

The Cathedral Church of St. James

Christmas Eve

*Tuesday December 24, 2019 - Twilight Recital at 4:00pm;
A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols at 4:30pm*



Annunciation to the Shepherds - Heinrich Vogeler, 1872-1942

More than a babe transfixed in time
the child lives – in love and mirth;
the smallest act of tenderness
celebrates his birth.

- Laura Lake

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

Children and their families are encouraged to join the procession to the crèche. As the procession comes by your pew, feel free to join in and make your way to the crèche for the Children's Talk with the Vicar.

St. George's Chapel: Families with children are welcome to use this space as needed to prepare to re-enter worship. This family friendly space has chairs for snuggles and reading, a change table, and open floor space for quiet play.

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.

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Do not leave them unattended in the Cathedral or in the Cathedral Centre.*

4:00pm Twilight Recital

Patrick McElcheran, Organist

Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her, BWV 700 – *Johann Sebastian Bach*

Largo, pastorale from Concerto Grosso in G Minor - *Arcangelo Corelli*

Ou s'en vont ces gais bergers - *Pierre Dandrieu*

Two fuguetas on Christmas chorales - *Johann Sebastian Bach*

Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ, BWV 697;

Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her, BWV 701

Rhapsodie sur des Noels - *Eugène Gigout*

Welcome!

Please observe silence before the service begins and ensure that cell phones are turned off.

Photography is not permitted during the liturgy.

4:30pm A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

Please remain seated.

Hymn

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander; Music: Henry John Gauntlett, 1858; Tune: Irby

Solo

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

Choir

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Saviour holy.

Please stand, as you are able.

All

And, through all his wondrous childhood, he would honour and obey,
Love, and watch the lowly maiden in whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.

For he is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us he grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love,
For that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
when, like stars, his children crowned all in white shall wait around.

Bidding Prayer

Officiant Beloved in Christ, in this Christmastide, let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this holy Child; and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this city. And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

All 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 those who 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.

Officiant The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

People Amen.

Carol*Please be seated.**Ding Dong Merrily On High - 16th Century French;
arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)**Choir*

Ding dong! merrily on high
In heaven the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky
Is riven with angels singing.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And io, io,io,
By priest and people sungen.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you dutifully prime
Your matin chime ye ringers.
May you beautifully rime
Your eve time song ye singers.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

First Lesson*Genesis 3: 8-15, 17-19*

*God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise
and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.*

Reader

And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast

hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

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

Carol *In The Bleak Midwinter – Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti;
Music: Harold Darke (1888–1976)*

Choir In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.
Snow had fallen snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter long ago.

Our God, heav'n cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;
Heav'n and earth shall flee away, when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter, a stable place suffic'd
The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim worship night and day,
A breast full of milk, and a manger full of hay,
Enough for Him, whom angels fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel, which adore.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part.
Yet what I can I give Him, give my heart, give my heart.

Second Lesson

Genesis 22: 15-18

*God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed
shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.*

Reader And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as

the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;
And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Reader
People

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Carol

Jesus Christ The Apple Tree - Elizabeth Poston (1905–1987)

Choir

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.
His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.
For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.
I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.
This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Hymn

Please stand, as you are able.

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

All

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.
Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.
Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.
Though an infant now we view him, he shall fill the eternal throne,
gather all the nations to him; every knee shall then bow down:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.

Reader The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Carol *I Saw Three Ships – Simon Preston (b. 1938)*

Choir

I saw three ships come sailing in,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day,
I saw three ships come sailing in,
On Christmas day in the morning.
And what was in those ships all three?
On Christmas day...
Our Saviour Christ and his lady.
On Christmas day...
Pray whither sailed those ships all three?
On Christmas day...
Oh, they sailed into Bethlehem,
On Christmas day...
And all the bells on earth shall ring,
On Christmas day...
And all the Angels in Heaven shall sing,
On Christmas day...
And all the souls on earth shall sing,
On Christmas day...
Then let us all rejoice, amain,
On Christmas day...

Hymn*Please stand, as you are able.*Text: Edmund Hamilton Sears, alt.; Music: Melody
English trad. arr. Arthur Seymour Sullivan; Tune: Noel*All*

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
 from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 "Peace on the earth, to all goodwill, from heaven's most gracious king!"
 The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled;
 and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;
 above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing;
 and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;
 Beneath the angel-strain have rolled two thousand years of wrong;
 And we amid our wars hear not the words of peace they bring;
 O listen now, and still your strife to hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
 when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold:
 when the new heaven and earth shall own the Prince of Peace their King,
 and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

Fourth Lesson*Please be seated.**Isaiah 11: 1-4a, 6-9**The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.**Reader*

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Reader

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Carol*Praeter Rerum Seriem - Josquin des Prez (c. 1450–1521)**Choir*

*Præter rerum seriem parit deum hominem virgo mater.
 Nec vir tangit virginem nec prolis originem novit pater.
 Dei providentia quæ disponit omnia tam suave.
 Tua puerperia transfer in mysteria, mater ave.*

This is no normal scheme of things:

God and humanity is born from a virgin mother.

She has known no man and the child's origin is unknown to the father.

By God's grace, which orders all things so smoothly,

your childbearing presents us with a mystery. Hail, Mother.

Fifth Lesson*Luke 1: 26-35, 38*

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Reader

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Reader
People

The word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Carol

Tyrle Tyrlow - Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Choir

Tyrle, tyrlow, tyrle, tyrlow.

About the field they piped right,
So merrily the shepherds began to blow;
Adown from heaven that is so high –

Tyrle, tyrlow, tyrle, tyrlow.

Of angels there came a company,
With merry songs and melody.
The shepherds anon gan them aspy.

Tyrle, tyrlow, tyrle, tyrlow.

Gloria in excelsis, the angels sang,
And said that peace was present among,
To every man that to the faith would fong¹.

Tyrle, tyrlow, tyrle, tyrlow.

The shepherds hied them to Bethlehem,
To see that blessed sun His beam;
And there they found that glorious leme².

Tyrle, tyrlow, tyrle, tyrlow.

Now pray we to that meek Child,
And to His mother that is so mild,
The which was never defiled,

Tyrle, tyrlow, tyrle, tyrlow.

That we may come unto His bliss,
Where joy shall never miss,
Then may we sing in Paradise:

Tyrle, tyrlow, tyrle, tyrlow.

I pray you all that be here,
For to sing and make good cheer,
In the worship of God this year.

Tyrle, tyrlow, tyrle, tyrlow.

1 – accept

2 – light

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2: 1, 3-7

To be read in Mandarin by Qiulei Lin, a member of our Cathedral's Mandarin Ministry.

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Reader And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Carol

*'New Prince, New Pomp' from 'Christ's Nativity' –
Text: Robert Southwell (c.1561-1595); Romans 8:32; James 5:11;
Music: Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)*

Choir He spar'd not his own son, but delivered him up for us all.
The Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.
Behold a silly tender babe, in freezing winter night,
In homely manger trembling lies; alas a piteous sight.
Despise Him not for lying there, first what He is inquire;
The Prince Himself is come from Heaven this pomp is praised there.

Hymn

Please stand, as you are able.

Text & Music: Traditional English Carol
17th Century; Tune: The First Nowell

All The first nowell, the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star,
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
who has made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood salvation bought.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Seventh Lesson *Please be seated.*

Luke 2: 8-16

The shepherds go to the manger.

Reader And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, and on earth peace among those whom he favours. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Carol: Procession to the Crèche

*My Guardian Angel –
Text: William Blake (1757-1827);
Music: Judith Weir (b.1954)*

Please stand, as you are able.

During the singing of this carol, children and their families are invited to come to the crèche.

Choir Alleluia. The Angel that presided o'er my birth
Said, "Little creature, form'd of Joy & Mirth,
Go love without the help of any thing on earth". Alleluia.

Children's Talk & Blessing of the Crèche

Vicar The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:
People And we beheld his glory.

Vicar Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who for our salvation didst cause thine only begotten Son to come down from heaven, and to be born of the blessed and glorious Virgin Mary; vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to bless and hallow this crèche wherein are shown forth the wonders of that sacred birth; that all we who behold it shall ponder and adore the mystery of his holy Incarnation, and be fulfilled with thy heavenly benediction unto life eternal, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Hymn

Text: Nahum Tate; Music: Est's Psalmes, 1592; Tune: Winchester Old

During this hymn, clergy and children make their way back to their seats.

All While shepherds watched their flocks by night all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down and glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind.

"Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and humankind.

To you in David's town this day is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord and this shall be the sign:

the heavenly babe you there shall find to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swaddling bands, and in a manger laid."

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:

"All glory be to God on high, and to the world be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to earth begin, and never cease."

Eighth Lesson *Please be seated.*

Matthew 2: 1-11

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Reader

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Reader

The word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Carol

Go Tell It On The Mountain – Paul Halley (b.1952)

Choir

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Saviour's birth.
*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.
*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

Hymn

Please stand, as you are able.

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

All

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

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
Glory to God in the highest;
*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

Ninth Lesson

Please remain standing.

John 1: 1-14

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Reader

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of people. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all people through him might believe. He was

not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every one that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the children of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of human will, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Reader
People

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

Hymn

Text: Charles Wesley, alt.; Music: Adapted by W.H. Cummings
from Mendelssohn, 1840; Tune: Mendelssohn

All

Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, the incarnate deity,
pleased as one of us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King."

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King."

Collect for Christmas Eve

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

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

People Amen.

The Blessing

Officiant Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and things heavenly, grant you the fullness of inward peace and goodwill, and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

People Amen.

Postlude In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

Officiant: The Very Reverend Stephen Vail, Rector of St. James Cathedral & Dean of Toronto

Children's Talk: The Reverend Louise Peters, Vicar of St. James Cathedral

First Reader: Daisy Pittis • Second Reader: Don Solomon

Third Reader: Neil Walker • Fourth Reader: Philippa Campsie

Fifth Reader: Jamie Tuttle • Sixth Reader: Qiulei Lin

Seventh Reader: The Reverend Andrew MacDonald • Eighth Reader: Ruth Davis

Ninth Reader: Dominic Cobran

Director of Music: Robert Busiakiewicz • Organist: David Simon

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The Bells of Old York: Cathedral Guild of Change Ringers

Tower Captain: Dan Tregunno

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Christmas Tree

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Suzanne Sweatman McNeillie
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Those who gave their lives in defence
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