

# All Saints' Cathedral Choral Eucharist



The First Sunday after Christmas  
28 December 2025 at 10:30am

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

*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 148    See Amid the Winter's Snow

### 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.

Gloria in Excelsis    Common Praise 679

John Merbecke

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

### Collect for the Day

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

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their saviour in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Reader        Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People        Thanks be to God.

## The Gradual Psalm 104:1-6, 25, 37

Chant: from Martin Luther



Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!  
You are clothed with majesty and splendour.  
You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak  
And spread out the heavens like a curtain. **Antiphon**

You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above;  
You make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.  
You make the winds your messengers  
And flames of fire your servants. **Antiphon**

You have set the earth upon its foundations,  
So that it never shall move at any time.  
You covered it with the deep as with a mantle;  
The waters stood higher than the mountains.  
O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
Bless the Lord, O my soul. **Antiphon**

## The Second Reading: Hebrews 2:10-18

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me." Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

### Alleluia

Stuart Beatch



*The word of the Lord is pure, His word is true and mighty  
We believe in Him and His Son, Jesus Christ. **Refrain***

*The Lord in our life and light, He rules over all creation.  
Let us hear His holy word and praise His name! **Refrain***

## 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 (2:13-23).

**People        Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

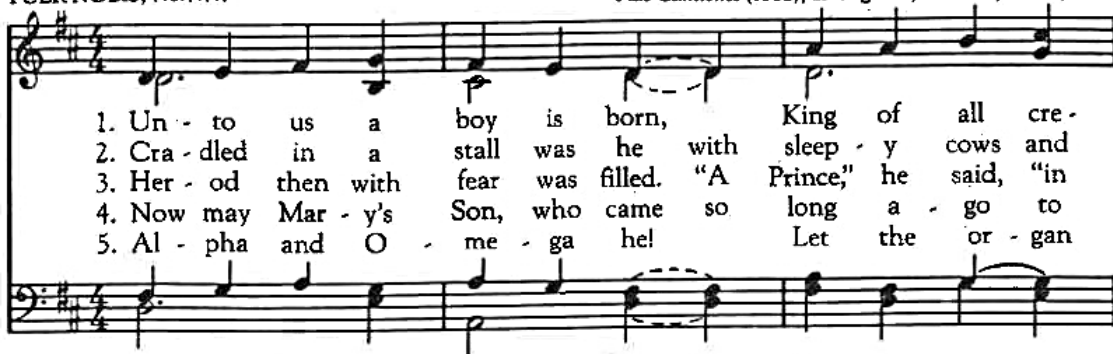
Gospeller     The Gospel of Christ.

**People        Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

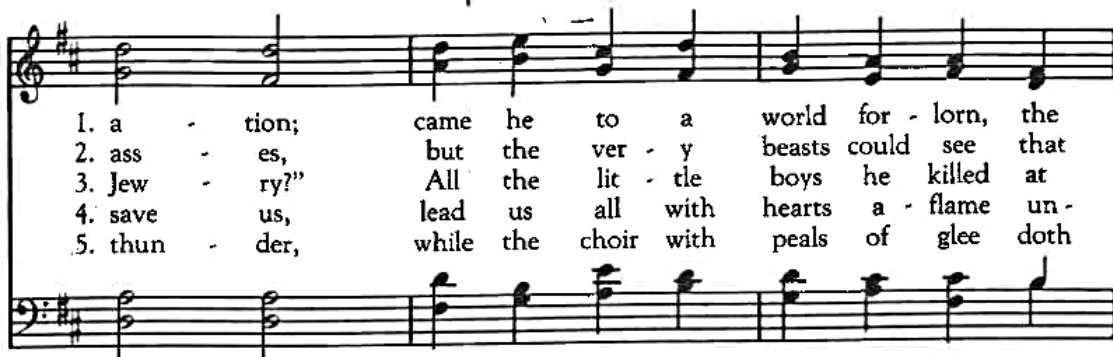
# Post-Gospel Hymn Unto Us a Boy Is Born

PUER NOBIS, 7.6.7.7.7

*Piae Cantiones* (1582); arranged by Geoffrey Shaw, 1928



1. Un - to us a boy is born, King of all cre -  
 2. Cra - dled in a stall was he with sleep - y cows and  
 3. Her - od then with fear was filled. "A Prince," he said, "in  
 4. Now may Mar - y's Son, who came so long a - go to  
 5. Al - pha and O - me - ga he! Let the or - gan



1. a - tion; came he to a world for - lorn, the  
 2. ass - es, but the ver - y beasts could see that  
 3. Jew - ry?" All the lit - tle boys he killed at  
 4. save us, lead us all with hearts a - flame un -  
 5. thun - der, while the choir with peals of glee doth



1. Lord of ev - 'ry na - tion, the Lord of ev - 'ry na - tion.  
 2. he all flesh sur - pass - es, that he all flesh sur - pass - es.  
 3. Beth - lem in his fu - ry, at Beth - lem in his fu - ry.  
 4. to the joys a - bove us, un - to the joys a - bove us.  
 5. rend the air, a - sun - der, doth rend the air a - sun - der.

*Mt. 2:16*

The Homily

The Very Reverend Alexandra Meek

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.

## Kyrie Eleison

Franz Schubert

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and common time (C). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and contains the lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." The second staff continues with "Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have" and includes a fermata over the final note. The third staff starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic, followed by a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic, and contains the lyrics "mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have". The fourth staff concludes the piece with the lyrics "mer - cy, have mer - cy." and ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The tempo is marked with a '2' above the final bar line.

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

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

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

mer - cy, have mer - cy.

## 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 Heavenly God, we are your children, formed and created for love. Give us hearts that see our neighbours as our true brothers and sisters, that we might care for one another as you care for us and hear our prayers 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 Caledonia and Bishop David Lehmann.

We pray for our own ***Diocese of Edmonton*** and Stephen, our Bishop. We pray for Christ Church, Edmonton and Susan Oliver, Rector; Sheila Moorey, Deacon; Bishop Jane Alexander, Maureen Crerar, Martin Garber-Conrad, Breck McHan, Honorary Assistants; Karianne Rillera, Family and Youth Ministry; and Ronald Laginski, Office Manager.

In the ***Diocese of Buyé***, we pray for the Gisitwe Parish and Jean Baptiste Muhigirwa, Rector.

In the ***Indigenous Community***, we lift up the Alexander First Nation. Lord in your mercy,

**All** **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for all those who worship you in the church universal, that the good news might be proclaimed, lives enriched, and hands put into service for those in need, all that your name might be known and glorified. Lord in your mercy,

**All** **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for our nation and its leaders and for all nations, that you will be the guiding force that directs all decisions and actions for the benefit of all the world. Lord in your mercy,

**All** **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for our planet, that your peace might prevail and that your love might win over all hearts. We pray that the abundance of this life might be shared with those who have little and that the plight of the persecuted might become untenable for those who live in plenty. Lord in your mercy,

**All** **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for our own personal needs and concerns and for those we love, for those we mourn, for the success of our labour, and for the needs of our own families, asking you to be present to us and to those we love this day and every day. Lord in your mercy,  
**All hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for those who are afraid, who hunger, who are imprisoned in cells or by illness or addiction. We pray for certainty, shelter, food, liberation, healing, and for the peace of those whose needs are known to you alone. Lord in your mercy,  
**All hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for the sick and the dying. We pray also for those who mourn and those who offer comfort, for the release of fear and the increase of faith, and for our hope of life eternal lived in your presence. Lord in your mercy,  
**All hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Almighty God, hear our prayers offered in the security of your love and grant them, not as we desire, but as may be best for us.  
**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.

The musical notation is for a refrain in G major (one sharp) and 3/2 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The lyrics 'Lord, may our prayer rise like in - cense in your sight, may this' are written below the first staff. The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: D4 (half), C4 (half), B3 (half), A3 (half), G3 (half), F#3 (half), E3 (half), D3 (half). The lyrics 'place be filled with the fra - grance of Christ.' are written below the second staff. The piece ends with a double bar line.

## 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 At the Name of Jesus

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano line. The lyrics are: 'At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow, ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now; 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord, who from the be - gin - ning was the migh - ty Word.'

1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,  
ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;  
'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,  
who from the be - gin - ning was the migh - ty Word.

2 Humbled for a season to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious when from death he  
passed.

3 Name him, Christians, name him, with love  
strong as death,  
but with awe and wonder, and with bated  
breath;  
he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.

4 In your hearts enthrone him; there let him sub-  
due  
all that is not holy, all that is not true;  
crown him as your Saviour in temptation's  
hour;  
let his will enfold you in its light and power.

5 Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### Prayer over the Gifts

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

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 mystery of his incarnation was made perfect man of the flesh  
                 of the Virgin Mary his mother; in him we have seen a new and  
                 radiant vision of your glory. Therefore with all the angels of  
                 heaven, we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise to  
                 proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus and Benedictus    Common Praise 735

Franz Schubert

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

Celebrant    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.

### 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*

*Lamb of God,*

*qui tollis peccata mundi:*

*You take away the sin of the world.*

*Miserere nobis*

*Have mercy on us.*

*Dona nobis pacem*

*Grant us peace.*

## Communion Hymn 131 Love Came Down at Christmas

### Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Source of truth and joy,

All 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

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 143 Angels from the Realms of Glory

### Dismissal

Leader Let us go forth in peace to love and serve our newborn King!

People Thanks be to God!

### Organ

Carillon 1949

Herbert Murrill





## Announcements

**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.

**Choral Evensong on Sunday, January 4 at 7:00pm** – Please join us for the first Choral Evensong of 2026 on Sunday, January 4 at 7:00pm.

**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>

**Service of Remembrance for Rebekah O'Brien – January 17 at 1:00pm** – Please join us on Saturday, January 17 at 1:00pm for a service of remembrance for the life of Rebekah O'Brien.

**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.

**January-April Volunteer Roster** – The January through April volunteer roster has been sent out the last couple of weeks with the weekly newsletter. If you will be away any of the dates you are scheduled, please let the office know.

**Alley Door** – If you ever enter or exit through the alley door, please double-check that it is latched when it closes.

**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: Dean Alex

Readings for Next Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Bishop, The Right Reverend Stephen London  
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