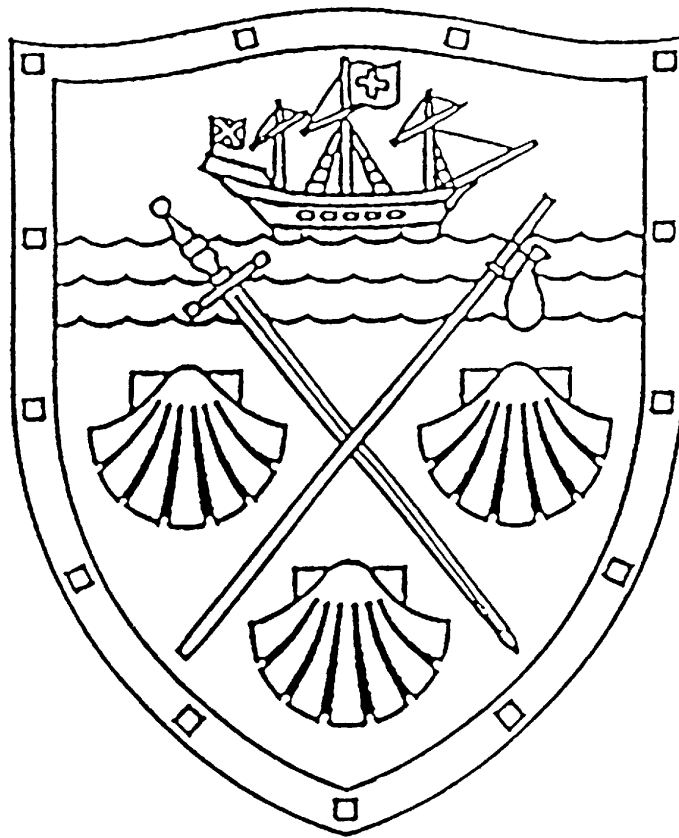


# The Cathedral Church of St. James

## The First Sunday After Christmas

*December 31, 2023*

*Sung Eucharist at 9:00am*



*The Cathedral Church of St. James  
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## Today at St. James

*Presiding Celebrant & Homilist: The Reverend Canon John Hill*

*Reader & Intercessor: Carol Kysela*

*Stewards: Cornelia Schuh & Paul James*

*Communion Ministers: Peter Dawes & Sarah McKinnon*

*Honorary Verger: Paul D. Seddon, ODT*

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

*Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Jacob Wiens • Sung by The St. James Singers*

*The Flowers in the Cathedral are given to the glory of God*

*and in loving memory of Carl I. Keddy.*

***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.***

*Our music at this Eucharist is integral to our worship. Thank you all for your participation.*

*Everyone is most welcome to join us to prepare the music each Sunday at 8.15 a.m.*

*All that is needed is a willing heart to sing!*

# THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*Mass Setting: St. James Christmas Service - arr. by Mark Schweizer*

**Prelude** Alle Menschen Müssen Sterben BWV 643 *J.S. Bach*  
Wenn Wir in Höchsten Nöthen Sein BWV 641 *J.S. Bach*

## Welcome & Announcements

*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* Almighty God,

*People* **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*During the Hymn, children are invited to gather at the chancel steps before proceeding to the Library in the Cathedral Centre for Sunday School; they will return at the offertory.*

## Hymn

Tune: Regent Square

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.*

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.  
Music: Melody Johann Crüger; adapt. William Henry Monk

## Collect of the Day

*Presider* Let us pray.

God of Promise, you renew your gift to those whose faces are lined and whose hearts are filled by the passage of years: help us, with Simeon and Anna, to see beyond the surface the face and heart of God in Jesus Christ, the given child.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*Please be seated.*

### The First Reading

*Isaiah 61:10-62:3*

*Reader* I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

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

*All*        **O praise the Lord and worship Him,  
              Sing praises from the sky;  
From heaven praise and honor Him,  
              O praise Him from on high**

**O praise the Lord, angelic ones,  
              Come join and sing His praise;  
O praise Him, all you royal host,  
              Exalt Him all your days.**

**O praise the Lord, you sun and moon,  
              Just praise Him where you are;  
O praise the Lord, you astral lights,  
              Each bright and shining star.**

**O praise the Lord, you mighty realm  
              Of heaven from on high;  
O praise the Lord, you waters formed  
              Beyond the earth and sky.**

**O praise the Lord, all things above,  
              And glorify His name;  
For His command created you  
              So give Him your acclaim.**

**The Second Reading**

*Galatians 4:4-7*

*Reader*        But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*Reader*        The word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Sussex Carol

*People* **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Cantor* Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

*People* **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## The Holy Gospel

*Luke 2:22-40*

*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* When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

*Gospeller* The Gospel of Christ.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Homily

### The Apostles' Creed

*Presider* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,  
*All* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### The Prayers of the People

*Presider* Almighty God, as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, you have caused the salvation of Christ to spring up before all the earth. In peace we raise our voices to you saying: "May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. Lord, hear our prayer."

*Pause*

*Intercessor* May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*At the conclusion of the prayers.*

*Presider* Almighty God, in the birth of Jesus, you have adopted us as your children



and shown us the path to life. May the prayers of our hearts hasten the coming of peace on earth. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ, who is alive with you and the Holy spirit, today and always.

*People* **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Presider* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence*

*All* Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **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

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 (14<sup>th</sup> cent.); tr. John Mason Neale, alt.; Music: Melody *Geistliche Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1533.

### Prayer over the Gifts

*Presider* God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

*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

Ho - ly. ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow'r and  
might, heav'n and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he, is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### *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 look with hope for 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

*McNeil Robinson*

*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* The gifts of God for the People of God.

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

### Agnus Dei

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 Ma - ry.  
 This, this is your bo - dy giv'n, your pre - cious  
 blood, the gift of heav'n. Take, eat, for we are  
 one in the babe, the son of Ma - - ry.

*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.*

## **Communion Hymn**

Tune: Love Came Down

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.

## **Communion Hymn**

Tune: Une Jeune Pucelle

'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.)

## Prayer after Communion

*Presider* Let us pray.

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,

*People* **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Blessing

*Presider* May 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

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**

*Presider* Let us go to the world in peace and loving service.

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

**Postlude** Herr Christ, Der Ein'ge Gottes Sohn BWV 601

*J.S. Bach*

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