



# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL OTTAWA

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*A diverse and vibrant parish that glorifies God and welcomes all people*

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

10.30 am Sung Eucharist (Live-streamed)  
Service music: Deutsche Messe – Franz Schubert

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**Prelude**

*Noël divers – Louis-Claude d'Aquin*

**Welcome**

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

**Hymn**

*Good Christians all, rejoice – In dulci jubilo*

*Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!  
Listen now to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today; Christ is born today!*

*Good Christians all, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!  
Hear the news of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this;  
he has opened heaven's door and we are blessed for evermore!  
Christ was born for this; Christ was born for this!*

*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!*

**Greeting**

Dear friends, we gather this day on the traditional territory of the Algonquin Nation.

**May we always dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

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 of the Day

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### First Reading

*Isaiah 61:10-62:3*

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 148

*Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights. Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host. Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created. He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away. Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps; Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will; Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; Wild*

*beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds; Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; Young men and maidens, old and young together. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven. He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him.*

## **Second Reading**

*Galatians 4:4-7*

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual**

*In the bleak mid-winter – Harold Darke*

*In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, In the bleak midwinter, long ago. Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain; Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign. In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ. Enough for Him, whom cherubim, worship night and day, Breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay; Enough for Him, whom angels fall before, The ox and ass and camel which adore. What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.*

## **Holy Gospel**

*Luke 2:22-40*

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 time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Jesus' parents brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and

when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **Sermon**

## **Hymn**

*See amid the winter's snow*

*See amid the winter's snow,  
born for us on earth below,  
see, the tender Lamb appears,  
promised from eternal years!*

*Refrain:*

*Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!  
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

*Lo, within a manger lies  
he who built the starry skies,  
who enthroned in height sublime  
sits amid the cherubim. (Refrain)*

*Sacred infant, all divine,  
what a mighty love was thine,  
thus to come from highest bliss  
down to such a world as this! (Refrain)*

## The 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

In the name of the Holy Child of Bethlehem, let us pray to the Lord, saying: Lord, graciously hear us.

Most Holy God, we gather before you in prayer, celebrating the birth of Jesus, and giving thanks for your presence in our lives and in the life of our beloved Church. Lord hear us:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray that the light of your Christ will shine upon all nations, all people and all Creation, leading us in love, peace and joy. Lord hear us:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, Julie our Governor General, and Justin our Prime Minister; and 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 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 combatants, all casualties, all refugees, all victims, all perpetrators. May your presence and your peace surround all children, women, and men whose humanity has been damaged or distorted by war, cruelty or greed. 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; and for every person on earth as the coronavirus pandemic takes its toll. Lord hear us:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for all who have died; and we pray for all who mourn – that they will feel your comfort and your hope – especially those whom we name in the silence of our hearts. Lord hear us:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

As we join with Christians all over the world to celebrate Christ's birth, we pray that you will give guidance and wisdom to each of us; encouraging and strengthening us to serve others with love and courage wherever we live, work or play, and filling us with hope and determination as we wait for the end of the pandemic. Lord hear us:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

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

### **Confession and Absolution**

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

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**

*Good King Wenceslas – Tempus adest floridum*

*Good King Wenceslas looked out on the feast of Stephen,  
when the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even.  
Brightly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cruel,  
when a poor man came in sight, gathering winter fuel.*

*"Hither, page, and stand by me, if thou knowest it, telling:  
yonder peasant, who is he? Where and what his dwelling?"  
"Sire, he lives a good league hence, underneath the mountain,  
right against the forest fence, by St. Agnes' fountain."*

*"Bring me flesh and bring me wine, bring me pine logs hither;  
thou and I will see him dine, when we bear them thither."  
Page and monarch, forth they went, forth they went together,  
through the rude wind's wild lament, and the bitter weather.*

*"Sire, the night is darker now, and the wind blows stronger;  
fails my heart, I know not how; I can go no longer."  
"Mark my footsteps, my good page, tread thou in them boldly.  
Thou shalt find the winter's rage freeze your blood less coldly."*

*In his master's steps he trod, where the snow lay dinted;  
heat was in the very sod which the saint had printed.  
Therefore, Christians all, be sure, wealth or rank possessing,  
ye who now will bless the poor, shall yourselves find blessing.*

We invite you to make an offering to the Cathedral at this time by sending an e-transfer to [info@ottawacathedral.ca](mailto:info@ottawacathedral.ca) or by going to: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/5519>

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### Prayer Over the Gifts

God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them 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. By your power you sustain the universe.

**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, as we say: *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.**

Creator, 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.**

## **Communion**

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Agnus Dei**



## Motet

*Wether's Rocking Hymn – Ralph Vaughan Williams*

*Sweet baby, sleep! What ailes my dear? What ailes my darling thus to cry? Be still, my childe, and lend thine ear to heare me sing thy lullaby. My pretty lambe, forbear to weep; Be still, my dear; sweet babie sleep! When God-with-us was dwelling here In little babes he took delight: Such innocents as thou, my dear, Are ever precious in his sight. Sweet babie, then, forbear to weep; Be still, my babe; sweet babie, sleep! A little infant once was hee, And strength in weaknesse then was laid Upon his Virgin Mother's knee, That power to thee might be convaied. Sweet babie, then, forbear to weep; Be still, my babe; sweet babie, sleep!*

## THE SENDING FORTH

### Prayer after Communion

Source of truth and joy, 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.**

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.**

### Blessing

### Dismissal

Go forth in the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Hymn

*It came upon the midnight clear – Carol*

*It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, to all good will from heaven's all-gracious king!"  
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.*

*Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.*

*For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold:  
when the new heaven and earth shall own the Prince of Peace their King,  
and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.*

### Postlude

*Carillon de Westminster (opus 54/6) – Louis Vierne*

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## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 – The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

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