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First Sunday After Christmas

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025

10:30 A.M.

Choral Eucharist | In-Person & Livestream

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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. Following our worship service, please join us for coffee hour in the parish hall.

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

Faithfully yours in Christ,



The Very Rev. Christopher A. Pappas, Ph.D., D.Min.
Dean & Rector



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A message to children and their grown-ups

We're glad you're here! Here are a few things we would like you to know about our 10:30 a.m. worship service:

- 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;

Sunday school will resume on Sunday Jan 11th for children aged 2.5 years and older. We look forward to seeing you then!

Need to reach us?

Visit us at www.thecathedral.ca/pages/our-team or scan the QR code on the right to access our clergy and staff contact information.

We're here to support you — feel free to reach out anytime!



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

Processional Hymn

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

(CP 143)

Text: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.

Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879); desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971).

1 Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.

3 Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations;
you have seen his natal star:
come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.

2 Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light:
come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.

4 Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:
come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.

5 Though an infant now we view him,
he shall fill the eternal throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down:
come and worship, come and worship
worship Christ, the new-born King.

Presider In this time and place, we gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the x^wməθk^wəy^əm (Musqueam), Sk̓wxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlilwətaʔɬ (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.

Gloria

Glory to God

(CP 686)

Music: *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (1950-).

The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word.

All 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 First Reading

Isaiah 63:7-9

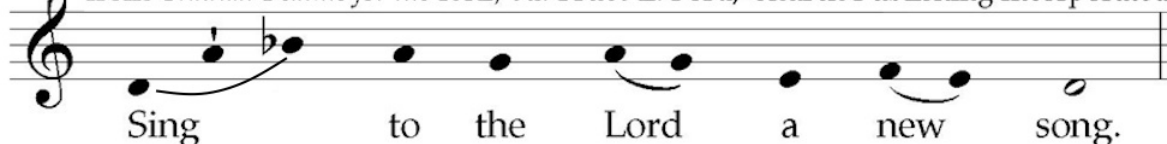
At the conclusion of the reading:

Reader Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148

Refrain

from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated



1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host. **Refrain**

3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. **Refrain**

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will; **Refrain**

9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and wingèd birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, old and young together. **Refrain**

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted,
his splendour is over earth and heaven.

14 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. Hallelujah! **Refrain**

The Second Reading

Hebrews 2:10-18

At the conclusion of the epistle:

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

All Thanks be to God.

1 O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to all the earth.

3 How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given
as love imparts to human hearts
the blessings of God's heaven!
No ear may hear his coming;
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:13-23

Deacon The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Mathew.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says:

The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Areeta Bridgemohan

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

Deacon Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All We 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.

Prayers of the People

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

The 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 may be 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.

All Amen.

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

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

(CP 141)

Text: Edmund Hamilton Sears (1810-1876), alt.

Music: NOEL, melody English trad.; arr. Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900).

1 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.

2 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.

3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife
the world has suffered long;
beneath the angel-strain have rolled
two thousand years of wrong;
and we amid our wars hear not
the words of peace they bring;
O listen now, and still your strife
to hear the angels sing.

4 And you, beneath life’s crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow;
look now, for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road
and hear the angels sing.

5 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.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory.

All 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 *Common Worship Prayer A w/ seasonal preface*

Presider The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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

Presider It is indeed, it is our duty and our joy [...] 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

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

(CP 689)

Music: *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (1950-).

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

All

Acclamation

(CP 733)

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 look with hope for his coming. **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 [...] Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen

(CP 734)

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

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Ring of the bell. (x3)

The Lord's Prayer

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

Presider



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

Our Fa-ther in heaven, hal- lowed be your name, your king- dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us to- day our dai- ly bread.
For- give us our sins as we for- give those who sin a- gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial, and de- liv- er us from e- vil.
For the king- dom, the power, and the glo- ry are yours,
now and for- ev- er. A - men.

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. **Thanks be to God.**

Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God

(CP 690)

Music: *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (1950-).

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace.

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.

During Communion

Coventry Carol

Text: the Pageant of the Shearman and Tailors, 15th cent.
Music: Coventry carol, arr. Martin Shaw (1875-1958).

Refrain:

*Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child,
by by, lully lullay.*

1 O sisters too,
how may we do
for to preserve this day
this poor youngling,
for whom we do sing
by by, lully lullay?

2 Herod the king,
in his raging,
charged he hath this day
his men of might,
in his own sight,
all young children to slay

3 That woe is me,
poor child for thee!
and ever morn and day,
for thy parting
neither say nor sing
by by, lully lullay! *Refrain*

What Shall We Give

(SNC 42)

Text and music: CATALAN CAROL, arr. Stephen Dean (1948-).



1. What shall we give to the child in the man - ger? What shall we
2. What shall we give to the first - born of Ma - ry; things that will
3. This child must grow to in - her - it a king - dom, blos - som and
4. What shall we give to the child in the man - ger? What shall we



1. give him that he will en - joy? Milk and wild hon - ey for
2. nour - ish a new life be - gun? Fruits of the for - est and
3. rip - en like fields of good corn, bear - ing a seed that will
4. give him that he will en - joy? Give of the best to the



1. this lit - tle stran - ger, food to give strength to a new lit - tle boy.
2. figs from the fig tree, nur - tured in so - il and rip - ened by sun.
3. fall and lie bur - ied, spring - ing up new in the bright Eas - ter morn.
4. one who will save us, food to give strength to this man still a boy.

The Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray. 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.

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

Good Christians All, Rejoice

(CP 153)

Text: German-Latin carol (14th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, melody *Geistliche Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1533; harm. Robert Lucas Pearsall (1795-1856); arr. John Stainer (1840-1901).

1 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!

2 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!

3 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!

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Grand Choeur—Sortie pour Noël (op. posth.)

César Franck (1822-1890)

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The Prayers of the People

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