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Gospel for the City
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GOSPEL FOR THE CITY

Today we celebrate the joy and wonder of the birth of Jesus with a music filled celebration led by members of the Good Noise Vancouver Gospel Choir.

Let the music open your heart to the spirit of the season, and the story fill you with the wonder of this day.



Peace on Earth

Gospel for the City

CHORAL EUCHARIST

Gathering of the Community

Welcome

Introit The First Noel

The Blessing of the Creche

Presider Let us keep a moment of silence as we prepare to bless this creche. (*silence*)

God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love.
When our need for a Saviour was great,
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.
Gracious God, bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus
and raise our thoughts to him who is God-with-us
and Saviour of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

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 await the coming of Emmanuel, God with us.

All **Maranatha, Come Christ Come.**

Presider In this time and place,
We await the transformation of the world.

All **Maranatha, Come Christ Come.**

Presider In this time and place,
We await the coming of the Commonwealth of peace.

All **Maranatha, Come Christ Come.**

Presider In this time and place,
We commit ourselves to work with Christ
that all these things may be accomplished.

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

Opening Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Text & Music: John Francis Wade (1711–1786)

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the King of angels:

Refrain O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:
glory to God in the highest:

Refrain

3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

Refrain

Collect
Presider
All

Eternal God,
this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light.
As we have known the revelation of that light on earth,
bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

Reader
All

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle

Jesus What a Wonderful Child
traditional, arr. Gail Suderman

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-12

Reader
All

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

The congregation stands.

Carol

Silent Night

Text: Joseph Mohr (1792–1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820–1885);
Music: Melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787–1863), alt.;
harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824–1910); STILLE NACHT

1. Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
‘Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia,
Christ, the Saviour, is born!
Christ, the Saviour, is born!
3. Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love’s pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Deacon

The Lord be with you.

All

And also with you.

Deacon

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

Before the Gospel

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Deacon

John 1:1-14

After the Gospel

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Marnie Peterson

Silence for Reflection

The Nicene Creed

Presider

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten,
not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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

All
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.

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.
Amen.

All

The Peace

Presider

All

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

Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory

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Offertory Carol

Go Tell It On the Mountain

Traditional

1. While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.

Refrain Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.

2. The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Saviour's birth!

Refrain

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider

Source of light and gladness,

All

accept all we offer on this joyful feast.

May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours;

for he 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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who in the mystery of his incarnation was made perfect man
of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother;
in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven,
we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise
to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus

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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 *molto rit.*
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Presider

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you:

this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you
and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

All Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Presider and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we,
made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Leader

All As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
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

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.

Please be seated



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.*

During Communion Sweet Little Jesus Boy

Robert MacGimsey

Sending Out Into The World

Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray. (*silence*)

All Father of all,
tonight you have united earth and heaven
in sending your Son to take our human nature.
May we who have tasted heavenly things
share in the life of his eternal kingdom.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Doxology

Presider

All

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.

The Blessing

Carol

Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive the King;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns:
Let us glad songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Dismissal

Deacon

All

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

Postlude

I Pray On Christmas
Harry Connick, Jr.

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*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 Otzagort ❀

Sung Hyun Nam ❀

Hannah Lupton ❀

Michael Vien D Nguyen ❀

Donna & George Marlatte ❀

MINISTERING THROUGH LITURGY

<i>Presider & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Marnie Peterson
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Alisdair Smith
<i>Reader & Intercessor</i>	John Innes
<i>MC</i>	Vincent Carey
<i>ASL Interpreter</i>	Spring Herald
<i>Music</i>	Gail Suderman, <i>Vocals & Piano</i> ; Crystal Hicks, <i>Vocals</i> ; Laurence Mollerup, <i>Bass</i> ; Elliot Polsky, <i>Percussion</i>

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Thank you!



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