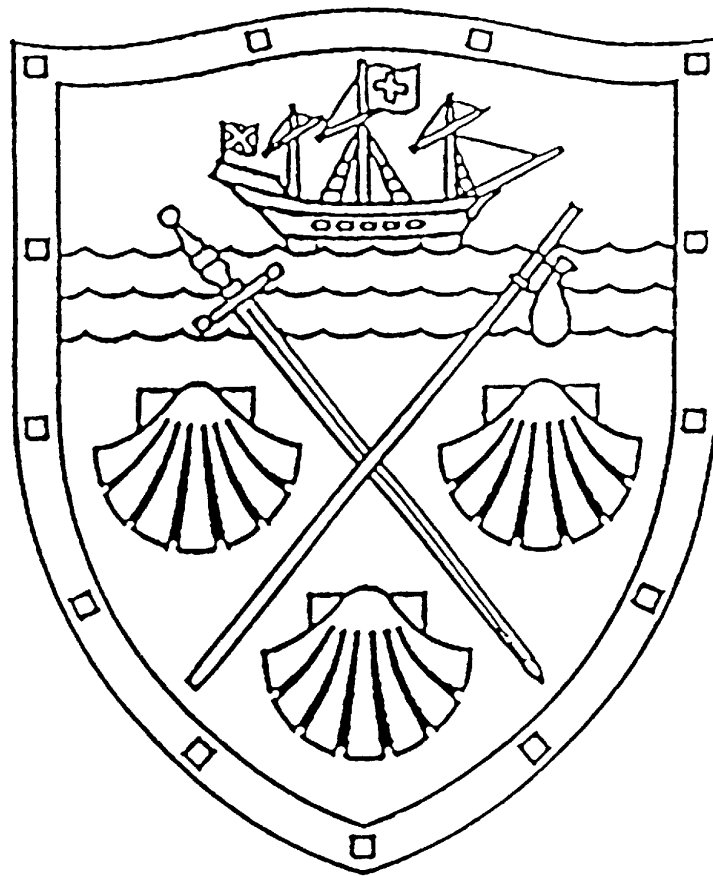


The Cathedral Church of St. James

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Choral Eucharist and Procession to the Crèche at 7:30pm



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Liturgical Note

In the context of Christian Liturgy, Israel does not refer to the current political state, but either to the historic Hebrews of the ancient Near East or, in Christian theology, to all people who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

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Today at St. James

Presiding Celebrant: The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil

Homilist: The Very Reverend Peter Wall

Deacon of the Mass: The Reverend Lynn Braye

First Reader: Quentin Toderick • Second Reader: Wairimu Nduati

Intercessor: Sandra Mowat • Honorary Verger: Paul Seddon, ODT

Sidespersons: Kate Uchendu, Sandra Mowat, Samanda Shu & Barbara Hirst

*Communion Ministers: The Very Reverend Peter Wall, The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields,
The Reverend Canon Beth Benson, The Reverend Lynn Braye, Matthew Waterman,
Matt Jaeger, David Grant & Yvonne Joseph*

Director of Music & Organist: Thomas Bell • Associate Organist: Nathan Jeffery

Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Jacob Wiens • Sung by The Choir of St. James Cathedral

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

Please ensure that cell phones are muted.

***Please stand, sit or kneel as you feel comfortable during the service,
including times of prayer.***

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Mass Setting: Missa ad Praesepe by George Malcolm

Prelude La Nativite *Jean Langlais*
 Rhapsodie sur des Noels *Eugène Gigout*

Bishop Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
People **May all the earth be filled with his glory.**

Bishop Alleluia! When the fullness of time was come,
People **God sent the Son, born of a woman, so that we might become God's children. Alleluia!**

Bishop Glory to God in the highest,
People **And peace to his people on earth.**

Please stand, as you are able.

Processional Hymn

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.

All 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.

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

At the Crèche

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

Bishop Light has sprung up for the righteous,
People **And joyful gladness for those who are true-hearted.**

Bishop 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 those who behold 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.**

Hymn (*cont'd*)

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.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

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.**

Hymn (*cont'd*)

All 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.

Bishop Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, alleluia.

All **God is the Lord and has shined upon us, alleluia.**

Bishop The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us;
People **And we beheld his glory.**

Bishop Let us pray.

Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Hymn

Tune: Regent Square

All Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
You 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.*

Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations, you have seen his natal star:

*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.*

Text: James Montgomery, alt.; Tune: Henry Thomas Smart.

Collect of the Day

Bishop Let us pray.

Please remain standing.

Eternal God who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Isaiah 9: 2-7

Reader The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96

Chant: A. Gray

Choir Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
tell out his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are but idols;
it is the Lord who made the heavens.
Honour and majesty are before him;
power and splendour are in his sanctuary.
Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.
Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is king.
He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.
Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
Let the fields be joyful and all that is in them;
let all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord.
For he comes, he comes to judge the earth;
with righteousness he will judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.

Please be seated.

The Second Reading

Titus 2: 11-14

Reader For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Sussex Carol

People **Alleluia! 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! Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2: 1-20

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 those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. 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.

Bishop 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 Intercession

Bishop On this holy night, we lift our hearts and voices in thanksgiving to God saying, “Holy God, hear our prayer”.

Pause

Intercessor Holy God ,
People **hear our prayer.**

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Bishop On this holy night, angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph, and the saints through him who is your Word made flesh, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

People **Amen.**

Hymn

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 thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
And stay by my bedside till morning is nigh.

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

Text: Anon.; Music: Melody W.J. Kirkpatrick; arr. R. Vaughan Williams.

The Peace

We offer each other a sign of peace, as you feel comfortable.

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

Offertory Hymn

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; Music: Melody *Whole Book of Psalmes*, 1592.

Prayer over the Gifts

Bishop Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Bishop Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of salvation in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Now with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus

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

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

Bishop

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “ Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

People

we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Bishop

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Bishop 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

Bishop 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

Bishop Alleluia! The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Agnus Dei

Choir 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 are welcome to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

Gluten-free hosts are available upon request.

It is not permitted to dip the bread in the wine for health reasons.

If you choose not to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Simply cross your hands over your chest to indicate this to the priest.

Hymn

Tune: Une Jeune Pucelle

All 'Twas in the moon of wintertime,
when all the birds had fled,
that mighty Gitchi Manitou
sent angel choirs instead;
before their light the stars grew dim,
and wandering hunters heard the hymn:
Jesus your king, is born, Jesus is born, In excelsis gloria.

Within a lodge of broken bark
the tender babe was found;
a ragged robe of rabbit skin
enwrapped his beauty round.
But as the hunter braves drew nigh,
the angel song rang loud and high:
Jesus your king, is born, Jesus is born, In excelsis gloria.

The earliest moon of wintertime
is not so round and fair
as was the ring of glory on
the helpless infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt
with gifts of fox and beaverpelt.
Jesus your king, is born, Jesus is born, In excelsis gloria.

O children of the forest free,
beloved of Manitou,
the holy child of earth and heaven
is born today for you.
Come, kneel before the radiant boy,
who brings you beauty, peace, and joy:
Jesus your king, is born, Jesus is born, In excelsis gloria.

Text: Jean de Brébeuf; tr. Jesse Edgar Middleton, alt.;
Music: Melody French trad. (16th cent.)

Hymn

Tune: Stille Nacht

All

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight:
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr; tr. John Freeman Young;
Music: Melody Franz Xaver Gruber, alt.; harm. Carl H. Reinecke.

Motet 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!

Text: English trad.; Music: Melody English trad, alt.

Prayer after Communion

Bishop

Let us pray.

Please stand, as you are able.

Father of all, tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things

share in the life of his eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Bishop 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

Bishop May Almighty God, who sent the 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.**

Bishop May God, who sent the holy angels to proclaim the glad news of the Saviour's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

People **Amen.**

Bishop May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favour.

People **Amen.**

Bishop 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

Tune: Mendelssohn

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

Text: Charles Wesley; Music: Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy; adapt. William Hayman Cummings.

Dismissal

Deacon Go forth in peace, in the name of the Christ Child, the Prince of Peace,
Immanuel, God with us.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Carillon-Sortie

Mulet

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

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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

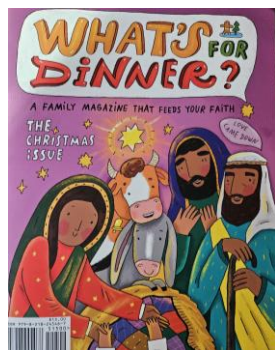
Please join us for these special Christmas services:

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

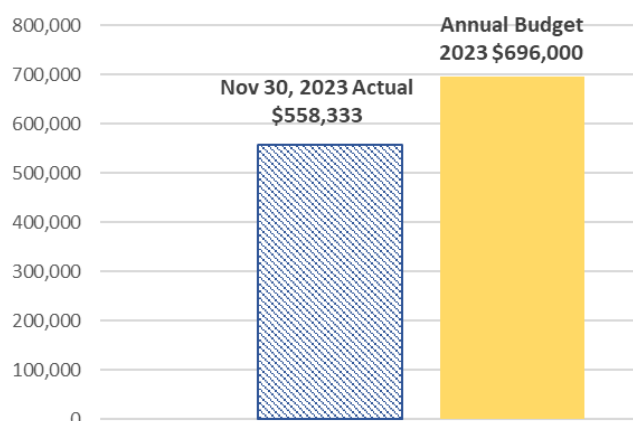


Please donate non-perishable food items in the **red bin located in the Cathedral** (King Street entrance) **by December 31**.

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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