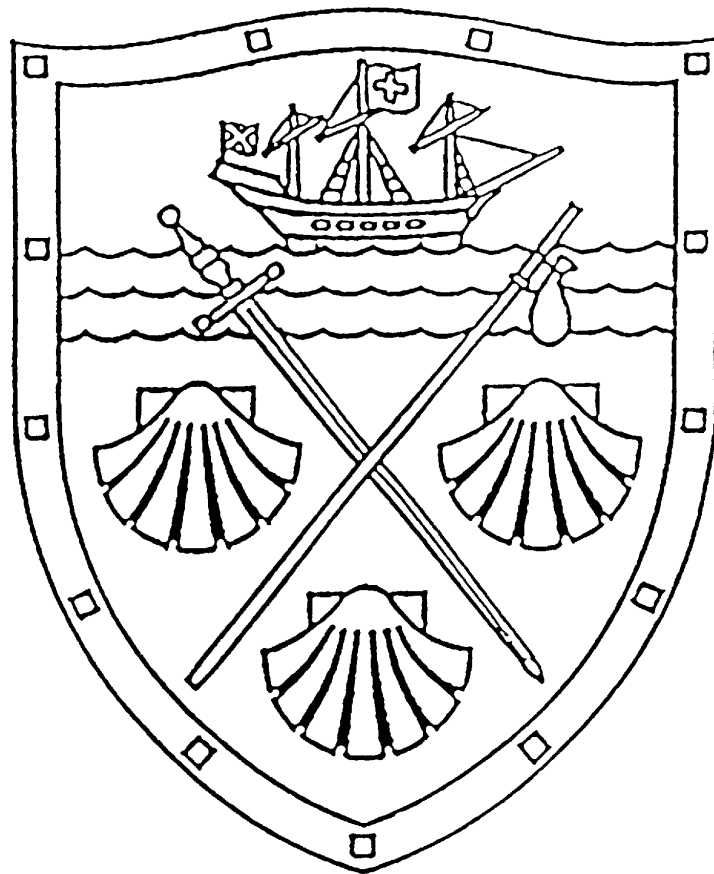


The Cathedral Church of St. James

The Birth of the Lord - Christmas Day

Monday, December 25, 2023

Sung Eucharist at 9:00am



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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.

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

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 December 31!

Please email Karyne Whalen at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca 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 Reverend Lynn Braye

Homilist: The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

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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: St. James Christmas Service - arr. by Mark Schweizer

Prelude Es ist ein Roos' entsprungen *Johannes Brahms*
Schumücke dich, o liebe Seele *Johannes Brahms*
Con Spirito *T. A. Arne*

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,

People **May all the earth be filled with his glory.**

Presider 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!**

Presider Glory to God in the highest,

People **And peace to his people on earth.**

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.

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.

Please remain standing.

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.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Isaiah 62: 6-12

Reader Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have laboured; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 97

Tune: Noel

All **The Lord God reigns, He rules the world,
all nature hears His voice;
So let the lands and sea be glad,
let all the earth rejoice.**

**Thick clouds and darkness circle Him
and billow all around;
While righteousness and justice shine
as anchors of His crown.**

**A fire goes before the Lord
and burns so none can hide,
Consuming enemies in front
and foes on every side.**

**His lightning bolts are shattering,
they fill the world with light
Illuminating all the earth,
which trembles at His might.**

**Before the presence of the Lord,
the mountains melt like wax;
Before the Lord of all the earth,
they tumble when He acts.**

**The heavens show His righteousness
the skies declare His fame;
So all will know His majesty
and glory of His name.**

The Second Reading

Titus 3: 4-7

Reader But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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: 8-20

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 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.

Presider 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 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 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: In Dulci Jubilo

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.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Generous Creator, in faith and joy we celebrate the birth of your Son.
Increase our understanding and our love of the riches you have revealed
in him, who is Lord now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It 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

All **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.**

Presider Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Presider With this bread and cup, we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We celebrate his coming.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel. Word of God incarnate. Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider 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

Presider We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

The Communion

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

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

Agnus Dei

All O Lamb of God, O Holy Child, who takes the sin of the world away; have mercy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the son of Mary. This, this is your body giv'n, your precious blood, the gift of heav'n. Take, eat, for we are one in the babe, the son of Mary.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

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: Greensleeves

All What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain

*This, this is Christ the king,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.*

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading. *Refrain*

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him. *Refrain*

Text: William Chatterton Dix; Music: Melody English trad.; arr. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871, alt.

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.

Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.

Please stand, as you are able.

Presider Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life
always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ
the Lord.

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

Presider 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.**

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.

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 In Dir Est Freude

J.S. Bach

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