

All Saints' Cathedral Choral Eucharist



The Fourth Sunday of Advent
21 December 2025 at 10:30am

*Welcome to All Saints' Cathedral as we journey together
through the season of Advent.*

*We acknowledge that the land on which we worship is the traditional gathering place of
the Cree, Nakoda Sioux, Blackfoot, Dene, Sarcee, Saulteaux, Mohawk and Métis
Nations. We commit in both prayer and action to be faithful Treaty 6 partners.*

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn of Praise Hark what a Sound

Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing,
Stirs on the earth and trembles in the air!
Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?
Is it the music of his people's prayer?

Surely he cometh, and a thousand voices
Shout to the saints, and to the deaf are dumb;
Surely he cometh, and the earth rejoices,
Glad in his coming who hath sworn, 'I come.'

This hath he done, and shall we not adore him?
This shall he do, and can we still despair?
Come, let us quickly fling ourselves before him,
Cast at his feet the burden of our care.

Yea, through life, death, through sorrow and through sinning
He shall suffice me, for he hath sufficed:
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.



Lighting of the Third Advent Candle (Love)

Celebrant In a world full of fear, where do you see the presence of love?
People We see love all around us. We see love when people hold open the door. We see love in a warm embrace, a homemade casserole, a phone call after a long day. We see love in random acts of kindness and intentional acts of empathy. We see love all around us.

Celebrant You are right. Even in a fearful world, love is all around us. Today we light the candle of love as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember that even in a fearful world,

love is here. Love is world-changing. Love is shining bright. We only have to look for it.

The first, second, third, and fourth candles are lit as the congregation sings.

Introit We Light the Advent Candles

German Folk Tune; Words by Gracia Grindal

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The melody is simple and folk-like, with a clear harmonic structure. The first system covers the first two lines of the lyrics, the second system covers the next two lines, and the third system covers the final line, which is repeated.

We light the Ad - vent can - dles a - gainst the win - ter night,
Four can - dles burn - ing bright - ly an - nounce that Christ has come,

to wel - come our Lord Je - sus who is the world's True Light.
pre - pare, my heart, be - lieve it, and give the Christ child room,

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pre - pare, my heart, be - lieve it, and give the Christ child room,

Celebrant Thanks be to God for the gift of love!
All Amen.

Celebrant Holy God, we want to say thank you for the people in our life who have reached for us when we have needed it most. Thank you for friends and family, for teachers, therapists and school chaplains, for neighbors and attentive strangers. Thank you for the people, who like Joseph, chose to reach for us and stay by our side when we needed it most. We remember their names and faces now, and lift these individuals to you in gratitude. While we count our blessings, we also pray for those who face their fear alone. We pray for those who do not have a Joseph in their life. In particular, we remember those on the edges of our community and for those who lack the safety of home. We pray for immigrants and foreign exchange students who so often feel alone in a new country. We pray for those who feel isolated by their grief, their addiction, or their mental health. Show us how to reach across dividing lines. Show us how to walk with each other, on the good days and the bad. Show us how to see each other. Show us how to reach for each other. As you do, like Joseph, we will do our best to walk each other home and to live into your gift of love.

All Amen.

The Greeting and Collect for Purity

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Almighty God,
All 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.

Kyrie Eleison

Richard Shephard

At a moderate speed

p
Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

mf
Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, have

p
mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

Collect for the Day

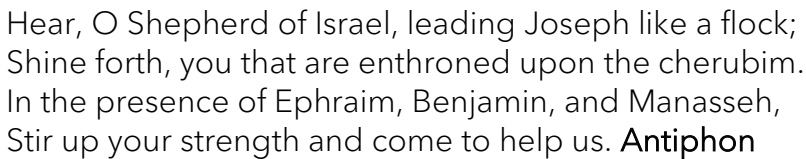
Celebrant Heavenly Father,
All who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People Thanks be to God.

Chant: Henry T. Smart



You have fed them with the bread of tears;
You have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbours,
And our enemies laugh us to scorn. Restore us, O God of hosts. **Antiphon**

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's

beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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All Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 117 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

The Holy Gospel

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew (1:18-25).

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Choir

Joseph and the Angel

R. R. Terry

*As Joseph was a-walking he heard an angel sing,
This night shall be born our heavenly king.
He neither shall be born in housen nor in hall,
Nor in the place of Paradise, but in an ox's stall. Noel.*

The Homily

The Rev. John Gee

The Nicene Creed Common Praise 681

John Merbecke

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.

Prayers of the People

If you would like a name (you or someone else) added to the parish prayer list, please contact the office. If a name should be removed, please let us know.

Intercessor Loving God, you know our needs more deeply than we can ever know them ourselves. Open our eyes to see as you do, that we may know your peace and grace in our own lives. Bend our hearts through our prayer to know you and to love you more perfectly, as we say: Lord in your mercy, "hear our prayer."

We lift up all of those for whom prayer has been requested: Mavis, Vivian, John, James, Joe and Shelly, Carol, Shawne, Jayson, Tyler, Chris, Diane, Kay, Lynn, Linda, Benjamin, Seth and Lucy, Pio, Bonnie, Mel, Lois, Bob, Janet, Mary, June, JC, Mark, Paul, Laura, Selina, Kenneth, and those known only unto you, Lord. Lord in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the Church of the living God throughout the world, we pray for the ***Anglican Church of Canada***, including Shane Parker, the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, and Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop. We also pray for the Diocese of British Columbia and Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee.

We pray for our own ***Diocese of Edmonton*** and Stephen, our Bishop. We pray for All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton and Alexandra Meek, Rector and Dean; John Gee, Deacon; and RJ Chambers, Office Administrator.

In the ***Diocese of Buyé***, we pray for the Mwumba Parish and Frederic Miburo, Rector.

In the ***Indigenous Community***, we lift up the Métis Nation of Alberta. Lord in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Help those who follow you to see in each other the fullness of Christ, that we might work together in joy to further your vision for our world. Lord in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

Intercessor Protect and bless your church in all its diversity and grant wisdom and strength to those who guide and shape its life. Lord in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

Intercessor Shower your blessings on the leaders on the nations, that they might seek solutions to the world's problems through peaceful cooperation. Lord in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

Intercessor Help us to be witnesses to your promises in our own communities, that your glory might be reflected through us and that all may know the possibilities of your loving way. Guard and protect all who will be travelling in this time of celebration, be present to those who feel alone or forgotten, and comfort those who are reminded of their griefs. Lord in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

Intercessor Bring wholeness to what is broken, bring relief to what causes pain, and bring healing to our illnesses. Lift up all who suffer that they may find peace through you. Lord in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

Intercessor Assure us of your loving care for those who have died and bolster our faith that we may be reunited with them again someday. Lord in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

Intercessor You have loved us enough to take on human life as your own and to know our hopes and our fears. Hear now our prayers and fulfill them as may be best for us. All of this we ask through you Son, our Lord and advocate, Jesus Christ.
All Amen.

The Fragrance of Christ

David Haas

Choir I will thank you, Lord, with all of my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. In the presence of the angels I will bless you, I will adore before your holy temple.

All

Refrain

Lord, may our prayer rise like in - cense in your sight, may this place be filled with the fra - grance of Christ.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting us to God's table. Therefore, let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

All 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.

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Offertory

You may place your offering in the plate as the sidespeople make their way down the centre aisle. Offering may also be placed in the offering box set in the middle aisle of the cathedral. To donate to the work of the Cathedral online, please go to our website.



The Offertory Hymn 89 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Verses 1-4, 7

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Gracious God,
All by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son,
make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of
Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and

archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus and Benedictus

R. R. Terry

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

126 *mf* San - ctus, san - ctus, san - ctus, Do - mi - nus De - us Sa - ba - oth.

130 Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a tu - a. *f* Ho -

134 san - na in ex - cel - sis, Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis.

138 *cresc.* Be - ne - di - ctus, be - ne - di - ctus qui ve - nit in no - mi - ne, in

144 *dim.* no - mi - ne Do - mi - ni. *f* Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis, Ho - san - na in ex -

149 *rall.* cel - sis, Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis, in ex - cel - sis.

Celebrant 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."

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

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer Common Praise 684

John Merbecke

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.
All Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

The Communion

Celebrant These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
All Thanks be to God.

*Please come forward to receive communion. You may receive both the bread
and the wine, or if you prefer, you may receive in one kind only, the bread.
Intinction (dipping the bread) is not permitted. The communion bread is gluten,
dairy, egg, and yeast free. To receive a blessing in place of communion, please
cross your hands over your chest.*

Music During Communion

Agnus Dei

R. R. Terry

*Agnus Dei
qui tollis peccata mundi:
Miserere nobis
Dona nobis pacem*

*Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world.
Have mercy on us.
Grant us peace.*

Joseph and the Angel

R. R. Terry

*As Joseph was a-walking he heard an angel sing,
This night shall be born our heavenly king.
He neither shall be clothed in purple nor in pall,
But all in fair linen as wear babies all. Noel.*

*As Joseph was a-walking....
He neither shall be rocked in silver nor in gold,
But in a wooden cradle that rocks on the mould. Noel.*

*As Joseph was a-walking....
He neither shall be christened in white wine nor in red,
But in the fair spring water as we were christened. Noel.*

Gabriel's Message

Old Basque Noel; arr. Edgar Pettman

*The Angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All Hail,' said he, 'Thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favoured lady,' Gloria!*

*'For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honour thee,
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold.
Most highly favoured lady,' Gloria!*

*Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,
'My soul shall laud and magnify His Holy Name.'
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!*

Communion Hymn 267 The God Whom Earth and Sea and Sky

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Faithful God,
All in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Doxology

Celebrant 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.

The Blessing

The Benedictory Hymn 114 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

Dismissal

Leader The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together!
People Thanks be to God!

Organ

Fugue in C major BWV 545

Johann Sebastian Bach

Announcements

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING ALLEY DOOR - As the weather is shifting, we have been finding the exit out to the alley left unlatched a few times in the last few weeks. If you ever enter or exit through that door, please double-check that it is latched (both coming and going). Thank you in advance for your commitment to keeping the Cathedral safe and secure for everyone!!

Parking Changes at the Cathedral Correction – Cathedral volunteers to not park in the parking stalls behind the Cathedral **Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm**. Those volunteering at the Cathedral for Manna Market and the Community Breakfast program are asked to park on the street or in the Impark lot and may submit their parking receipts for reimbursement. *Exception: Volunteers may park in the Dean's stall on Fridays.*

Christmas Flower Campaign is On Now! – If you would like to make a donation towards Christmas flowers, please enclose your donation in a Christmas flower envelope (found in a pew or in the Narthex) and place in the offering.

January-April Volunteer Roster – The January through April volunteer roster was sent as part of the weekly newsletter this weekend. If you will be away any of the dates you are scheduled, please let the office know.

Praying in the New Year on December 31 – Join together at All Saints' Cathedral to welcome the new year in prayer and praise. Hot chocolate and fellowship begins at 9:00pm, prayer and praise at 10:00pm, and eucharist at 11:00pm.

Walking Together – Sunday, January 11 at 1:00pm – Join us for our quarterly interfaith walk in the river valley, meet new faith neighbours, enjoy the gift of the river, and receive a new teaching. Please register at:

<https://www.templebethora.org/event-details/river-walk-prayer-ritual-and-walking-in-celebration-of-the-winter-solstice>

Being With: Exploring Faith Together – Monday, January 19 at 5:30pm – This meeting is a regular opportunity for young adults to gather for dinner and conversations around faith. If you are a young adult, please join us.

Donations Accepted of Winter Clothing – We are looking for donations of gloves, mitts, neck warmers, long underwear, and long-sleeve t-shirts and anything large size (2XL-5XL). We also accept monetary donations for winter clothing purchases. *We currently have a healthy supply of jackets and socks.*

New Sunday Morning Parking Permits – Annual Sunday morning parking permits for the Impark lot South of the Cathedral are available for purchase. If you would like to purchase one, please contact the Office for details.

Corporation/Lock Up This Week: Ebenezer

Readings for Next Sunday: Isaiah 63:7-9; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23





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