



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

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Christmas Day
DECEMBER 25, 2020

CATHEDRAL VISION | We envision a Cathedral which is radically inclusive, restlessly inquisitive, intentional, and inspired. This is a place that is called to lead and to serve, in communion and in community, with healing, reconciliation, and love, living out Christian mission. Together, we look to the power of Christ for the transformation of each person, this city, and the world. We recognize our history and traditions, while seeking renewal and growth. Curious and adaptable, this chorus has room for all voices. Whoever you are, wherever you come from, whomever you love, and regardless of what you may bring or are searching for, you are welcome here.

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10:30am Sung Eucharist

THE BOOK of ALTERNATIVE SERVICES

Gathering of the Community

Cathedral Parish Announcements

Greeting

Introit

A Boy is Born in Bethlehem
13th cent. carol (Piae Cantiones, 1582)

Presider

In this time and place,
we gather on the unceded ancestral lands
of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh nations.

All **From many places and peoples we come to this house of prayer.**

Presider

In this time and place,
We give thanks for the light of God that shines in the darkness.

All **A light no darkness can quench.**

Presider

In this time and place,
We give thanks for the light and peace of Jesus Christ the Word made flesh.

All **The light of all people.**

Presider

In this time and place,
We pray that the Spirit of God will be renewed in our hearts and minds.

All **That we might be the light of God in the world.**

Presider

In this time and place, together, one people of God.

All **In the name of God, Source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Carol

Gloria
Carol Mass, Rupert Lang

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est heav - en, Peace to your peo - ple here on earth.
Al - might-y God, we wor - ship you, We give you thanks and praise your birth.

Refrain
Glo - - - - - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o! De - o!

2. Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
 Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God, Have mer - cy on us and re - ceive our prayer.
repeat Refrain

3. For You a - lone are the One most Ho - ly, You a - lone are the Lord most high
 Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit In the glo - ry of God. A - men.
repeat Refrain

Collect
Presider

Let us pray (*silence*)

All

O God our Father,
 whose Word has come among us
 in the Holy Child of Bethlehem,
 may the light of faith illumine our hearts
 and shine in our words and deeds;
 through him who is Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All

Thanks be to God.

Canticle

In the Bleak Midwinter

Harold Darke

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

It Came upon the Midnight Clear (CP 141)

Words: Edmund Hamilton Sears (1810–1876), alt.;

Music: Melody English trad.; arr. Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842–1900); NOEL



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful
3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has
4 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are
5 For lo, the days are hast - ening on, by proph - ets



song of old, from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to
wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly mus - ic floats o'er
suf - fered long; be - neath the an - gel - strain have rolled two
bend - ing low, who toil a - long the climb - ing way with
seen of old, when with the ev - er - circ - ling years shall



touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, to all good
all the wea - ry world; a - bove its sad and low - ly
thou - sand years of wrong; and we a - mid our wars hear
pain - ful steps and slow; look now, for glad and gold - en
come the time fore - told: when the new heaven and earth shall



will from heaven's most gra - cious king!" The world in sol - emn
plains they bend on hover - ing wing, and ev - er o'er its
not the words of peace they bring; O lis - ten now, and
hours come swift - ly on the wing: O rest be - side the
own the Prince of Peace their King, and the whole world send



still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
Ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
still your strife to hear the an - gels sing.
wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing.
back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Reader The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Before the Gospel **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel Luke 2:1-20
After the Gospel **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Jonathan Pinkney

Silence for Reflection

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.**

Prayers of the People

Presider Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
welcoming sinners and inviting us to this table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Presider Most merciful God,
All **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
Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

Celebration of the Eucharist

The Offertory

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If you are participating in this worship from another church please give generously to your local parish.

Offertory Hymn

○ Come All Ye Faithful (*CP 118*)

Text & Music: attrib. to John Francis Wade (1711–1786);
arr. David Willcocks (1919–2015)

1. ○ come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
○ come ye, ○ come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the King of angels;
○ come let us adore him, ○ come let us adore him,
○ come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God in the highest:
○ come let us adore him, ○ come let us adore him,
○ come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
3. See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;
○ come let us adore him, ○ come let us adore him,
○ come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
○ come let us adore him, ○ come let us adore him,
○ come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider

Generous Creator,

All

**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. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider

The Lord be with you.

All

And also with you.

Presider

Lift up your hearts.

All

We lift them to the Lord.

Presider
All

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh
you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory,
that beholding the God made visible,
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.
And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

The musical score for the Sanctus is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a dynamic marking of *f* (forte). The lyrics are: "Introduction Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Glo - ry to You, O Lord most high. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!". The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, accents, and dynamic markings: *mf* (mezzo-forte) for the third line, *rit.* (ritardando) and *ff* (fortissimo) for the fourth line, and *molto rit.* (molto ritardando) for the final phrase. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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 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 sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

All Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
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.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Presider 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 **Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

All **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 forever. Amen.

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.

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

During Communion Agnus Dei
Carol Mass, Rupert Lang

mf
O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin ___ of the world;
Have mer - cy, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us. *repeat*
mf
O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin ___ of the world;
mp *rall.*
Lul - lay, lul - la, thou lit - tle tin - y child; *p* Grant ___ us your peace. *pp*



Share the Gifts

If you know the brokenness of life, its fractures within and its division without, then you have participated in the broken body of Christ and you are invited to share in Communion.

If you're joining in via the livestream, please place your hand over your heart and say, "Come, Lord Jesus, come."

While the communion is being administered, we respectfully ask that you keep the silence—this is a time for quiet prayer and meditation.

Sending Out of the Disciples

Prayer after Communion

Presider

Source of truth and joy,

All

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. Amen.

Doxology

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

Closing Hymn

Good Christians All, Rejoice (CP 153)

Words: German-Latin carol (14th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866), alt.;
Music: Melody *Geistliche Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1533; harm. Robert Lucas Pearsall (1795–1856);
arr. John Stainer (1840–1901); IN DULCI JUBILO

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice with heart and soul and
2 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice with heart and soul and

voice! Lis - ten now to what we say: Je - sus Christ is
voice! Hear the news of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was

born to - day; ox and ass be - fore him bow and he is in the
born for this; he has o - pened heav - en's door and we are blessed for

man - ger now! Christ is born to - day; Christ is born to - day!
ev - er - more! Christ was born for this; Christ was born for this.

Dismissal

Deacon

All

Let us go forth in love to proclaim the birth of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Good Christians All, Rejoice

3. 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!



*The flowers in the Cathedral today
are given to the Glory of God & ...*

Vincent Carey & Ed Friesen ✽

in thanksgiving for the gift of Hope wrapped in
swaddling clothes and lying in a manger

Sarah Nation ✽

to all my beloved family, near and far

Love Mom & Dad ✽

in celebration of the birthday of our
dear daughter, Liz Stockwell

Ted & Dorothy Chiasson ✽

with love for our children and grandchildren

Adele Finney ✽

singing from the heart, Gordon and Lisa

Nora Sarsons ✽

in loving memory of Ronald Sarsons
May he rest in peace

Jacqueline Fraser ✽

in gratitude

Jenny & Ian Birtwell ✽

in Thanksgiving for the dedicated care for us by the staff
at the BC Cancer Agency and the Womens' Breast Centre

David & Susan Van Blarcom ✽

in Memory of our parents, Don & Phyllis Van Blarcom
and Frank & Lil Frolek

Nicholas Otsagort ✽

Sung Hyun Nam ✽

Hannah Lupton ✽

Michael Vien D Nguyen ✽

Donna & George Marlatte ✽

MINISTERING THROUGH LITURGY

Presider & Preacher The Rev. Jonathan Pinkney
Deacon The Rev. Alisdair Smith
Reader & Intercessor Carol Cook
(intercessions prepared by Hugh Alley)
Music Kim Hardy, Deirdre Rogers,
Ray Horst, Byron Hanson
with Rupert Lang, *Organist & Director of Music*

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