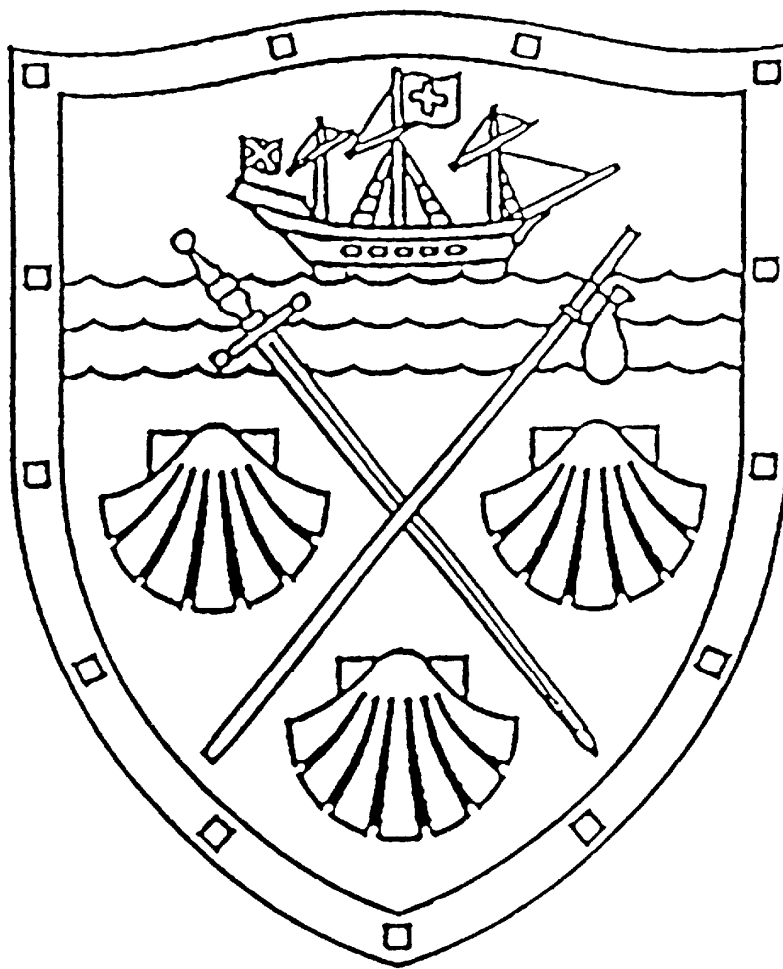


# The Cathedral Church of St. James

## Christmas Day

*December 25, 2020*  
*Holy Eucharist at 11:00am*



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**Prelude**     Nativité

*Jean Langlais*

## **Welcome & Announcements**

**Hymn: CP 118**

Text: St. 1, 2, 3, and 5, John Francis Wade;

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

Music: Melody attrib. John Francis Wade; Tune: Adeste Fideles

*Cantor*     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.*

## **Collect at the Crèche**

*Presider*     The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

*People*     **And we beheld his glory.**

*Presider*     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: CP 118**

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**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

Music: Melody attrib. John Francis Wade; Tune: Adeste Fideles

*Cantor*     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.*

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

## Greeting

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*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 with thy spirit.**

*Presider* 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

*Merbecke*

*Cantor* Glory be to God on high, 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.**

### Hymn: CP 153

Text: German-Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, alt.;

### Good Christians All, Rejoice

Music: Melody *Geistliche Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1533;

Tune: In Dulci Jubilo

*Cantor* Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!  
Listen now to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now!  
Christ is born today; Christ is born today!

Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!  
Hear the news of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this;  
he has opened heaven's door and we are blessed for evermore!  
Christ was born for this; Christ was born for this.

Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!  
Now you need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save:  
come at his most gracious call to find salvation, one and all!  
Christ was born to save; Christ was born to save!

### 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.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*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.*

*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.

*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.

*Please kneel, as you are able.*

*Presider* 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.*

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

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

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## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### Offertory Hymn: CP 132 Of Eternal Love Begotten

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius; tr. John Mason Neale, alt.;  
Music: Melody plainsong, Mode 8; adapt. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582;  
Tune: Divinum Mysterium

*Cantor* Of eternal Love begotten ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are and 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 blessed, 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:

## Sanctus & Benedictus

*All* **Holy, 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.**

*Please kneel, as you are able.*

*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**

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

*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 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.**

**Motet** The Shepherd's Farewell *Hector Berlioz*  
*Cantor* Thou must leave thy lowly dwelling, the humble crib, the stable bare.  
 Babe, all mortal babes excelling, content our earthly lot to share.  
 Loving father, loving mother, shelter thee with tender care!  
 Blessed Jesus, we implore thee with humble love and holy fear.  
 In the land that lies before thee, forget not us who linger here!  
 May the shepherd's lowly calling, ever to thy heart be dear!  
 Blest are ye beyond all measure, thou happy father, mother mild!  
 Guard ye well your heav'nly treasure, The Prince of Peace, The Holy Child!  
 God go with you, God protect you, guide you safely through the wild!

### **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.**

*Presider* Glory to God,  
*People* **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: CP 154**  
**Joy to the World**

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

*Cantor* Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
let earth receive the King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns:  
let us glad songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let wrongs and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as our sin is found, far as our sin is found,  
far as, far as our sin is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

**Dismissal**

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 729

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

*Presiding Celebrant: The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil, Bishop of Toronto*  
*Homilist: The Very Reverend Stephen Vail, Rector of St. James Cathedral & Dean of Toronto*  
*Reader & Intercessor: Kate Uchendu*  
*Organist: David Simon*  
*Cantor: Rebecca Gray*

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Thank you.

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