

Christmas Day

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2025
10:30 A.M.
Choral Eucharist | In-Person & Livestream

The Very Reverend Christopher A. Pappas, *Presider*The Reverend Claude St-Denis, *Preacher*The Reverend Kevin de la Mare, *Deacon*Dr. Neil Cockburn, *Organist & Director of Music*

Welcome to the Cathedral

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.

We recognize our history and traditions while seeking renewal and growth in spiritual depth and size. Curious and adaptable, this chorus has room for every voice — especially yours.

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. Dean & Rector



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We invite you to tell us more about yourself by completing our short connection form. You may find this form at tinyurl.com/CathedralConnection or by scanning the QR code on the left.

A message to children and their grown-ups We're glad you're here to celebrate the birth of baby Jesus with us!

Here are a few things we would like you to know about our worship service today:

- Playmats and an activity cart with books, puzzles and colouring are available at the front of the church;
- The nursery is available downstairs as a quiet space for you and your children. The service is live streamed so you can follow the worship.

If you loved this service and are curious about our regular Sunday worship, there is Sunday school for children at the 10.30am service. Come and see!

If you would like to learn more, please contact Rev. Areeta.

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CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL | Thursday, December 25, 2025

Cathedral parish announcements will commence shortly before 10:30 a.m. The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

(CP 118)

Text: St. 1, 2, 3, and 5, John Francis Wade (1711-1786), tr. Frederick Oakley (1802-1880); st. 4, Étienne-Jean-François Borderies, 1822; tr. William T. Brooke (1848-1917). Music: ADESTE FIDELES, melody attrib. John Francis Wade (1711-1786), alt.; harm. The English Hymnal, 1906. Altern. harm. David Willcocks (1919-2015); desc. Neil Cockburn.

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 God of God, Light of Light, lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb; very God, begotten not created: Refrain

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God in the highest: Refrain

4 See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear; we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; Refrain

5 Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: Refrain

Presider

In this time and place, we gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the x^wməθk^wəy'əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səl'ilwəta'? (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.

Hymn of Praise

Text: French, 18th cent., trans. *Crown of Jesus Music* (1862), alt. Music: GLORIA, French 18th cent., arr. Edward S. Barnes (1887-1958)



The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our

and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature.

May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

All

The Proclamation of the Word

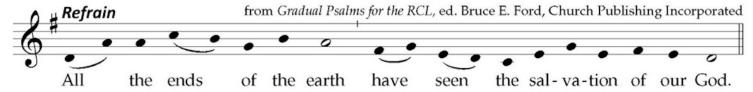
First Reading Isaiah 52:7-10

At the conclusion of the reading:

Reader Word of God, word of life.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98



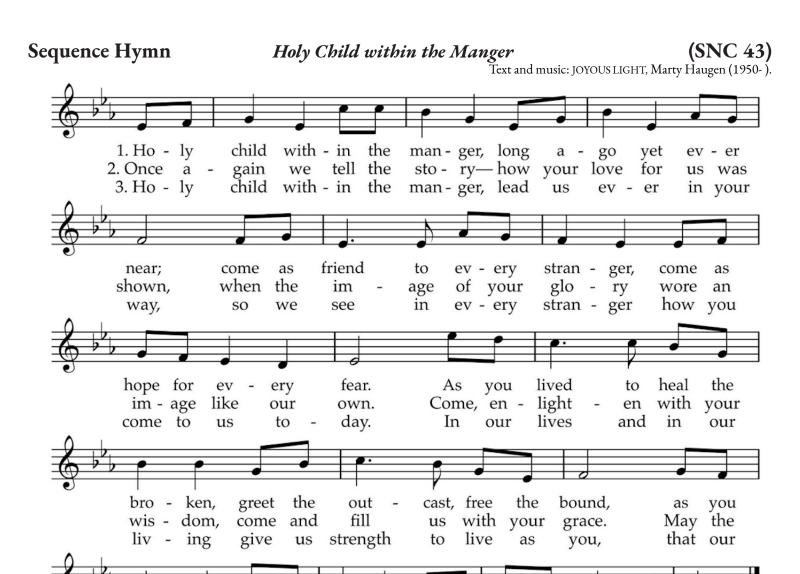
- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory. Refrain
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. *Refrain*
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord. *Refrain*
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity. *Refrain*

Second Reading Hebrews 1:1-4

At the conclusion of the epistle:

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

All Thanks be to God.



taught us love un - spo - ken, teach us now where you are found. fire of your com - pas - sion kin - dle ev - ery land and race. hearts might be for - giv - ing and our spir - its strong and true.

The Holy Gospel

John 1:1-14

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

After the Gospel the Deacon says:

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

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The Reverend Claude St-Denis

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

Deacon Let us confess our faith, as we say,

AllWe 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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.

The Prayers of the People

Please Scan the QR code at the back of the bulletin for the Prayer Cycles.

Confession and Absolution

Deacon The sun of righteousness has dawned with healing in his wings.

Let us come to the light of Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

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 May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive

your sins and make you holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AllAmen.

The Peace

Presider Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and his name shall be called the Prince of

Peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Offertory

Thank you for your prayerful stewardship of the ministries of the Cathedral. Your generous gift of any amount matters, because your stewardship empowers our mission to advance the Good News of God's infinite love and mercy through our worship, ministries, formation, and service. You may make a gift using the offering plate being passed around at this time or refer to the back page of this bulletin to see other methods. Together with the gifts of bread and wine, we present our gifts at the altar as a sign of thanksgiving to God, from whom all good things come.

Offertory hymn

Of Eternal Love Begotten

(CP 132)

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-413?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, melody plainsong, Mode 8 (12th cent.?); adapt. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; harm. Healey Willan (1880-1968).

1 Of eternal Love begotten ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he, of the things that are and have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore.

2 (High voices) At his Word the worlds were framed. He commanded, it was done: heaven and earth and depths of ocean in their threefold order one; all that grows beneath the shining of the moon and burning sun, evermore and evermore.

3 (Low) O that birth for ever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bare the Saviour of our race, and the babe, the world's redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore.

4 (High) This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord, whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word; now he shines, the long-expected; let creation praise its Lord, evermore and evermore.

5 (Low) O ye heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing; all dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and king; let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore.

6 (All) Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be, honour, glory, and dominion and eternal victory, evermore and evermore.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God of peace, your Son Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you.

All May all we offer you today

renew us as members of your household.

We ask this in his name. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving Common Worship Prayer A w/ seasonal preface

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.

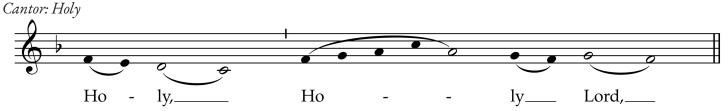
All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is indeed, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places [...] Therefore with

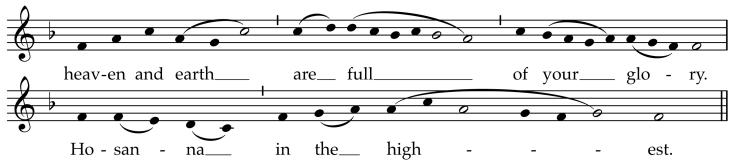
angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and

glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

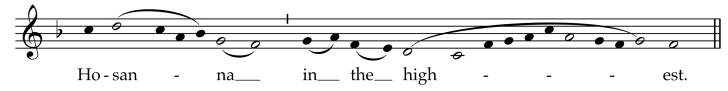
Sanctus Missa de angelis (Chant)



Cantor: God of power and might



Cantor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord



Presider Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life [...] Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Music: Community Mass, Richard Proulx (1937-2010).



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

Presider With this bread and cup we remember your word dwelling among us [...]

We look with hope for his coming.

All Come, Lord Jesus.

Presider Holy God, we long for your Spirit [...] Bring the gift of peace on earth.

All Come, Holy Spirit.

Presider All praise and glory are yours [...] Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

All Amen (CP 734)

Music: Community Mass, Richard Proulx (1937-2010).



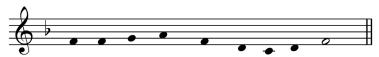
The Lord's Prayer

(CP 744)

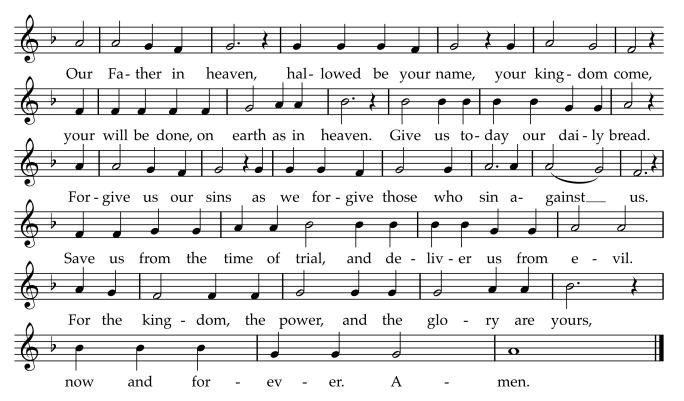
Music: Nicholas Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); arr. Neil Cockburn.

Presider

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As our Sav-iour taught us, let us pray:



The Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All God here among us, light in the midst of us,

bring us to light and life.

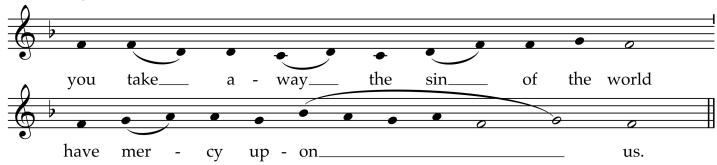
Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

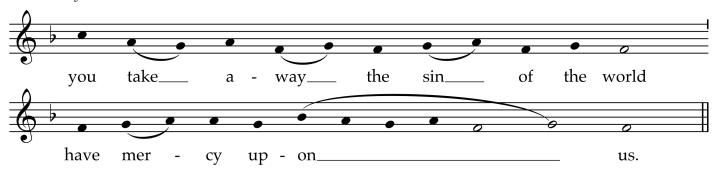
Agnus Dei

Missa de angelis (Chant)

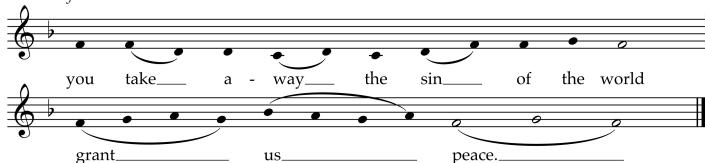
Please be seated Cantor: Lamb of God



Cantor: Lamb of God



Cantor: Lamb of God



The Communion

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 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. During communion, Healing Prayer is offered for all people in the west alcove. Please respect the confidentiality of the people praying by not entering the alcove during prayer time.

Nowell, sing nowell good people gathered here. Offer thanks, ye faithful, to the news give ear. Sing we nowell. A new King born today. Nowell, sing nowell good people gathered here.

Unto humble shepherds came the angel near; "Hence," said he, "to Bethlem, be ye of good cheer. Seek there the Lamb of God, love's own pure ray." Nowell, sing nowell good people gathered here.

When to Bethlehem they came in lowly fear, found they gentle Mary with her son so dear. Heav'n's mighty Lord all cradled in the hay. Nowell, sing nowell good people gathered here.

Eastern sages seek him, in the darkness drear by a star illumined shining forth so clear, guiding them to Bethlehem far away. Nowell, sing nowell good people gathered here.

Now doth our saviour Jesus Christ appear, bringing salvation promised many a year by his redeeming blood this happy day. Nowell, sing nowell good people gathered here.

Away in a Manger

(CP 126)

Text: American (19th cent.).

Music: CRADLE SONG, William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921), adapt.

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes. I love you, Lord Jesus look down from on high and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray.
 Bless all the dear children in your tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with you there.

Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.

Standing, the community prays in silence.

Presider Father of all, the child born for us is the Saviour of the world. May he who made us

your children welcome us into your kingdom, where he is alive and reigns with you

now and for ever. Amen.

The Doxology

Presider 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.

[Commissioning for lay ministers who will be taking communion to those not able to participate in the Eucharist at the church:

Presider In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing Holy gifts,

that those to whom you go may share with us in the body and blood of Christ.

All We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup.]

The Blessing

Presider May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise

men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this

Christmas; and the blessing.

All Amen.

Closing Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

(CP 138)

Text: Charles Wesley (1701–1788), alt. Music: MENDELSSOHN,

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809–1847); adapt. William Hayman Cummings (1831-1915); altern. harm. David Willcocks (1919-2015).

1 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn 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 host 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*

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in peace to proclaim the birth of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude Carillon-Sortie

Henri Mulet (1878-1967)



The flowers in the Cathedral today are given to the Glory of God & ...



Andrea Gailus
In Thanksgiving

Anonymous

Arielle Do Merry Christmas

Arlene Browne
In memory of my mother Mildred Hale

Barbara Brown Thanks for blessings

Brian Moul

Carol Cook

Christopher Browne
In memory of my father Eustace Browne

Dana OsborneGrateful for this Cathedral at this beautiful time of year

David Eby & family

Diogo Portela

Douglas Yee
In loving memory of Agnes Chew

Ed Friesen & Vincent Carey
Thanksgiving for the birth of Jesus, grandnephews
Quinn, Will and Patrick, and Godsons Eamon & Ellis

Edward Schmitt In memory of Karl

Elizabeth Hardy
With thanksgiving for the blessings I have received

George and Donna Marlette Peace on Earth

Grace Hsueh

Hannah Stockwell
With Thanksgiving for the beautiful choral and
organ music at the Cathedral. Happy Birthday Liz.

Harry Kim Thanks

Holly & David McMillan
Joyous Christmas to all

Yvonne Cheung Ian Birtwell

Loving memory of dear friends Kai, Bobby & Jim. Grateful thanks for a supportive community.

Jacqueline Fraser

Delight + thanks for this community

Jane Hope
In loving memory of Gwen & Margaret

Jane Osler
With thanks for the love, joy and support
received from this community

Jenny Judistio

Thanks for the blessings, keep blessings

Jim Nesbitt

To the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the CCC Community

Jim Turpin

Joan Seidl

In thanksgiving for the Cathedral community

Joanne Ingledew

For my Mother

Julia Bauming

Grateful!

June Zawada

Thank you for this church

Karen Bowles

In memory of my dad Ken Phipps

Kayoko Wear

In gratitude, God's love, Mary's sincere faith, this church community and my friends.

Kevin & Ryan Bespflug

Lesley Godwin

In loving memory of my parents

Leslie Buck

Louise & Gary Kenwood

In gratitude!

Lynne & John Dickman

Thansgiving for Christmas blessings

Margery Kellett and family

Thankfulness for help and hope for all

Marie Dawes

Mother - Nora Pacheco, Dad - Monico Pacheco, Brother - Micheal J. Pacheco

Mark Halyk

Matthew Senf

In thankfulness & gratitude for our Cathedral community

Nancy & David Fraser

For the many blessings in our lives

Nicky Seppala

Peter Schouls

For peace among the nations

Robert Kuhl

Gratitude for family

Robin Tavender

Thanksgiving for freedom above all things

Ros Kellett, Neale Adams

Joy joy joy!

Sharon Paterson, Nicholas Heap, Imogen and Laurel

Memory of our dads, Gary Paterson and Geoffrey Heap

Sheila Pepper

For Percy & Rose Pepper, Neil & Betty Dey

Susan Russell

Thanks for my Mom and Dad and all that they taught me

Tom Ferry

Vaughn & Curt Pridmore

For our parents, Terry Lyn & Lilja

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