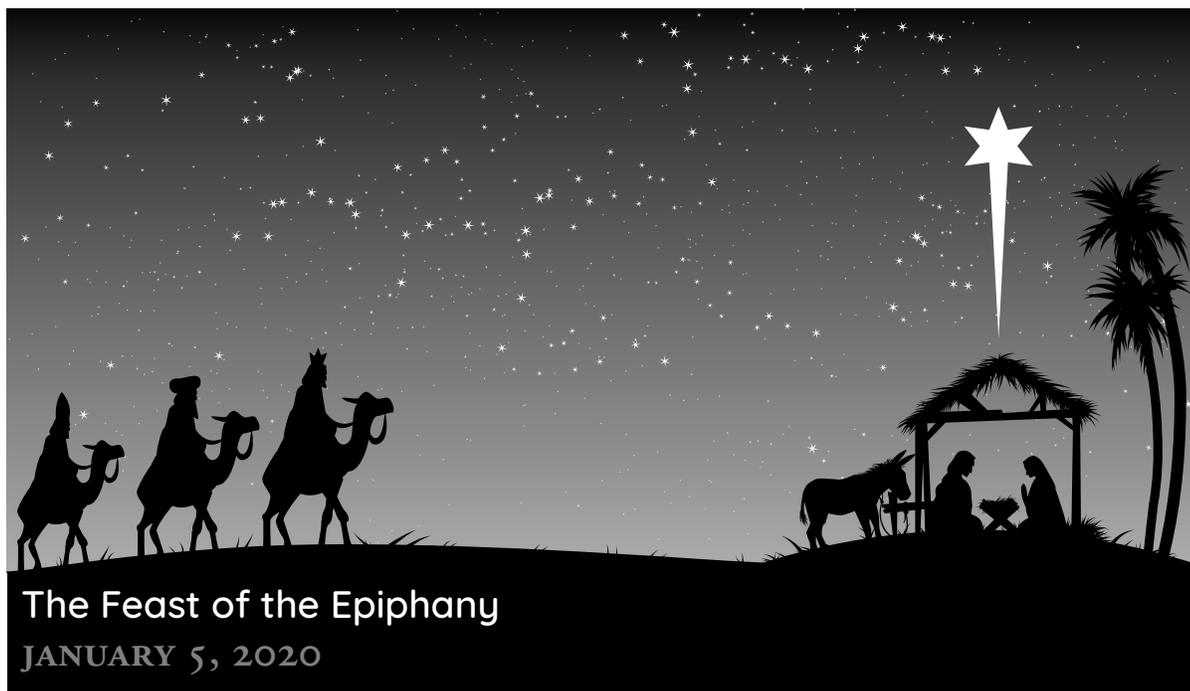




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CATHEDRAL VISION | We envision a Cathedral which is radically inclusive, restlessly inquisitive, intentional, and inspired. This is a place that is called to lead and to serve, in communion and in community, with healing, reconciliation, and love, 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.



WELCOME! Thank you for joining the Cathedral community for worship during the *Feast of the Epiphany*. You are welcome to this historic Anglican Cathedral Church on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations located in the heart of Vancouver. If you have any questions about the Cathedral, its ministries or congregations, please speak with a member of the Greeting Team, someone wearing a Cathedral name badge, or a member of the clergy. If you enjoyed the sermon this week, audio versions and sermon texts are available at www.thecathedral.ca or can be delivered to your email inbox through the Cathedral's weekly email newsletter.

Please help us to be stewards of our resources by returning unused connection cards, bulletins and envelopes to the front desk for re-use or recycling.

CATHEDRAL SERVICES & DAILY READINGS

MONDAY, JANUARY 6
12:10PM Eucharist — *The Epiphany of the Lord*
Daily Reading • 1 Kings 10:1-13

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7
12:10PM Eucharist — *Christmas Feria*
Daily Readings • 1 Kings 10:14-25

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8
12:10PM Eucharist — *Christmas Feria*
Daily Reading • Luke 13:31-35

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9
7:30AM Eucharist & Community Breakfast
12:10PM Eucharist — *Christmas Feria*
Daily Reading • Micah 5:2-9

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10
12:10PM Eucharist — *William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645*
Daily Reading • Ephesians 3:14-21

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11
9:10AM Eucharist — *Christmas Feria*
Daily Reading • Psalm 72:1-19

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12
The The Baptism of the Lord
8AM Holy Communion
Preacher: Canon Dr. Richard LeSueur
9:30AM BTT | Bible, Tea & Toast (*see page 19*)
10:30AM Choral Eucharist
Preacher: Canon Dr. Richard LeSueur
Music: Cathedral Choir with
Rupert Lang, *Organist & Director of Music*
5:30PM St. Brigids Eucharist
Preacher: The Rev. Alisdair Smith
Daily Reading • Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

Gregorian Chant: The Service of Compline is currently on hiatus and will return at 8pm on February 2, 2020.

Daily Bible Readings: Based on the Revised Common Lectionary
Between Sundays: *Daily Bible Readings*, by Gail Ramshaw

8am Holy Communion

THE BOOK of COMMON PRAYER

Welcome

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Collect of the Day

Prisider

Let us pray.

All

Almighty and ever-living God,
You revealed the incarnation of your Son
by the brilliant shining of a star.
Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts
and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure
we offer in your praise and for your service,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Response

Thanks be to God!

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Thanks be to God!

Please join us at coffee hour after the morning service in the Park Room

10:30am Sung Eucharist

THE BOOK of ALTERNATIVE SERVICES

Gathering of the Community

Cathedral Parish Announcements

- Introit* Respond for the Epiphany adapt from *Magnificat*, G. P. da Palestrina
- Presider* In this time and place,
we gather on the ancestral and unceded 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.**
- Collect*
- Presider* Let us pray (*silence*)
- All* Almighty and ever-living God,
You revealed the incarnation of your Son
by the brilliant shining of a star.
Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts
and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure
we offer in your praise and for your service,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Pageant

You are part of today's pageant!

Carols will be sung (texts for audience carols included). Please join in as you are able.

Please note that a professional photographer will be taking photos of this event.

Please refrain from taking photographs during the service.

Magnificat

Tell Out, My Soul (CP 362)

Text: *Song of Mary* (Luke 1:46-56); para. Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926–);
Music: Walter Greatorex (1877–1949); desc. David Iliff (1939–);
altern. harm. Derek Homan (1931–)



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his name!



Un-num-bered bless-ings, give my spir-it voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;



ten-der to me the prom-ise of his word;
his mer-cy sure, from age to age the same;



in God my Sav-iour shall my heart re-joice.
his ho-ly name—the Lord, the might-y one.

Narrator

Magnificat

Tell Out, My Soul (CP 362)

3. Tell out my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
4. Tell out my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and forever more!

Narrator

What Child Is This (CP 137)

Words: William Chatterton Dix; Music: Melody English trad.;
arr. Christmas Carols New & Old, 1871, alt.; GREENSLEEVES

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the king, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Narrator

Choir

Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

Narrator

Carol

Angels We Have Heard on High

1. Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Refrain *Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Refrain

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Refrain

Narrator

Carol

We Three Kings

Text & Music: Three Kings of Orient, John Henry Hopkins, Jr

- 1. We three Kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.
- 2. Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, alleluia,
earth to the heaven replies.

Refrain O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright:
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

Refrain

Narrator

Carol

Angels, from the Realms of Glory (CP 143)



1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
2 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vis - ions
3 Though an in - fant now we view him, he shall fill the e -



all the earth; you who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
beam a - far; seek the great de - sire of na - tions;
ter - nal throne, gath - er all the na - tions to him;



now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
you have seen his na - tal star: come and wor - ship,
ev - ery knee shall then bow down:



come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

Text: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.
Music: Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879);

REGENT SQUARE

The Peace

Presider

All

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Celebration of the Eucharist

The Offertory

During the singing of the hymn you are invited to make a financial offering to further God's mission through the work of the church using the enclosed envelope or by texting "Give" to 639.739.0843 and following the instructions; tax receipts are issued annually for gifts totalling \$20 or more. Your financial gifts together with the bread and wine are brought forward and presented at the Altar as a sign of thanksgiving to God from whom all blessings flow.

Offertory Hymn

The First Nowell (CP 139)

Words: English Traditional (Sandys, 1833);
Music: English Traditional, arr. John Stainer

All 1. The first nowell the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain Nowell! nowell! nowell! nowell!
Born is the King of Israel!

Low voices 2. They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

All Refrain

All 3. And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Refrain

High voices 4. Then entered in those wise men three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence,
Their gold and myrrh, and frankincense.

All Refrain

All 5. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made Heaven and earth of nought
And with his blood salvation bought.
Refrain

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider

Gracious God,

All

accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people, joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord is here.
All God's Spirit is with us.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.
All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all.
We praise you here where the Fraser River meets the Salish Sea,
where city and farm, wilderness and industry are side by side.
We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.
We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation.
Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration.
They depended on the land, were displaced from the land
and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities,
on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams,
and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.
Together with angels and ancestors, orca and salmon, bear and raven,
salal and cedar we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song::

Sanctus

Carol Mass, Rupert Lang

f
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.
mf Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
Broadly
rit. ff san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!
molto rit.

Presider We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough.
He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats
and told parables of farmers and seeds, labour and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor,
the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying:
“Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.”
Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land,
gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: “This is my blood, which is shed for you.
When you do this, do it in memory of me.”

Remembering Jesus’ life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom,
we offer you this bread and this cup. Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts
so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone
who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace,
respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.
Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily,
child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honour and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

All

The Lord’s Prayer

Presider

All

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
**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

All

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.**

Presider

All

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

During Communion Agnus Dei

Carol Mass, Rupert Lang

mf
All 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;
Lul - lay, lul - la, thou lit - tle tin - y child; *mp* Grant — us your peace. *rall. p pp*

During Communion Shine Like the Star

Words & Music: Daniel Kantor

Cold are the people, winter of life,
We tremble in shadows this cold endless night,
Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping,
Flowers that will echo the sunrise,
Fire of hope is our only warmth,
Weary, its flame will be dying soon.

Voice in the distance, call in the night,
On wind you enfold us, you speak of the light.
Gentle on the ear, you whisper softly,
Rumours of a dawn so embracing,
Breathless love awaits darkened souls,
Soon will we know of the morning.

Spirit among us, shine like the star,
Your light that guides shepherds and kings from afar.
Shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely,
Rising in the warmth of your Son's love,
Star unknowing of night and day,
Spirit we wait for your loving Son.



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 the breaking of bread. If you desire to know the love of God that overcomes indifference and despair, if you desire the reconciliation that overcomes estrangement and alienation then you are invited to share the cup of the new covenant. The bread is received in the open palm. It is usual Anglican practice to drink the wine from the common cup. If you wish to dip bread in the wine, extend one hand for a wafer. Both wine and unfermented grape juice are served, grape juice is administered from the copper chalice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request in the East alcove.



Prayer and Laying-on of Hands for Healing

We invite those wishing particular prayer for themselves or on behalf of someone else, or to share in a prayer of thanksgiving for blessings received, to come to the front of the line to receive the bread and wine. Immediately after receiving, go to the prayer station. With complete confidentiality, please say your first name and in a low voice briefly state your prayer need. The prayer team will lay hands gently on your shoulders and after a short silence, they will pray quietly for you.

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

Gracious God,

All

**in this meal you have drawn us to your heart,
and nourished us at your table with food and drink,
the body and blood of Christ.**

**Now send us forth to be your people in the world,
and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and 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.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Joy to the World (CP 154)



1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth! The Sav - iour reigns: let us glad
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the



ceive the King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous -



room, and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders



na - ture sing, and heaven and heaven and na - ture sing.
sound - ing joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
of his love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.
Music: Melody William Holford, *Voce de Melodia*, 1835; adapt. George Frideric Handel (1685–1759); ANTIQCH
harm. Lowell Mason (1792–1872).

Dismissal
All

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

The service of the Church into the World — begins again this week.

Please join us in the Parish Hall following the service for coffee & tea.

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Cathedral CHRONICLE

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If you have any questions please contact Jennifer & Alicia at communication@thecathedral.ca or 604.682.3848, ext. 26.

IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY... and are interested in becoming either a *Member* or a *Friend of the Cathedral*, you are invited to fill in the Cathedral connection card, add it to the collection plate or hand it to a greeter. Find out how you can participate by speaking to a member of the welcoming team.

ASL: every week we provide sign language interpretation at the 10:30am service from in front of the ambo.

LOOP SYSTEM: at the 10:30am service, simply adjust the settings of your personal hearing device.

LARGE-PRINT BOOKS & BULLETINS are available from greeters prior to the 10:30am service.

KNEELER CUSHIONS are available in the Narthex for those who wish to kneel in prayer.

CHILDREN & YOUTH: Activities for children of all ages are available during the 10:30am service. Details can be found on the Youth Page.

TODAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

At the 10:30am Choral Eucharist and Tableau we welcome the *Cathedral Choir* with Rupert Lang, *Organist & Director of Music*. And it's the Epiphany Pageant!

Celebrate the twelve days of Christmas with Christ Church Cathedral's Epiphany Pageant as part of the 10:30am service. Every year the Cathedral's children and youth, supported by other creative minds, come together to celebrate Jesus' birth with a performance. This imaginative endeavour brings the Cathedral community together, giving us one more chance to celebrate the joy of Christmas.

At 5:30pm at St. Brigid's we welcome Ben Dobyns on piano. *Gregorian Chant: The Service of Compline* is on hiatus and will return on February 2, 2020.

The Woodward's Crèche | Last Day

Today is the last day that *The Woodward's Crèche* will be on display at the Cathedral until the first Sunday of Advent 2020.

The nativity scene of the birth of Christ, featured in the windows of the Woodward's department store, was once one of the essential sights of a Vancouver Christmas. Due to the generosity of their previous home—the Georgia Street Hudson's Bay Company

store—the scene is now in residence at Christ Church Cathedral. The hand carved, hand painted, olive wood figures came from Italy in the 1950s.

TRC Calls to Action

The start of a New Year: time for the making of resolutions. Over the coming weeks as you read the *Calls to Action* issued by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission do you see ways in which you can in your circle/at your work or school/or here at the Cathedral, take steps that can further understanding and reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbours and communities?

This week (*Call to Action #28*): We call upon law schools in Canada to require all law students to take a course in Aboriginal people and the law, which includes the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal Crown relations. This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism.

CATHEDRAL NEWS & NOTES

2020 Canadian Church Calendars

We're almost sold out! The Anglican Edition of the 2020 Canadian Church Calendar is now available from the Parish Office at the cost of \$5. Please pick up your copy(ies) on Sundays, before or after the 10:30am Eucharist, or weekdays 10am–4pm. Exact change greatly appreciated!

New To The Cathedral? Let's Grab Coffee!

If you're new to Christ Church Cathedral or considering making the Cathedral your church home, join us for the Newcomers' Coffee Hour every 2nd Sunday of the month immediately after the 10:30am service. Taking place right next to the Crucifixion window, you'll be joined by Cathedral ambassadors and have the opportunity to ask questions. Email Jane at jhope071@gmail.com for more info. The next Newcomers' Coffee Hour is January 12.

Prayer Shawl Wool Donations Needed

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is in need of bulky/chunky yarn donations for our Prayer Shawl knitters to carry on knitting dearly needed and loved prayer shawls for people in physical, emotional, and spiritual need. If you don't have spare yarn but you would like to support this ministry please make a donation to the Cathedral Parish Ministry Fund. Please see Bonny Amor for more information. All are welcome.

CATHEDRAL VOLUNTEERING

A Big Thank You to All Our Volunteers!

Thank you to all our volunteers for their dedication and generous gift of time to the Cathedral Community, which makes it possible for the Cathedral to function daily. Please know that we appreciate each and every one of you and that you are a blessing to us all. Thank you!

If you are interested in volunteering at the Cathedral please contact Nicky Seppala on Thursdays at reception (604.682.3848) or by email at volunteer@thecathedral.ca.

CONNECTING AT THE CATHEDRAL

Giving Was Never Easier!

You can make a gift to support the ministries of Christ Church Cathedral on your smart phone! Just go to the App Store, choose the app "tithe.ly" —from the store, download, enter your information and voilà—you can connect directly to the Cathedral and make your gift in whatever amount.

Prefer to give by text? You can do that too! Text the word "give" to 639.739.0843 (the Cathedral's Tithe.ly text giving phone number) and follow the instructions on the screen. Thank you for your support!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EVENTS!

BTT | Bible, Tea & Toast

| Young Adult Bible Study

On Sundays in 2020, beginning January 5, join in reading each Sunday's Gospel over a light breakfast from 9:30am-10:20am.

Bible study will follow the lectionary and is led by the Rev. André Stephany (mostly) and is intended for those who consider themselves young adults (under 35ish). Coffee, tea and a light breakfast of toast, jam and peanut butter is included. No registration required. Please contact André at andre@thecathedral.ca for more information.

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is a silent prayer practice aimed at settling one's attention upon the presence of Christ within. All are welcome to participate on Tuesday evenings, beginning on January 14 in this simple healing practice reaching back to the early years of Christian faith. Join us from 6:30pm–7:30pm in Room B. We pray in silence for 30 minutes and there is opportunity afterwards for group reflection. Please contact Luke Primus for more details at lukasprimus@gmail.com.





CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES MINISTRY

Anne Kessler, *Children, Youth & Family Ministries Coordinator* (youth@thecathedral.ca)

Children's Church happens Sunday mornings for children ages 1 – 4, grades K – 3 and grades 4 – 7 (see below for today's details). We begin downstairs at 10:30am, and rejoin parents and the whole community for the Eucharist. All children, including visitors and guests, are welcome to join us. The youngest group (aged 1 – 4) meets in the Lounge for Nursery with our nursery staff. The K – 3 and 4 – 7 groups meet for Godly Play.

Godly Play is a Montessori-based faith formation program that engages children in Biblical and liturgical stories, making-meaning, creativity and prayer while immersed in a supportive community of peers and adults.

The space to the right of the Altar is open with carpets, books and toys for parents who want to stay in the service with their children. This is an unsupervised space so please keep an eye on them. Kids are welcome to take books, items for colouring, or toys back to their seats – just make sure to return them afterwards! **Activity packs** are available at the entrance.

Join the Weekly eNewsletter by sending an email Anne at youth@thecathedral.ca for more children's and youth info, straight to your email.

Children's Church Today!

The Nursery is open in the Lounge for those aged 1 – 4.

There is no Godly Play today, as today is the Epiphany Pageant! If you arrive early and haven't signed up your child to be in the pageant, come to the Park Room and we will find a last minute costume!

Youth Group

Senior Youth Group (grades 8 – 12) meets every second Friday from 6pm – 9pm. We meet next on Friday, January 10.

Junior Youth Group (grades 4 – 7) is now scheduled on a few dates a year. We meet next on Sunday, January 26.

Family Lunches

Family Lunches are open to all Cathedral families and happen after the 10:30am Sunday service about once a month. Our first one of the new year is January 12. Lunch is provided, just bring yourself!



Notes from the Rev. Alisdair Smith

JANUARY 5, 2020

Merry Christmas, I hope the season has been one of joy for you and yours. And I know that this season is often so difficult for so many of us. The reality that Christmas is not always fun is one of the reasons that I think the story of the Wise Men and the subsequent terror (in the verses immediately following this morning's Gospel) is so important. Once we strip away the sentimentality of the story, we are left with issues of refugees, foreigners, empire, state sponsored terror and murder. Sound familiar?

I want to be clear here, these foreign visitors are not "Kings." The best English word is Magi, from the same root as magic. As we'll hear in the pageant this morning, they are *Wizards*. This is like Gandalf, Obi-Wan Kenobi and Albus Dumbledore showing up at the birth of your baby! Something big is happening; the world is changing. There is a light shining; the wizards know it, and they are pointing to it. Celtic theologian John Philip Newell puts it this way,

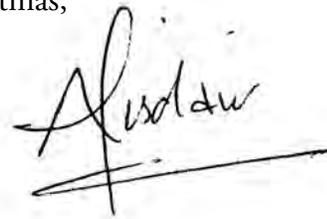
*"The divine light that shines in the Child is not a foreign light to the earth. It is the Light at the heart of all life. It is the Light from which all things come... So, this is a story about the Light at the heart of everything, the Light at the heart of you, the Light at the heart of me... Maybe it is deeply hidden under confusions or falsenesses. But it is there, waiting to come forth anew. In the Christ Child this Light shines. He is our epiphany, our showing. In him we see the Light of life."*¹

The wizards go first to the local warlord, Herod, and he, being very afraid of losing his power before this light, asks them to report back once they have actually found the baby. But the wizards understand the kind of dark power emanating from Herod, and so they return by another road. And then the part of the story we don't hear this morning, Herod, angry at the wizards' deception and now even more terrified of losing his power in the face of this light, sends out

his soldiers with orders to kill all the children in and around Bethlehem 2 years old and under. Joseph and Mary and the baby escape and go into hiding. The light is safe.

We might ask ourselves, did this happen? It has happened, and still happens literally and metaphorically all over the world. Families trying to escape warlords, families forced by empires and politics to move away from home are a sad fact of life. How we respond to their plight is a fundamental question this story asks. Are we, like Herod, so afraid of losing our power that we hold on even at the cost of others' lives? Are we, like the soldiers, so locked into the system that we blindly follow orders? Or are we like the Magi, awake enough to both see the light and even in the midst of Herods among us, take another road?

Merry Christmas,



Mens' Breakfast

And a heads up that the first Mens' Breakfast of 2020 is on Saturday, January 11 and we will welcome biblical scholar Steve Black, PhD. Steve, a member of the Christ Church Cathedral communities will lead us in a scholarly exploration of some challenging biblical texts about gender. Doors open at 8am, breakfast at 8:30am, and we finish no later than 11am. \$20 at the door, preregistration is required, please email me at alisdair@thecathedral.ca.

¹ Newell, J. Philip. *Praying with the Earth: A Prayerbook for Peace*. Toronto: Novalis, 2011. Prayer of Blessing, p. 4

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- or email our Director of Parish Administration, Vincent Carey, at vincent@thecathedral.ca

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8AM | HOLY COMMUNION | MINISTERING THROUGH LITURGY

Presider & Preacher The Rev. Stuart Mennigke
Reader Jane Osler
Server Robin Tavender

Lay Administrator Jane Osler
Offering Vaughn Pridmore, Frank Uy
Welcoming Team Frank Uy, Fred Fromm

10:30AM | CHORAL EUCHARIST | MINISTERING THROUGH LITURGY

Presider Canon Dr. Richard LeSueur
Announcements Cheryl Slusarchuk
Godly Play Children with Families
Intercessor Susan Alexander
Deacon The Rev. Dixie Black
Sacristan Megan Otton
Servers Dana Osborne, Jane Callen,
 Ron Bowles
MC Hugh Alley/ Vincent Carey
Music Cathedral Choir;
 with Rupert Lang,
Organist & Director of Music
Interpreter Lisz Keallen

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 The Rev. Helen Dunn,
 The Rev. Helen Hill,
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Altar Guild Heather Davies, Kerry Baisley,
 Laura Edwards
Welcoming Team Tomoko Ito, David Beairsto,
 Jane Dittrich, Chris Ellison,
 Shehnaz Hozaima, Obi Amadi,
 Deborah Rutherford, John Siddall,
 Allen Williams, Maureen Speed



5:30PM | ST. BRIGID'S

Presider The Rev. Marnie Peterson
Preacher Andrew Stephens-Rennie
Greeters Rejoice Anthony, Richard Douglas
Servers Doug Webber, Rachel Taylor
Music Ben Dobyns, *pianist*



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