

The Cathedral Church of St. James

The Birth of the Lord - Christmas Day

December 25, 2018 - Sung Eucharist at 9:00am



"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

Hymn

*Text: Tr. from the Latin by Canon F. Oakeley, W.T. Brooke, and others;
Music: J.F. Wade's Cantus Diversi, 1751; Tune: Adeste Fideles*

Hymn text 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...*

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People And also with you.

Gloria

New English Folk Mass

Presider Glory to God in the highest,
All And peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

Please remain standing.

O God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Isaiah 62: 6-12

Reader Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have laboured; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm *Please remain seated.*

Psalm 97—Plainsong

Cantor The Lord is king; let the earth re-joice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

All Clouds and darkness are round a-bout him, *
righteousness and justice are the foun-da-tions of his throne.

Cantor A fire goes be-fore him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.

All His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is a fraid.

Cantor The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

All The heavens declare his righ-teousness, *
and all the peoples see his glo-ry.

Cantor Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! *
Bow down be-fore him, all you gods.

All Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah re-joice, *
because of your judge-ments, O Lord.

Cantor For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far a-bove all gods.

All The Lord loves those who hate e-vil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wick-ed.

Cantor Light has sprung up for the righ-teous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are true-heart-ed.

All Rejoice in the Lord, you righ-teous, *
and give thanks to his ho-ly name.

The Second Reading

Titus 3: 4-7

Reader But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared,
he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done,
but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by
the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ
our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become
heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Reader The word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

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

Luke 2: 8-20

Gospeller The Lord be with you. *People* And also with you.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospeller

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Gospeller

The Gospel of Christ. *People* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

The Nicene Creed

Please stand, as you are able.

Presider

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is

worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Please remain standing.

Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor.

Confession and Absolution

Presider Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Please kneel, as you are able.

Presider Most merciful God,

All we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal 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 also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

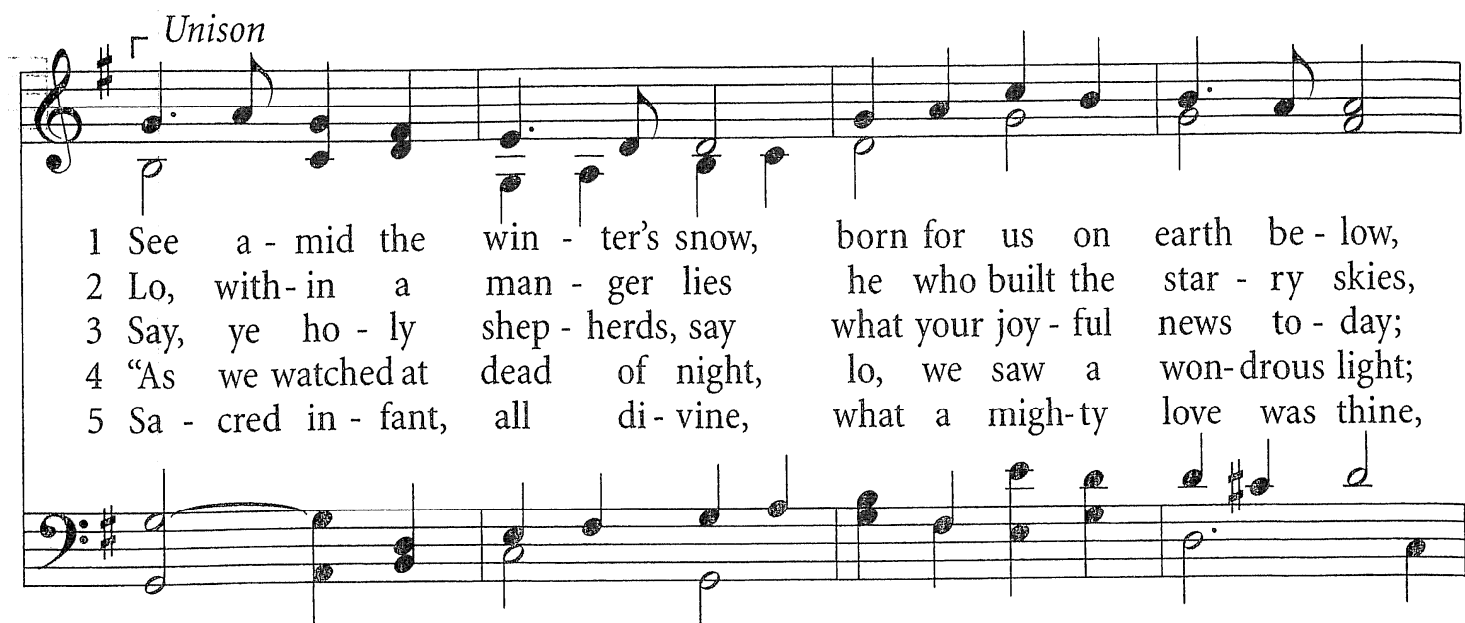
An offering will now be taken for the life and ministry of the Cathedral.

Offertory Hymn

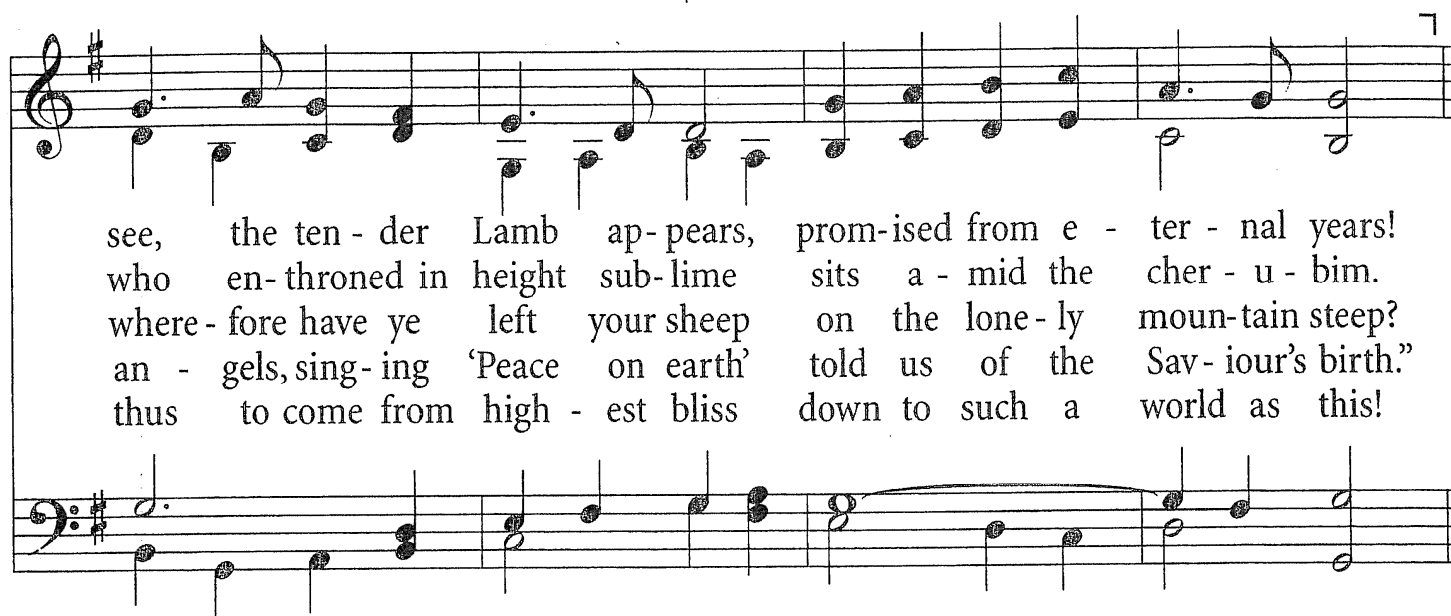
Text: Edward Caswall, alt.; Music: John Goss;

Tune: See Amid The Winter's Snow

Unison

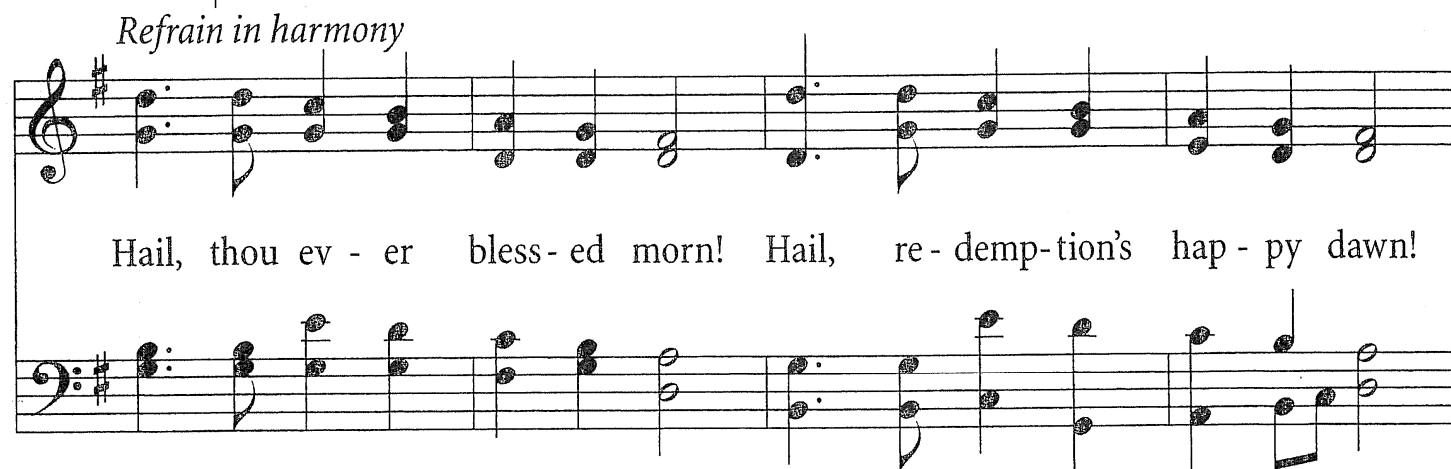


1 See a - mid the win - ter's snow, born for us on earth be - low,
2 Lo, with - in a man - ger lies he who built the star - ry skies,
3 Say, ye ho - ly shep - herds, say what your joy - ful news to - day;
4 "As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a won - drous light;
5 Sa - cred in - fant, all di - vine, what a migh - ty love was thine,



see, the ten - der Lamb ap - pears, prom - ised from e - ter - nal years!
who en - throned in height sub - lime sits a - mid the cher - u - bim.
where - fore have ye left your sheep on the lone - ly moun - tain step?
an - gels, sing - ing 'Peace on earth' told us of the Sav - iour's birth."
thus to come from high - est bliss down to such a world as this!

Refrain in harmony



Hail, thou ev - er bless - ed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn!



Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Generous Creator, in faith and joy we celebrate the birth of your Son. Increase our understanding and our love of the riches you have revealed in him, who is Lord now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the mystery of his incarnation was made perfect man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory. Therefore with all the angels of heaven, we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus

Schubert arr. Proulx

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Please assume a posture of prayer that is appropriate – stand, sit or kneel.

Presider Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

The Lord's Prayer

McNeil Robinson

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for 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

Mass of St. Denis – Barrie Cabena

All Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Communion.

There are three stations for reception: the centre aisle (standing), and both side altars (kneel or stand). Gluten-free hosts are available upon request.

For health reasons, please refrain from dipping the host in the chalice.

Motet

The Blessed Son Of God

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Choir

The blessed son of God only
in a crib full poor did lie;
With our poor flesh and our poor blood
was clothed that everlasting good.

Kyrie eleison.

The Lord Christ Jesu, God's son dear,
was a guest and a stranger here;
Us for to bring from misery,
that we might live eternally.

Kyrie eleison.

All this did he for us freely,
for to declare his great mercy;
All Christendom be merry therefore,
and give him thanks for evermore.

Kyrie eleison.

Hymn

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

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, Fros - ty wind made moan,
 2 Our GOD, heaven can - not hold him, Nor earth sus - tain;
 3 An - gels and arch - an - gels May have ga - thered there,
 4 What can I give him, Poor as I am?

Earth stood hard as i - ron, Wa - ter like a stone;
 Heaven and earth shall flee a - way When he comes to reign;
 Che - ru - bim and Se - ra - phim Thronged the . . . air; But
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

Snow had fal - len, snow on snow, Snow on snow,
 In the bleak mid - win - ter A sta - ble - place suf - ficed The
 on - ly his mo - ther In her mai - den bliss,
 If I were a wise man, I would do my part; Yet

In the bleak mid-winter, Long ago.
 LORD GOD Al-migh-ty, JE-SUS CHRIST.
 Wor-shipped the Be-lov-ed With a kiss.
 what I can I give him— Give my heart. A-men.

Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray. *Please stand, as you are able.*
 Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life
 always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ
 the Lord.

People Amen.

Presider Glory to God,
All 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 the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten
 your hearts with holiness; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father,
 the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People Amen.

Hymn

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

1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth! The Sav - iour reigns: let us glad
3 No more let wrongs and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive the King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous -

room, and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the
flow far as our sin is found, far as our
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders
and heaven and na - ture sing,

na - ture sing, and heaven and heaven and na - ture sing.
 sound-ing joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound-ing joy.
 sin is found, far as, far as our sin is found.
 of his love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

and heaven and na-ture sing,

Dismissal

Presider 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: The Reverend Andrew MacDonald • Homilist: The Vicar
 Reader: Jacqueline Gibbons • Intercessor: Carol Kysela
 Communion Ministers: Cecil Fennell, Carol Kysela, Kate Merriman & Gloria Wiebe
 Stewards: Jacqueline Gibbons & Christine Hillyer
 Director of Music: Robert Busiakiewicz • Organist: Ian Sadler
 Organ Scholar: Nick Veltmeyer
 Sung by the Cathedral Parish Choir*

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Lady Altar

Marguerite Gwendolyn Wilkinson
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St. John's Altar

Philip R. Noble

Christmas Tree

William Raymond &
Suzanne Sweatman McNeillie
and Joseph & Anne Peters

Pulpit Standard

William Morley Kilbourn
Hilary Celia Radcliffe Kilbourn

St. George's Chapel

Those who gave their lives in defence
of Canada and the Commonwealth

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in memory of the following loved ones:*

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