

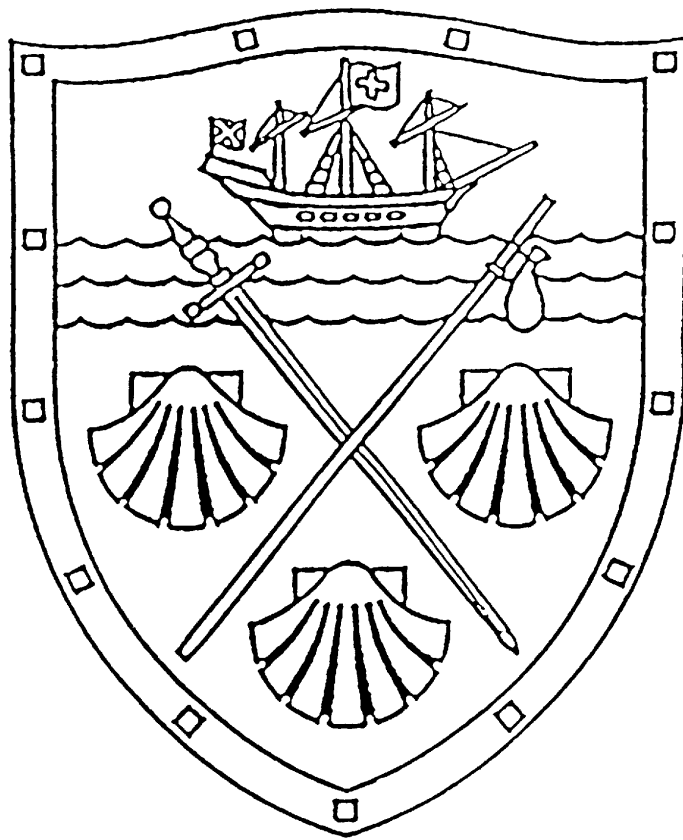
The Cathedral Church of St. James

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Organ Recital at 4:00pm;

A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols at 4:30pm



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Officiant: The Very Reverend Peter Wall

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Third Reader: Yosola Sholagbade-Adeoye • Fourth Reader: Matthew Waterman

Fifth Reader: Don Solomon • Sixth Reader: The Reverend David Hoopes, OHC

Seventh Reader: The Reverend Canon Beth Benson

Eighth Reader: The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

Ninth Reader: The Very Reverend Peter Wall

*Sidespersons: Christian Kingsmill, Don Solomon, David Gates, Joe Cairns, Quentin Toderick,
Kay Betts & Wairimu Nduati*

Director of Music & Organist: Thomas Bell • Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Jacob Wiens

Associate Organist: Nathan Jeffery • Sung by Members of the Choir of St. James Cathedral

Honorary Verger: Paul D. Seddon, ODT

Welcome! We are glad you have joined us for worship.

Please ensure that cell phones are muted.

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including times of prayer.***

4:00pm Organ Recital

Nathan Jeffery, Associate Organist

Rhapsodie sur des Noels – *Gigout*
Variations on a Timeless Theme – *Robert Fleming*
La Nativite – *Langlais*
Adeste Fideles – Musette – *Demessieux*
In Dulci Jubilo BWV 751 – *J. M. Bach*

Welcome!

We are so glad you have joined us for worship. Please ensure that cell phones are muted.

4:30pm A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

Hymn **Once in Royal David's City** 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.

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.**

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

Bidding Prayer

Officiant Dear People of God: In this season of Christmas, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear

and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the early remembrance of his birth with hymns and carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city. And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore. And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words that Christ himself has taught us, saying:

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.**

Please be seated.

Carol *If Ye Would Hear the Angels Sing – Text: D Greenwell; Music: Thomas Bell*

Choir If ye would hear the angels sing
'Peace on earth and mercy mild,'
Think of him who was once a child,
on Christmas Day in the morning.

If ye would hear the angels sing,
rise, and spread your Christmas fare;
'Tis merrier still the more that share,
on Christmas Day in the morning.

Rise and bake your Christmas bread:
Christians rise! The world is bare,
and blank, and dark with want and care,
yet Christmas comes in the morning.

If ye would hear the angels sing,
Christians! See ye let each door
Stand wider than it e'er stood before,
on Christmas Day in the morning.

Rise, and open wide the door;
Christians rise! The world is wide,
And many there be that stand outside,
yet Christmas comes in the morning.

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

Thanks be to God.

Carol*Adam Lay Ybounden – Boris Ord**Choir*

Adam lay ybounden bounden in a bond
 Four thousand winters though he not too long
 And all was for an apple, an apple that he took
 As clerkes finden written in their book
 Nay had the apple taken been the apple taken been
 Nay had never our lady abeen heavenly queen
 Blessed be the time that apple taken was
 Therefore we bound singen Deo gracias, deo gracias!

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

Thanks be to God.

Carol*Jesus Christ the Apple Tree – Elizabeth Poston**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.

Please stand, as you are able.

Hymn

In the Bleak Midwinter

Tune: Cranham

All

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, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there;
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
but his mother only in her maiden bliss,
worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

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.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti; Music: Gustav Theodore Holst.

Third Lesson *Please be seated.*

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

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 Thanks be to God.

Carol

There is No Rose – Philip Stopford

Choir

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu: *Alleluya*.
For in this rose contained was heaven and earth in little space: *Res miranda*¹.
By that rose we may well see that he is God in person three: *Pares forma*².
The angels sung the shepherds to: “Gloria in excelsis Deo”, *Gaudeamus*³.
Leave we all this worldly mirth, and follow we this joyful birth: *Transeamus*.

¹Res miranda = thing of wonder. ²Pares forma = Equal in form. ³Gaudeamus = Let us rejoice.

Please stand, as you are able.

Hymn

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Tune: Es ist ein' Ros

All

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Saviour,
when half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendour the darkness everywhere;
true man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us,
and share our every load.

Text; St. 1-2, German (15th cent.); tr. Theodore Baker; St. 3, Friedrich Layritz; tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth.
Music: Melody *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Köln, 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius.

Please be seated.

Fourth Lesson

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 Thanks be to God.

Carol

A Tender Shoot – Kerensa Briggs, translated: W. Bartholomew

Choir

A tender shoot has started up from a root of grace,
as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race;
It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter
turning our darkness into light.
This shoot, Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring;
the Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing:
our God of endless might gave her this child to save us,
thus turning darkness into light.

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 Thanks be to God.

Carol

The Angel Gabriel – arr. Jim Clements

Choir

The angel Gabriel from heaven came
With wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame
All hail said he thou lowly maiden Mary
Most highly favoured lady. Gloria!

For known a blessed mother thou shalt be
All generations laud and honour thee
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold
Most highly favoured lady. Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head
To me be as it pleaseth God she said
My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name
Most highly favoured lady. Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say
Most highly favoured lady. Gloria!

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2: 1, 3-7

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

Thanks be to God.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Please stand, as you are able.

Leader As the candles of **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love** burn in the Advent wreath, we pray for a time when all of God's children, filled with hope, will experience peace, joy and love that the Christ-child brings. We will now light the Christ Candle as we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace.

The Christ Candle is lit.

Leader Lord Jesus Christ, may the flame of this candle remind us that you are the light of the world and that if we follow you, we will never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life.

All **Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Carol

Ding Dong, Merrily on High - John Taverner

Choir Ding dong merrily on high,
In heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky
Is riv'n with angel 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 evetime song, ye singers.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Please stand, as you are able.

Hymn

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Tune: Winchester Old

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 and earth begin, and never cease."

Text: Luke 2: 8-14; para. Nahum Tate, alt.; Music: Melody *Whole Book of Psalms*, 1592.

Please be seated.

Seventh Lesson

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 Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

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

Carol: Procession to the Crèche

In Dulci Jubilo - arr. Bob Chilcott

Choir In dulci jubilo [*In quiet joy*]
Let us our homage shew:
Our heart's joy reclineth
In praesepio; [*in a manger*]
And like a bright star shineth
Matris in gremio, [*in the mother's lap*]
Alpha es et O! [*Thou art Alpha & Omega*]

O Jesu parvule, [*O tiny Jesus*]
My heart is sore for Thee!
Hear me, I beseech Thee,
O puer optime; [*O best of boys*]
My praying let it reach Thee,
O princeps gloriae. [*Prince of glory*]
Trahe me post te. [*draw me unto thee*]

O patris caritas! [*O father's caring*]
O Nati lenitas! [*O newborn's mildness*]
Deeply were we stained.
Per nostra crimina: [*by our crimes*]
But Thou for us hast gained
Coelorum gaudia, [*heavenly joy*]
O that we were there.

Ubi sunt gaudia, [*where be joys*]
If that they be not there?
There are Angels singing
Nova cantica; [*new songs*]
And there the bells are ringing
In Regis curia. [*at the king's court*]
O that we were there!

Blessing of the Crèche

Officiant In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
All **Praise be to Jesus Christ, who dwells among us, now and forever.
Amen.**

Officiant Light has sprung up for the righteous,

All **And joyful gladness for those who are true-hearted.**

Officiant Let us pray.

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Saviour was great, you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings hope, peace, joy and love. Lord, bless this crèche and all who look upon it; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Saviour of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

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

Hymn **Away in a Manger**

Tune: Cradle Song

All Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus—look down from on high
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me for ever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with you there.

Text: American (19th cent.); Music: William James Kirkpatrick, adapt.

Please be seated.

Matthew 2: 1-11

Eighth Lesson

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 Thanks be to God.

Carol
Choir

Ave Generosa – Ola Gjeilo

Hail, nobly born, O Maiden,
honoured and inviolate.
You are the piercing gaze of holiness,
the one who pleased God.

Please stand, as you are able.

Hymn
All

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;
*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.*

Text: John Francis Wade; Music: Melody attrib. John Francis Wade, alt.

Please remain standing.

John 1: 1-14

Ninth Lesson

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

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Hymn **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

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.”

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

Collect for Christmas Eve

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Blessing

Officiant 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.**

Postlude Finale from Symphony One

Louis Vierne

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

MEMORIAL FLOWERS • CHRISTMAS 2023

The Memorial Flowers are given to the glory of God on this great feast of Christmas and in loving memory of:

St. Clair & Helen Balfour

Michael Wall and Adelaide Wall

The Wilkinson, Alleyne and
Grandison families

Mr. Philip and Mrs. Joane Noble

Dr. Rachel Thaysil Mathew Eappen

William Raymond &
Suzanne Sweatman McNeillie
and Joseph & Anne Peters

William Morley Kilbourn

Hilary Celia Radcliffe Kilbourn

Nicholas Morley Sawyer Kilbourn

Annie Elizabeth &
Archibald MacDonald Robison

Christmas plants have been donated by members of the Cathedral community in memory of the following loved ones:

Arisa Arro

Raymond John Brown

Mary and Henry Banfield

Bruce Buck

Roy & Maureen Banfield

LCDR Ian and Catherine Butters

John P. Bannan Sr.

Philip Cadogan and Mabel Cadogan

Gary Braye

Ann & Bob Cranston

James Frederick and Doris Emily Brown

William Davidson

Anna and Peter Dick
 Michael Druce
 Wesley Eardley
 Ida Fields & Mitchell Fields
 The Most Reverend Terence Edward Finlay
 Mr. & Mrs. John B. Fraser
 Joyce Gillam Braye
 Nelson Gillam
 Leonardo Gonzalez
 John Gradham
 Arthur & Patricia Griffin
 Josefina Gutierrez
 Bob and Molly Guy
 Mr. & Mrs. Cameron Hawken
 Douglas Hawken
 Ceci Heinrichs
 Markus Heinrichs
 Mary and Julius Heinrichs
 Rosemarie Heinrichs
 Edith Jean Helling
 The Hoopes Family
 Daniel Horn and Antje Horn-Reitsma
 Christopher Jaaskelainen
 Tom & Sherri Jaeger
 Elizabeth (Adams) Jagoda
 James F. Kennedy
 Michael Kennedy
 Nicol GW Kingsmill
 Aaron and Helen Klassen
 Margie and Frank Kysela
 Peter Leggatt
 Janet Helen Macintosh
 Helen & Alexander Macleod
 Nancy Mara

Dr. Jennifer Lynn Matthews
 Annetta Maynard and Hilary Maynard
 Mr. & Mrs. Fred & Lillian McBride
 Mr. Wilfred Garland
 Tim Miller
 The Reverend Florence Mowat &
 The Reverend John Mowat
 Mei King Cheung Naidu
 Kathleen & Alfred Neal
 Eric Newell
 Crescencia Pascual Castro
 Christopher Scholes
 Elfriede and Otto Schuh
 Ken and Berenice Schuster
 Albert & Florence Seddon
 George & Mary Seddon
 Alec and Jann Shearson
 Peter Sidorchuk
 Elsie & Harold Snelgrove
 Vincenzina Eva Sorbara-Toderick
 Betty Sparling
 Brother Michael Stonebraker, OHC
 Ramona & Douglas Strong
 Claudette Marville Talbot
 Jayne Leslie Toderick
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ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS – Sunday, December 24, 2023

***Children & Families:** Sunday school meets at the 9:00am & 11:00am services.

***Coffee Hour:** Following 9:00am & 11:00am services in Snell Hall.

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE CATHEDRAL



With deep gratitude to all here who do so much for this community – for Sextons and Vergers, for Property staff and volunteers, for inspiring organists and such talented singers, for Sidespersons and Stewards, for administrative staff, for all who mean so much – our best wishes and fondest hopes for a wonderful Christmas.

Thank you all!

The Very Reverend Peter Wall
Interim Dean & Priest in Charge

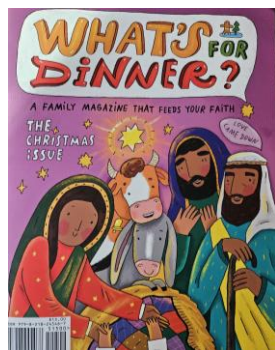
Please join us for these special Christmas services:

TODAY	TOMORROW
Sunday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve	Monday, Dec. 25: Christmas Day:
8:00am: Said Eucharist 9:00am: Sung Eucharist 11:00am: Choral Eucharist* 4:00pm: Festive Organ Recital* 4:30pm: Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols* 7:30pm: Choral Eucharist*	8:00am: Said Eucharist 9:00am: Sung Eucharist 11:00am: Choral Eucharist*

*Services will also be live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at youtube.com/anglicandioto

WE COUNT ON YOU

Christmas resources available for families



Help children know the true reason for the season with some colourful, engaging, interactive resources. These Christmas books for children and families will help tell the Christmas story:

Christmas Ornament Book (\$2); What's for Dinner Family Magazine (\$10) and Christmas Family Time (\$5).

For more information:

Karyne Whalen our Minister of Children, Youth, and Families at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca

St. James Cathedral Photo Directory

Please send your current photo with your name by **Sunday, December 31** to wardens@stjamescathedral.ca. Sending your photograph means you consent to it appearing on appropriate Cathedral platforms. Thank you!

Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve at St. Bart's Regent Park

Sunday, 24 December at 11:00pm preceded by Gallery Carols at 10:30pm

Christmas Food Drive: St. Bart's Food Bank needs our help

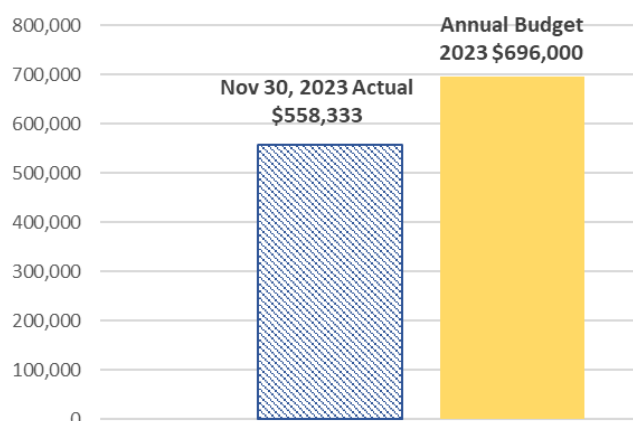


Please donate non-perishable food items in the **red bin located in the Cathedral** (King Street entrance) **by December 31**.

At St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church: Donations may be made to designated "Food Bank," either by cheque or by e-transfer to stbartstontoronto@outlook.com. **Contact St. Bart's:** 416-368-9180
509 Dundas St E, Toronto - <https://stbartstontoronto.ca/>

This is the giving season

Stewardship Offering



We thank you for your generous support throughout the year.

As of November 30, our stewardship contribution is 20% behind budget. We will need an additional donation of \$137,667 to make our budget this year. Your donation helps ensure the continuation of our vibrant ministries.

If you would like to make a year-end donation, please do so by December 31 to receive a tax receipt for 2023.

LOOKING AHEAD – 2024

Monday, January 1, 2024: New Year's Day & Bishop's Levee:



12:15pm: Said Eucharist

3:00pm: Festive Music*

3:30pm: Choral Evensong with the presentations of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto*

*Services will also be live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at youtube.com/anglicandioto

Sunday, January 7: Dean Peter's Farewell gift and celebration



On **January 7, 2024** we will say goodbye to the Very Reverend Peter Wall, our Interim Dean and Priest-in-Charge. On behalf of our St. James community, we are sincerely grateful to Dean Peter for his ministry. **If you would like to contribute** to Dean Peter's farewell gift, you can make your gift at the Sunday offering - *specifying it is for the Dean's farewell gift*-, online through Tribute & Memorial Offerings *indicating it is for the Dean's farewell gift* - or drop it off at 65 Church St. Please **join us after the 11:00am service on January 7, 2024** to celebrate Dean Peter and his ministry at St. James Cathedral. Thank you, Dean Peter!

Sunday, January 14: Installation of the New Dean of Toronto and Rector of St. James Cathedral



On **January 14, 2024**, we will welcome The Very Rev'd Dr. Stephen Hance. He will be installed as Dean of Toronto and Rector of St. James Cathedral on Sunday, January 14, 2024, and begin this ministry on January 15, 2024. Dean Stephen will become the 14th Rector of the Cathedral Church of St. James and the 9th Dean of Toronto. Please welcome him and Jacqui with warmth and joy as we all begin a new ministry together in this place.

Please **join us after the 4:30pm service on Sunday, January 14.**

Sunday, March 10: Vestry 2024



Our 2024 Vestry Meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 10, 2024, in Snell Hall after the 11:00am service**, chaired by our new Dean the Very Rev'd Dr. Stephen Hance. A light lunch will be offered.

Look for more information about open positions and the nomination process early in the new year.

Information about the deadline for reports and where to send them will also be sent out in early 2024. The Wardens

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK

Online Morning Prayer at 8:30am
will resume on Tuesday, January 2, 2024
via the Cathedral YouTube channel

Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm
from Wednesday, December 27
to Saturday, December 30
In the Cathedral - St. George's Chapel.

***The Cathedral Offices will be closed** from Monday, December 25 to Monday, January 1.

***The Cathedral** will be closed on Tuesday, December 26.

***From Wednesday, December 27 to Saturday, December 30:**

The Cathedral will be open from **10:00am – 3:00pm** with a 12:15pm Holy Eucharist on these days.

***FRIDAY:** The Drop-In will be celebrating New Year's Day on Dec. 29 at 1:30pm.

***SUNDAY: *Children & Families:** Our Sunday Children's Program meets at both the 9:00am and 11:00am services.

***Coffee Hour:** Following 9:00am & 11:00am services in Snell Hall.

***TUESDAY:** Our Organ Recitals will be back on Tuesday, January 9 at 1:00pm.

***WEDNESDAY:** Our Scripture Circle will be back on Wednesday, January 10 at 11:00am.

Ways to Give: Make a special end-of-year gift!

We are all so blessed in God's economy and have the joyous opportunity of sharing our blessings with others. Please make a special end-of-year gift in four different ways:

***E-Transfer:** to gifts@stjamescathedral.ca If you require a tax receipt, please provide name and address in the message. Tax receipts will be issued for gifts of \$20 or more after year-end. If you have questions, please contact gifts@stjamescathedral.ca

***Online:** <http://stjamescathedral.ca/donate>

***In-person:** If you would like to drop off an offering to the secure mailbox which is mounted in the Church Street vestibule at the entrance of the doors at 65 Church Street. **Please make donations by December 31 to receive a tax receipt for 2023.**

***By mail:** to St. James Cathedral, 65 Church Street, Toronto, ON M5C 2E9.

(Cheques must be post-dated no later than December 31, 2023)

Services: Christmas Day & The First Sunday of Christmas

Readings for December 25:

The Birth of the Lord (Christmas Day)

Is 52:7-10

Ps 98

Heb 1:1-4

Jn 1:1-14

Readings for December 31:

The First Sunday after Christmas

Is 61:10-62:3

Ps 148

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:22-40

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