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Holy Communion **The Nativity of Our Lord**

according to The book of Common Prayer of the Anglican Church of Canada

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2025

8:00 A.M.

In-Person

The Reverend Claude St-Denis, *Presider*

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Whether today is your first time with us, or if this is your spiritual home, we welcome you to the Cathedral. We're glad that you're here today.

We envision a radically inclusive, restlessly inquisitive, intentional, and inspired Cathedral. This is a place that is called to lead and to serve, in communion and community, with healing, reconciliation, and love, living out the Christian mission. Together, we look to the power of Christ for the transformation of each person, this city of Vancouver, and the world.

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To learn more about the many ministries and opportunities for service in this community, please visit our website: www.thecathedral.ca.

Thank you for joining us today. Your presence enriches our life together.

Merry Christmas,



The Very Rev. Christopher A. Pappas, Ph.D., D.Min.
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The Gathering of the Community

The presider begins with a word of gratitude and acknowledgement to the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations, on whose traditional, ancestral and unceded territory we worship today.

Presider 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 them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

All Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christmas Anthems

Presider Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

All and shall call his name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7.14.

Presider Unto us a child is born,

All unto us a son is given.

Isaiah 9.6.

Presider In this was manifested the love of God toward us,

All because God sent his only-begotten Son into the world that we might live through him.

1 St John 4.9.

Presider Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

All who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

Ephesians 1.3.

Presider Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

All as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Presider The Lord be with you.

All And with thy spirit.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

The Lesson

Isaiah 52:7-10

Reader The lesson is written in the 52nd chapter of the prophecy of Isaiah, beginning at the 7th verse.

After the lesson, the reader says:

Here endeth the lesson.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

The Epistle

Hebrews 1:1-4

Reader The epistle is written in the 1st chapter of the letter to the Hebrews, beginning at the 1st verse.

After the epistle, the reader says:

Here endeth the epistle.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2.1-14

Presider The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

After the gospel., the Presider says:

Presider The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Reverend Claude St-Denis

A period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able. All say together:

All I believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
Begotten of the Father before all worlds;
God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God;
Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father;
Through whom all things were made;
Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,

And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose
kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life,
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
Who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe One Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,
And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

The Offertory

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

(CP 138)

Text: Charles Wesley (1701-1788), alt.

Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847), adapt. William Hayman Cummings (1831-1915).

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic hosts proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Refrain:

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”*

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail, the incarnate Deity,
pleased as one of us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

3 Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings,
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth,
born to give us second birth. *Refrain*

The presider says the offertory sentence:

Brethren, you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that you through his poverty might become rich.

II Corinthians 8.9

After the offering is taken, the presider says:

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

I Chronicles 29. 10, 11, 14.

The Intercession

The intercessor says:

Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

Let us pray for peace on earth and for the unity of all Christian people.

Let us pray for our missionaries at home and abroad.

Let us remember before God those who have departed this life and are at rest.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church here on earth.

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all people: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant Charles our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and especially to thy servant John our Archbishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy

true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations:

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those for whom our prayers are desired.

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Presider

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

All

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The presider pronounces this absolution:

Presider

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

Presider

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him. Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

St Matthew 11. 28.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only- begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

St John 3. 16.

Hear also what Saint Paul saith:

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1.15.

Hear also what Saint John saith:

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

1 St John 2. 1, 2.

Thanksgiving & Consecration

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All **It is meet and right so to do.**

The presider continues:

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and preserver of all things.

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

All **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**
 Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
 Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Then shall the priest proceed with the Prayer of Consecration and the Breaking of the Bread before the people.

Presider ...through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All **Amen.**

After a short period of silence, the priest shall say:

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And with thy spirit.

Then all say together the Prayer of Humble Access:

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.
But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy:
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
And to drink his Blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body,
and our souls washed through his most precious Blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Then all say together the Agnus Dei:

All O LAMB of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Communion of the People

To receive the consecrated Bread, approach the altar and extend your hands to the minister with palms open. To receive the consecrated Wine, carefully guide the chalice to your lips. For reasons of public health, please do not dip the Bread into the Wine. If you do not wish to partake of the common cup, know that you receive the full efficacy of communion with only the Bread. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to receive a blessing by approaching the altar and crossing your arms over your chest. You may also remain in your seat as you feel comfortable. If you are interested in learning about baptism, please contact a member of our clergy.

Pastorale on It Came Upon the Midnight Clear Richard Willis (1819-1900)
arr. David H Lowe (b. 1959).

Flute Solo

The Lord's Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All 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 them that 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.

Prayer after Communion

Presider Almighty and everliving God,
we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us,
in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body
and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour
and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body,
which is the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

All And here we offer and present unto thee,
O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies,
to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee.
And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden
duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee
and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory,
world without end. Amen.

Presider Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all.

All We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,
we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The priest blesses the people:

The peace of God, with passeth all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn

Joy to the World

(CP 154)

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: ANTIOCH, melody William Holford, *Voce de Melodia*, 1835; adapt. George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive the King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

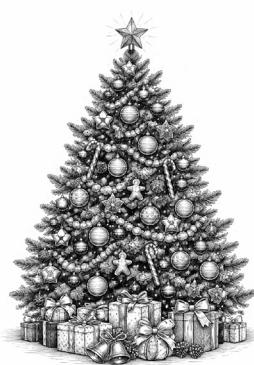
2 Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns:
let us glad songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let wrongs and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as our sin is found,
far as our sin is found,
far as, far as our sin is found.

4 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.

Postlude

C.P.E. Bach (1714-88) Rondo,
(from *Hamburg Sonata in G*, for flute and organ)



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