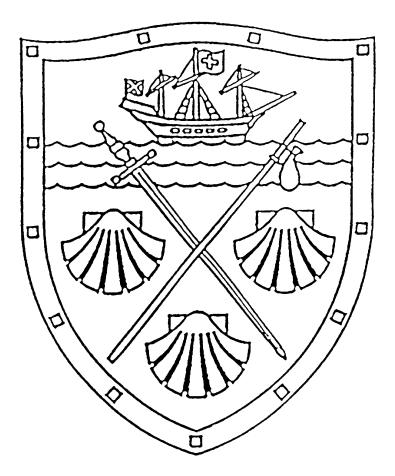
The Cathedral Church of St. James

The Birth of the Lord - Christmas Day

Monday, December 25, 2023 Procession & Choral Eucharist at 11:00am



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Welcome to St. James Cathedral

This sacred land is the territory of several Indigenous Nations - the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishnaabe, with special recognition to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We also acknowledge that we are on the shores of Niigaani-gichigami/Lake Ontario. This territory is governed by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Treaty, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishnaabe Confederacy to peaceably share and sustain the life of the Great Lakes. In the spirit of that Treaty we seek to place at the centre of our gatherings the values of respectful reciprocity, diversity, peace, responsibility, and mutual aid.

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.

A WARM WELCOME AND MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

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Questions? Speak to a sidesperson – the people wearing gold name tags.

Children & Families

There will be no Godly Play today, Christmas Day. Families and children are encouraged to worship together. Join us again at both the 9:00am and 11:00am services on January 1! Please email Karyne Whalen at <u>kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca</u> for more information.

Accessibility

A Wheelchair Accessible Washroom is located at the front of the Cathedral through the doors by the pulpit. Assisted hearing devices are available from the sidespersons.

Coffee Hour

There will not be a Coffee Hour today or on January 1, 2023. Our Regular Coffee Hours will resume on Sunday, January 7, 2023 after the 9:00am & 11:00am services. Join us!

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Today at St. James

Presiding Celebrant: The Very Reverend Peter Wall Homilist: The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil Deacon of the Mass: The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields First Reader: Kate Uchendu • Second Reader: Mary Asbil Intercessor: Richard Harrop • Honorary Verger: Paul Seddon, ODT Sidespersons: Sandra Mowat, Joe Cairns, Quentin Toderick, Shawn Thorpe & Wairimu Nduati Communion Ministers: The Very Reverend Peter Wall, The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields, The Reverend Canon Beth Benson, The Reverend Jo-Anne Billinger, Paul Seddon, Gordon Robison & Ruth Davis 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 this morning. 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: Communion Service in F - Harold Darke

Prelude	In Dulci Jubilo BWV 729	
	Adeste Fideles (Musette)	

Procession

DeaconAlleluia! Let us go forth in peace.PeopleIn the Name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia!

Processional Hymn

Tune: Adeste Fideles

J.S. Bach Demessieux

All

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels: *O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

God of God, Light of Light, Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb; Very God, Begotten not created; *O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

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

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.*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesu to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*Text: St. 1-3, 5 John Francis Wade; St. 4 Étienne-Jean-François Borderies, 1822; Music: Melody attrib. John Francis Wade, alt.

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Collect at the Crèche

Presider Alleluia! The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us; People And we beheld his glory. Alleluia! Presider 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. Tune: Regent Square Hymn Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; All 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

Presider Let us pray.

> God whose Word became flesh, breathe a new song of joy and praise into the world, so that we may bear the good news of your salvation and proclaim your promise of peace to the ends of the earth; through Christ the Word.

People Amen.

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading

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.

Psalm 98

Choir Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things. His own right hand and his holy arm have won for him the victory. The Lord has made known his salvation; his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel. and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; break into singing and make music. Make music to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the voice of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn sound praises before the Lord, the King. Let the sea thunder and all that fills it, the world and all that dwell upon it. Let the rivers clap their hands and let the hills ring out together before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.

Please be seated. Isaiah 52: 7-10

Chant: J. Randall

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The Second Reading

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

PeopleAlleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!ChoirI 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.PeopleAlleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

GospellerThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd with thy spirit.GospellerThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory be to thee, O Lord.GospellerIn the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the

Word was God. He was in the beginning 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

Hebrews 1: 1-4

John 1: 1-14

Sussex Carol

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

All

The Nicene Creed

Please stand, as you are able.

Presider Let us confess our faith, as we say,

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.

Prayers of the People

Presider Let us offer our prayers to our God who sent the Son, born of a woman, so that we might become God's children saying, "God, in your mercy, hear our prayer".

Pause

Intercessor God, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayers.

Presider Incarnate God, we come to adore you, born in humility and laid in a manger. Forgive the sins of your people, give them open hearts to receive you still, and let the light of your love always shine within us, for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

The Peace

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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

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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

All 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!

Text: German-Latin carol (14th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale, alt.; Music: Melody Geistliche Lieder, Wittenberg, 1533.

Tune: In Dulci Jubilo

- *Presider* God of peace, your Son Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you. May all we offer you today renew us as members of your household. We ask this in his name.
- People Amen.

Thanksgiving & Consecration

- PresiderThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PresiderLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them up to the Lord.PresiderLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.PeopleIt is right to give our thanks and praise.
- *Presider* 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, is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. *Please kneel, as you are able.*
- Presider 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;

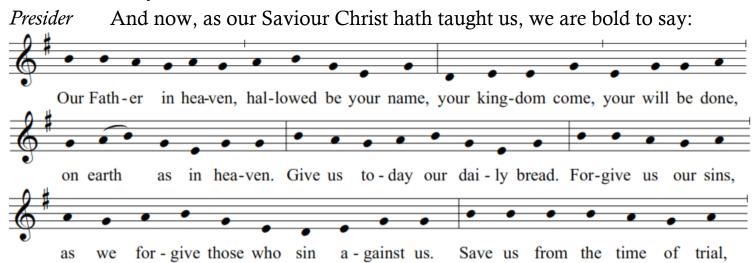
Presider and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.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

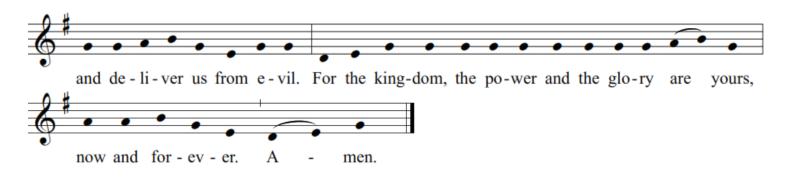
In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom,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

McNeil Robinson





The Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.*People* God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

The Communion

Presider Alleluia! The gifts of God for the People of God.*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Agnus Dei

Choir O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

> All are welcome to receive Holy Communion or a blessing. If you choose not to receive communion, simply cross your hands over your chest to indicate this to the priest. For those requiring gluten-free hosts or not wanting to walk up the chancel steps, please go to the Lady Chapel. **It is not permitted to dip the bread in the wine for health reasons.**

Communion Hymn

Tune: Love Came Down

All Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, Love divine; love was born at Christmas, star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate, Love divine; worship we our Jesus: but wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token, love be yours and love be mine, Love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti; Music: Malcolm Archer.

Motet In the Bleak Midwinter

Choir

In the bleak mid-winter, 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 mid-winter 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 mid-winter 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.

Prayer after Communion

PresiderLet 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,

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

Priest 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 Toccata from Symphony V

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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