Reverend Leigh Kern
Archbishop's Chaplains: The Reverend Andrew MacDonald & Paul Seddon, ODT
First Reader: John Rammell • Second Reader: Yosola Adeoye
Intercessor: Jeanne Jordan-Awang
Sung by the Choir of St. James Cathedral
Director of Music: Robert Busiakiewicz • Organist: Ian Sadler
Organ Scholar: Nick Veltmeyer

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St. George's Chapel
Those who gave their lives in defence
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#### **MEMORIAL FLOWERS** • CHRISTMAS 2018

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