

**25 December 2025
10 am at Holy Trinity Cathedral
The Christ Mass for Christmas Day**

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Gathering Carol: 'See Amid the Winter Snow'

Common Praise 148

**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 the manger lies
he who built the starry skies,
who enthroned in height sublime
sits amid the cherubim.**

Refrain

**Say, ye holy shepherds, say
what your joyful news today;
wherefore have ye left your sheep
on the lonely mountain steep?**

Refrain

**"As we watched at dead of night,
lo, we saw a wondrous light;
angels singing 'Peace on Earth'
told us of the Saviour's birth."**

Refrain

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

Refrain

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Presider: We gather here from many places on land that is the traditional and
unsundered territory of the Halq'emeyn-speaking Coast Salish
peoples.

**People: May Christ lead us on right pathways as we seek truth and
reconciliation in action.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Let us pray,

**All: God whose Word became flesh,
breathe a new song of joy and praise into the world,
so that we may bear the good news of your salvation
and proclaim your promise of peace to the ends of the earth;
through Christ the Word. Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4

Reader: A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews,

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the
prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he
appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the
reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he
sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins,
he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much
superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: 98

1 Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvellous things,
whose mighty hand and holy arm have won the victory.

2 O Lord, you have made known the victory;
you have openly shown your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

3 You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen your victory, O God.

4 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.

5 Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before our sovereign, the Lord.

7 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.

8 Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
who is coming to judge the earth.

9 In righteousness shall God judge the world
and the peoples with equity.

Gospel Carol: 'Gloria'

Common Praise 376

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Gloria, gloria. Alleluia! Alleluia! (sung 3 times)

The Gospel: John 1:1-14

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A Christmas Story

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

*A community member offers a litany of intercessions and thanks.
Pauses are kept for you to offer your own prayers, silently or aloud.*

The Exchange of the Peace

Presider: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

*You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with your neighbours,
respecting their comfort with touch.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offering Carol: 'On This Day'

Common Praise 150

**On this day earth shall ring
with the song children sing
to the Lord, Christ our king,
born on earth to save us;
him the Father gave us.**

***Refrain Ideo-o-o-o, Ideo-o-o-o,
Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!***

**His the doom, ours the mirth;
when he came down to earth
Bethlehem saw his birth;
ox and ass beside him
from the cold would hide him. *Refrain***

**God's bright star, o'er his head,
wise men three to him led;
kneel they low beside his bed,
lay their gifts before him,
praise him and adore him. *Refrain***

**On this day, angels sing;
with their song earth shall ring,
praising Christ, heaven's king,
born on earth to save us;
peace and love he gave us. *Refrain***

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Let us pray.

**All: Generous Creator, in faith and joy we celebrate the birth of
your Son. Increase our understanding and love of the riches
You have revealed in him, who is Lord now and forever.
Amen.**

the Great Thanksgiving

EOW Prayer 2

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: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun,

moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with saints and angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
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.**

Presider: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us,

with Nicholas Ferrar and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

In the language closest to your heart, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
*(please use the traditional version or another language
you use for prayer if you desire)*

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

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.

*All who are drawn to Christ are welcome at this table. Wafers and wine are shared, but
receiving in one kind carries the fullness of Christ's presence. You may also come
forward for a blessing instead.*

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Let us pray,

**All: Creator of all, the child born for us is the Saviour of the world.
May he who gives us the gift of abundant life welcome us into
your kingdom, where he is alive and reigns now and forever.
Amen.**

**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!***

The Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to live the love of Christmas.

All: Thanks be to God.