All Saints' Cathedral Choral Eucharist



The First Sunday of Advent
29 November 2026 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 both in prayer and action to be faithful Treaty 6 partners.

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn of Praise 88 Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

Lighting of the First Advent Candle – Hope

Celebrant In a world full of fear, where do you see hope?

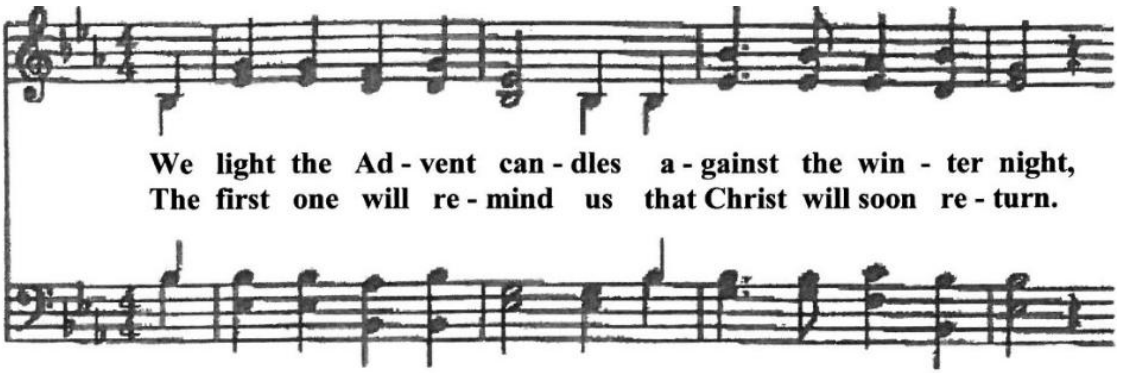
People We see hope when we look to the next generation. We feel hopeful when we gather together. We know hope, deep within us, when we dream of a better world.

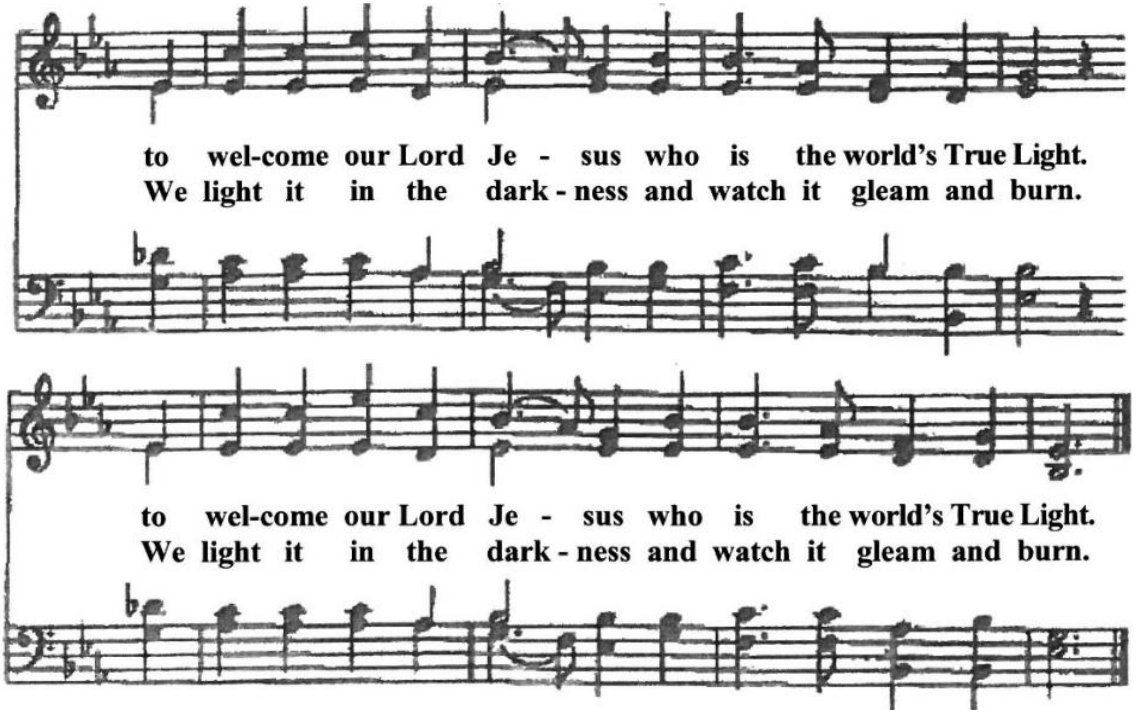
Celebrant Even in a fearful world, hope is all around us. Today we light the candle of hope as a reminder of this good news of hope in Jesus Christ. May this flicker of light help us remember that we have reason to hope.

The first candle is lit as the congregation sings.

We Light the Advent Candles

German Folk Tune; Words by Gracia Grindal





Celebrant God with-us, in the time of Moses, you spoke through water in the desert and a pillar of smoke. In the time of the judges, you spoke through the prophets. In the time of Herod, you spoke through angel choruses and unlikely miracles. In every time you have been speaking. So today, in our time, we ask that you would speak again. Break through the chatter and the distraction of our weary minds and speak to us once more. With hope we pray,

All Amen.

The Greeting and Collect for Purity

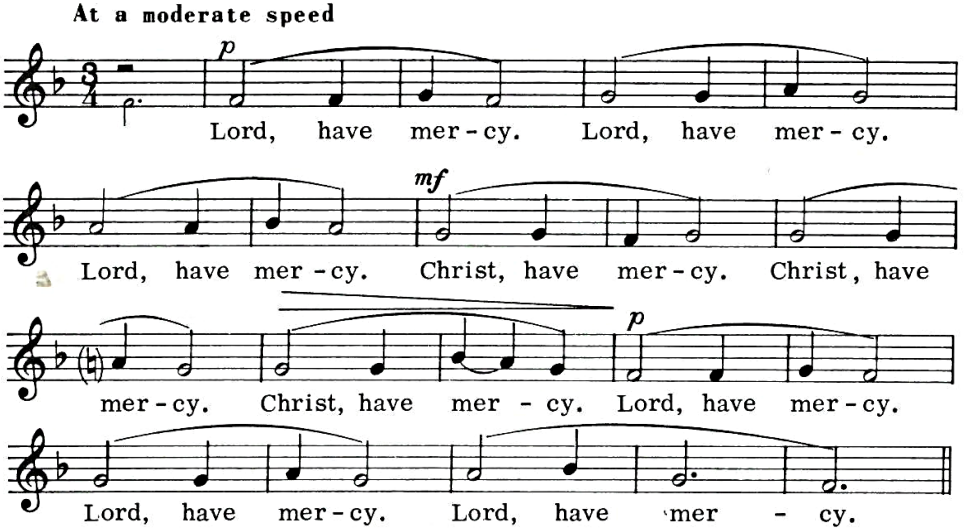
Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

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



Collect for the Day

Celebrant Almighty God,

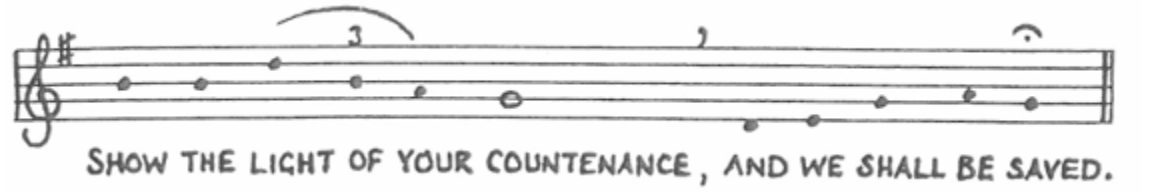
All give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9 Read by Jackie H.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

The Gradual Psalm 80



Hear O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up on the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us. Antiphon

Restore us O God of Hosts;
show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.



O Lord of Hosts, how long will you be angered,
despite the prayers of your people? Antiphon

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

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Read by Jay A.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn 97 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

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 Mark (13:24-37).

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

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

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

Choir

But who may abide the day of his coming? George Frederic Handel
For He is like a refiner's fire. *(Malachi 3:2)*

The Homily The Reverend John Gee

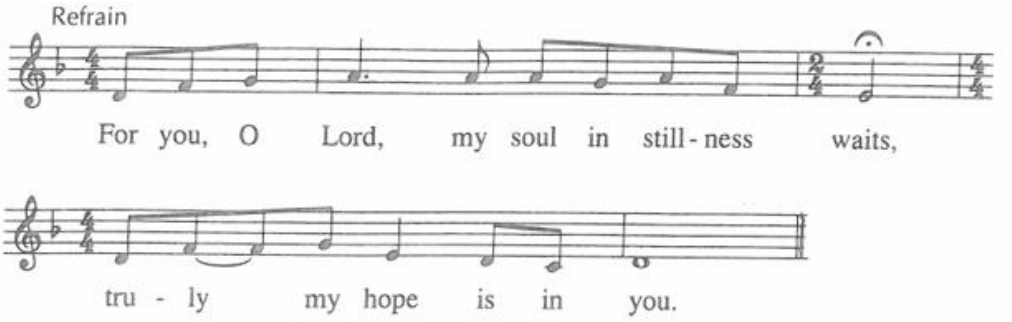
The Nicene Creed **Common Praise 681** John Merbecke

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.

My Soul in Stillness Waits



Choir O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory,
your radiance shines in all who look to you,
come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow. (*Marty Haugen)*

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 God of anticipation, listen and respond as we raise our voices in prayer, saying: Lord, in your mercy, "hear our prayer."

Intercessor We lift up all of those for whom prayer has been requested: Grant, Grace, Susie, Joanna, Blessing, Elizabeth, Chinenye, Edah, Dottie, Joanne, Mathew, Natalka, Addison, Brian, Leah, Mavis, Vivian, John, James, Shelly, Shawne, Jayson, Tyler, Chris, Diane, Lynn, Linda, Benjamin, Seth and Lucy, Pio, Bonnie, Mel, 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 Primate Shane Parker and National Indigenous Archbishop Chris Harper of the *Anglican Church of Canada*. We also pray for the Diocese of Ottawa and Bishop Kathryn Otley.
We pray for our own *Diocese of Edmonton* and Stephen, our Bishop. We pray for all ministries, initiatives, and committees in the Diocese of Edmonton, and all coordinators, directors, committee chairs, and officers.
In our partner *Diocese of Buyé*, we pray for the Ruyenzi (St. Emmanuel) Parish and Papias Masengesho, Rector.
In the *Indigenous Community*, we lift up the Enoch Cree Nation.
Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Gracious God, we pray for peace. We pray for an end to the war and conflict that affects so many peoples and lands across our world. We pray for those who live in the midst of violence, destruction and acts of war. Bring peace to our world and make us people who act for justice and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For your church, that it may be a herald of the age to come and a sign of hope in the world today. Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For leaders in our civic and communal lives, that they might look beyond the quarrels of today to lay the foundations of justice and mercy for tomorrow. Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For this congregation, that we might rest in your promises as we prepare ourselves for the work of being the body of Christ in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For our environment, that it might be restored and sustained and its life-giving abundance might be preserved. Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the sick, the suffering, the anxious, the despairing, and for all in need of your healing presence, that wholeness, reconciliation, and peace might be theirs. Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For those who have died and those who are dying, that through the power of your promises they may come to know the joy of your eternal presence. Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor As we enter this time of waiting, we ask that you strengthen and enliven our faith that we may know the joy of your presence and that our lives might be a reflection of your glory. All these we ask through Jesus, the light of our lives.

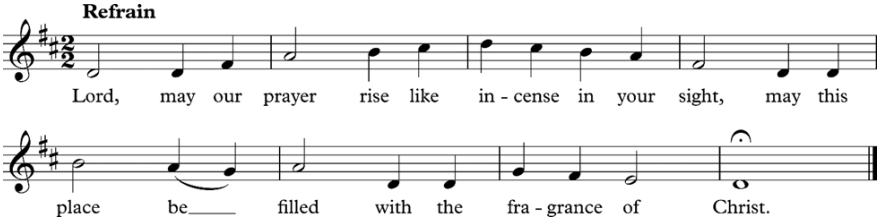
All **Amen.**

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



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 Motet

Confitemini Domino *Oreste Ravanello*

Confitemini Domino quoniam Bonus: quoniam in saeculum misericordia ejus.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good. His mercy endures for ever. Alleluia.

The Offertory Hymn 99 Break, Day of God, O Break

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of love and power,
All your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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.

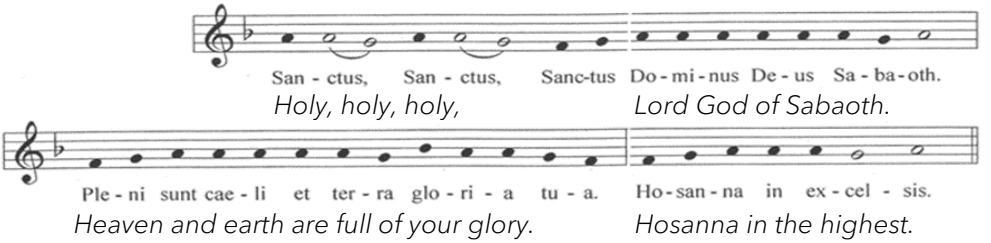
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Plainchant



Benedictus

Hans Leo Hassler

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

People **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 — Hans Leo Hassler

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.

Ave verum corpus — Giulio Bentivoglio

Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary:
who suffered and died on the Cross for us, from whose pierced side came both water and blood.
Be to us the source of consolation at our last hour, O sweet, O holy Jesu, Son of Mary.

Communion Hymn 620 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant God for whom we wait,
All you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of 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 116 "Your Kingdom Come" – On Bended Knee

Dismissal

Leader Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
People Thanks be to God!

Organ

Fugue in C major BWV547 Johann Sebastian Bach

Announcements

Christmas Flower Campaign is On Now! – Help deck the church! Donate to the Christmas flower campaign. 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, or you can donate online using the QR code.

Anglican Church Calendars – If you would like a 2027 Anglican Church calendar, please contact the Office. They are $7.00 each.

Stewardship Campaign -Please pick up a copy of our yearly stewardship letter from Dean Alex and consider your stewardship commitment to the Cathedral for the coming year. The work of the church is accomplished as we all offer together our gifts and talents. If you would like to change your ministry commitments for the coming year, either by taking on something new or by retiring from a role, please let Dean Alex know and she will make sure the necessary next steps are taken to help. If you would like to change your financial commitment, there are PAG forms in the narthex, or you can email the office.
The ministry of the Cathedral is diverse, from community outreach, to beautiful liturgy, to gardens and readings and prayers. The running of the Cathedral costs approximately 1200$ a day.

Patchwork Saints Sale -Sunday, December 13th during coffee hour -Patchwork Saints will be selling items as a fundraiser to help purchase supplies for quilts they make for infants as well as long term care residents. Please bring cash (items start at 5$) and support this fundraising sale!

Altar Guild Calling – We invite the men and women of our All Saints' community to consider joining Altar Guild. Please talk to Julia Nelson at church or tell the office or the Dean you are interested.

Lectionary Study Christmas Break– The weekly Lectionary Bible Study happens weekly on Monday at 1:00pm until Monday, December 7th and then we will take a break until Mid-January.

Christmas Services – Please join us for worship over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. All Saints' Cathedral will have services at the following times:

- December 24 (Christmas Eve) at 4:30pm: Family Service
- December 24 (Christmas Eve) at 10:00pm: Candlelight Service with Choir
- December 25 (Christmas Day) at 10:30am: Holy Communion

Parking for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day: Please note that Cathedral parking passes are only for Sunday mornings only. Regular rates apply for the Impark lot and street parking on December 24 and 25. If you have friends/family attending services, please pass along this information.

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 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8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