



Christ Church
Cathedral
Ottawa

Christmas Day

Wednesday | December 25th | 2024

10.30 am | Choral Eucharist | BAS

Missa ad præsepe | George Malcolm

Merry Christmas!

Children are welcome to fully participate in the service and activity sheets are available at the entrance to the Cathedral. Sidespeople can provide headsets for those who need hearing assistance and ensure that communion is brought to you in the pew if required.

Please turn off or set mobile devices to silent mode.

*Our diocese was founded on the homeland of the Anishinaabe Algonquins.
May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.*

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude | *Adoration* | *Florence Price*

Announcements

Hymn 148 | *See amid the winter's snow*

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Hymn 153 | *Good Christians all, rejoice*

Collect of the Day

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. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading | *Isaiah 9:2-7*

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with

righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm | 97:1-6

The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad. Clouds and darkness are round about you, O Lord; righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne. A fire goes before you and burns up your enemies on every side. Your lightnings light up the world; the earth sees it and is afraid. The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. The heavens declare your righteousness, and all the peoples see your glory.

Second Reading | Titus 2:11-14

A reading from the letter of Paul to Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 121 | *O little town of Bethlehem*

Holy Gospel | Luke 2:1-14

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of

Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. 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!"

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Children are invited to join in the procession to the crèche after the reading of the Gospel.

Children's Story

Children are invited to return to their seats during the hymn.

Hymn 123 | *Once in Royal David's city*

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

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

Let us pray.

O God, on this holy day, we celebrate your birth among us as a human child. We celebrate alongside Mary and Joseph, who through their everyday work of parenting became part of your story of salvation.

On the first Christmas, there was no room in the inn. Protect with your love those in our community who have no home today, who are living rough on the streets or in abandoned buildings. We pray especially for homeless families with babies, who bear the fragility of new life in hard and anxious times.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

The Messiah came with the sign of a star shining in the night. Bring light to those who are suffering from sickness, who endure pain in mind or body or soul, and especially those people who are spending Christmas in the hospitals in our community.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Jesus, born in a stable and surrounded by the animals, came as a Saviour for all creation. Bring healing and peace to our relationship with the earth. Renew our sense of the holy, and give us wisdom to treat the world with respect and care.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

The angels came with a message of good news in a troubled time. We need your good news in the troubled parts of our lives, with family ties that are strained or broken. We need your good news in our war-filled world, praying especially for Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

The shepherds were commissioned to spread tidings of great joy, a joy that can reach even those sitting in the shadow of death. At this holiday time, we remember those whom we loved and who have died.

Silence.

We know that in your grace they too are part of this choir of praise. We join our voices with them and with the hosts of heaven, in praising you now and forever. We sang, we sing, we will sing Alleluia! Christ the Saviour is born! **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn 140 | *It came upon a midnight clear*



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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer Over the Gifts

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. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

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

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

We give you thanks and praise, loving God, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Living God, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty God, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,

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 those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

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

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

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

Communion

All are welcome to come to the altar rail. If you wish prayers for healing before receiving Communion, please carry an Order of Service with you; to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest; for a gluten-free wafer, hold out one hand; for a regular wafer, hold out two hands. Please do not dip the bread in the wine.

Motet | *On Christmas Night* | trad. arr. R. Vaughan Williams

On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring; News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth. When sin departs before Thy grace, then life and health come in its place; Angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the new-born King. All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night: 'Glory to God and peace to men, Now and for evermore. Amen.'

The Sending of the Community

Prayer after Communion

God 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. **Amen.**

Glory to God,

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

May the hope, peace, joy, and love of the Christ child be in your hearts and in your home this Christmas; and may the blessing of God, the Creator, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 138 | *Hark! The herald angels sing*

Postlude | *In dulci jubilo (BWV 729)* | *J.S. Bach*

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Christmas | New Year's Day | Epiphany

First Sunday after Christmas | Sunday | December 29th

8.30 am Holy Eucharist | 10.30 am Sung Eucharist

The Naming of Jesus | Wednesday | January 1st

Noon Choral Eucharist and Festive Reception with the Acting Primate
of the Anglican Church of Canada (livestreamed)

The Epiphany of the Lord | Sunday | January 5th

8.30 am Holy Eucharist | 10.30 am Sung Eucharist

Christmas Flowers

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