



Choral Evensong & Presentations of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto

The Naming of Jesus
January 1, 2024 at 3:00pm

The Cathedral Church of St. James
Diocese of Toronto • Anglican Church of Canada

Welcome to St. James Cathedral

Presider & Homilist The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil
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Associate Organist Nathan Jeffery

Sung by Members of the Choir of St. James Cathedral

3:00pm FESTIVE ORGAN RECITAL

Organist – Nathan Jeffery

In Dulci Jubilo BWV 751 – Johann Michael Bach

In Dulci Jubilo BWV 729 – Johann Sebastian Bach

La Nativité – Jean Langlais

Prelude and Fugue in E flat Major BWV 552 – Johann Sebastian Bach

Carol Rhapsody – Richard Purvis

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

Please ensure that cell phones are muted.

3:30pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Introit This is the Day that the Lord has Made

Anon

All This is the Day that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
(Psalm 118:24)

From 16th Century

Please stand, as you are able.

Processional Hymn

Tune: Old 100th

All All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell; come ye before him and rejoice.
Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
O enter then his gates with praise approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.
For why, the Lord our God is good; his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

Text: Ps. 100; Eng. para. attrib. William Kethe; Music: Melody Geneva, 1551.

Land Acknowledgement

This sacred land is the territory of several Indigenous Nations - the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishnaabe, with special recognition to the Mississaugas of New Credit. 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.

Preces and Responses

Bernard Rose

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips;
People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;
People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
People **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.**

Officiant Praise ye the Lord;
People **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Please be seated.

Psalm 98

Chant: Thomas Walmisley

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.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in
the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

First Lesson

Genesis 17: 3b-10

Reader Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ‘As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. And I will give to you, and to your offspring after you, the land where you are now an alien, all the land of Canaan, for a perpetual holding; and I will be their God.’

God said to Abraham, ‘As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations. This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Magnificat *Please stand, as you are able.*

Herbert Sumson in A

Choir My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things;
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Second Lesson

Please be seated.

Ephesians 2:11-18

Reader

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called ‘the uncircumcision’ by those who are called ‘the circumcision’—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Nunc Dimittis

Please stand, as you are able.

Herbert Sumson in A

Choir

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Officiant

I believe in God

All

the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Please kneel, as you are able, or be seated.

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant Our Father

All **who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People **And grant us thy salvation.**

Officiant O Lord, save the King;

People **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Officiant Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

People **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Officiant O Lord, save thy people;

People **And bless thine inheritance.**

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People **Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

The Collects

Officiant Eternal One, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Saviour of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ne God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Officiant O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

People **Amen.**

Officiant

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Anthem In the Bleak Mid-Winter

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti;
Music: Harold Darke

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.

Enough for Him, whom Cherubim worship night and day,
A breastful of milk and a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, whom Angels fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel which adore.

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.

Homily

Please stand, as you are able.

Hymn

Tune: Londonderry Air

All

O Christ the same, through all our story's pages,
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;
eternal Lord, the King of all the ages,
unchanging still, amid the passing years:
O living Word, the source of all creation,
who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze,
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

O Christ the same, the friend of sinners sharing
our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide,
still as of old upon Your body bearing
the marks of love, in triumph glorified:
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven,
O Prince of Life, in all Your saving power,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given,
we bring our thanks for this the present hour.

O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping
our lives and loves, our days and years remain,
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,
for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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The following have been appointed to the Order:

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Gary Davenport	Ethel Morris	

Prayers

Officiant As we welcome a new year of grace, let us pray with one heart and voice to the Lord of all the ages, saying, “Lord of Glory, hear our prayer”.

Please kneel, as you are able, or be seated.

Officiant God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose years never fail and whose mercies are new each returning day: let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives, warming our hearts and giving light to our minds; that we may pass the coming year in joyful obedience and firm faith; through him who is the beginning and the end, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Collect concluding the Prayers

Officiant God of all ages, release us from fear. Lead us forward, even as you have led your people from the beginning. Be our companion as we walk unexplored paths into an unknown future. Open us to new possibilities. Renew our hope. Grant us faith to move ahead. Let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives, warming our hearts, and giving light to our minds so that we may pass the coming year with faith and in joyful obedience to your will; through him who is the alpha and omega, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Blessing

Bishop May Almighty God, who sent his 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 his 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: Lobe den Herren

All Thanks be to God for his blessings which daily surround us;
glory to Christ the Redeemer who sought us and found us,
who from the grave rose, the almighty to save,
breaking the fetters that bound us.

Thanks be to God for the years that are yet in his keeping,
trusting each day to the care of a Father unsleeping,
on to the end, Christ our companion and friend,
joy at the last for our weeping.

Thanks be to God who has called us and daily defends us,
who with the Son and the Spirit unchanging befriends us;
now in that Name, Jesus for ever the same,
forth to his service he sends us.

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Postlude In Dir Ist Freude BWV 615

J. S. Bach

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