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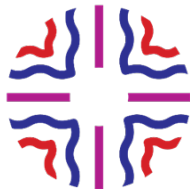
## The Naming of Jesus

Wednesday | January 1<sup>st</sup> | 2025

Noon | Choral Eucharist | BAS

*St. Anne's Mass | James MacMillan*

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



Christ Church  
Cathedral  
Ottawa

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# Welcome and Happy New Year!

With joy, Bishop Shane Parker, Dean Beth Bretzlaff, and our Cathedral welcome Archbishop Anne Germond, Acting Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, and you, on this first day of 2025.

Children are welcome to fully participate in the service and activity sheets are available in the bookshelves at the entrance to the Cathedral.

Sidespeople can provide headsets for those who need hearing assistance and can ensure that communion is brought to you in the pew if required.

Please turn off or set mobile devices to silent mode.

Following the service, please come to the Great Hall for a festive reception and the opportunity to greet one another.

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# The Gathering of the Community

**Prelude** | *Noëls divers* | *Louis-Claude Daquin*

**Hymn 143** | *Angels, from the realms of glory*

## 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.**

Almighty God,

**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.**

## Gloria

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## Collect

O God of ancient blessing, your servant Mary pondered in her heart the treasured words spoken about her Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Prepare our hearts to receive his Spirit, so that our tongues may confess him Lord, who with you and the Spirit lives and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# The Proclamation of the Word

## First Reading | *Numbers 6:22-27*

A reading from the book of Numbers.

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm | 8

*O Lord our governor, how exalted is your name in all the world! Out of the mouths of infants and children your majesty is praised above the heavens. You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, to quell the enemy and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses, what are mortals that you should be mindful of them, their children that you should seek them out? You have made them but little lower than the angels; you adorn them with glory and honour; you give them mastery over the works of your hands; you put all things under their feet; all sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and all that walks in the paths of the sea. O Lord our governor, how exalted is your name in all the world!*

## Second Reading | *Philippians 2:5-11*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should

bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual** | *Torches* | John Joubert

*Torches, torches, run with torches all the way to Bethlehem! Christ is born and now lies sleeping; come and sing your song to him! Ah, Roro, Roro, my baby, ah Roro, my love, Roro; sleep you well, my heart's own darling, while we sing you our Roro. Sing my friends, and make you merry, joy and mirth and joy again; lo, he lives, the King of heaven, now and ever more, amen.*

## **Holy Gospel** | *Luke 2:15-21*

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.**

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. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Sermon**

## Motet | *Let us speak the unsearchable riches* | Jan and David Buley

*Let us speak the unsearchable riches of Christ, through our singing, our praying, our stories, with delight in your will, as we walk in your way, may we love you, may we know you, may we show you.*

### 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 of the People

Let us pray.

Most Holy God, we gather before you in prayer, celebrating your presence in our lives and in our Church. The old year has ended and a new one lies before us; a new year full of promise and potential. As we enter this New Year, we pray that your holy light will shine upon all people and all creation, leading us in hope, peace, joy, and love.

Lord hear us:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We give thanks for the ministry of Anne, our Acting Primate, for Chris, our National Indigenous Archbishop, and for Shane our Bishop. We pray for all the bishops, clergy, and people of the Anglican Church of Canada. May we show your compassion and justice in meaningful ways to everyone we encounter, wherever we may be.

Lord hear us:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for Charles our King, Mary our Governor General, and Justin our Prime Minister. We pray that your grace and your wisdom will be with all the leaders of the world: may their hearts be softened to your ways of compassion and hope; may their reasoning and deliberations be sound and fair; and may healing, peace and justice prevail across the earth.

Lord hear us:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for all who are affected by conflict, violence and exploitation. We hold before you all perpetrators, all combatants, all casualties, all victims, all refugees. May your presence and your peace surround all whose humanity has been damaged or distorted by war, cruelty or greed, especially in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine.

Lord hear us:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit: for those who ache with pain or hunger; those who tremble in fear or anxiety; those who feel emptiness or despair; those who feel unloved or unwanted.

*Silence.*

Lord hear us:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for all who have died; especially those whom we name in the silence of our hearts.

*Silence.*

We pray for all who mourn; that they will feel your comfort and your hope.

Lord hear us:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray that your Holy Spirit will give guidance and wisdom to each of us in this New Year, encouraging and strengthening us to serve others with love and courage wherever we live, work or play, and filling us with hope and determination.

Lord hear us:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We thank you loving God, for coming among us. Hear our prayers this day, and give us grace to trust in you every day. This we ask in the name of your Holy Child, Jesus our Saviour. **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

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.*

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.**

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. **Amen.**

## The Peace

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

## Offertory Hymn 137 | *What child is this*



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# The Celebration of the Eucharist

## Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God, the name of Jesus brings salvation to the world. In all we offer you this day, may we honour him, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory: *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.*

Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said “Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ’s undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

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

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for 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 | *New Year* | John Rutter

*Turn your eyes to the light; Cast away the works of darkness, let them go: Turn your eyes to the light. Turn your face to the sun; Feel the warmth, the hope of new beginnings with each new year. The light was always there, if we could but see it; And warmth was in the air, if we'd known how to feel. Turn your eyes to the light, Turn your face to the sun: New light, new hope, new year. Turn your ears to the sound; Somewhere near, a voice is calling: Hear the news, Turn your ears to the sound. Turn your heart to the love; Christ is come to bring the world new life. The voice is always there, if the world will hear it; And love is always there, if you search in your heart. Turn your ears to the sound, Turn your heart to the love: New life, new love, new year, New life, and love, and light, and hope, this good New Year.*

# The Sending of the Community

## Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, you have fed us heavenly food in the sacrament of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that we, sharing in this mystery, may turn always to that name which is above all others, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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,**  
**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Primal Blessing

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 377** | *To the name of our salvation*

**Postlude** | *Dieu parmi nous (La Nativité)* | Olivier Messiaen

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