



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL OTTAWA

A diverse and vibrant community that glorifies God and welcomes all people

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25th, 2022

10.30 am Choral Eucharist (BAS)

Missa ad praeesepe – George Malcolm

Prelude

Noël – Louis-Claude d'Aquin

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Hymn 148

See amid the winter's snow

Greeting

Dear friends, we gather this day on traditional Anishinaabe Algonquin territory.

May we always dwell on this land with respect and peace.

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

And also with you.

Hymn 153

Good Christians all, rejoice

Collect of the Day

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

First Reading

Isaiah 62:6-12

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have laboured; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth. Sing to the Lord and bless the divine name; proclaim the good news of our salvation from day to day. Declare the glory of the Lord among the nations and the wonders of God among all peoples. For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods. As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is you, O Lord, who made the heavens. Oh, the majesty and magnificence of your presence! Oh, the power and the splendour of your sanctuary! Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honour and power. Ascribe to the Lord the honour due the divine name; bring offerings and come into the courts of the Lord. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before God. Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord reigns! The Lord who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity." Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein. Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord who is coming, who is coming to judge the earth. The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with truth.

Reading

Titus 3:4-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to Titus.

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured

out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 121

O little town of Bethlehem

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:15-20

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Children are invited to join in the procession to the crèche after the reading of the Gospel.

Children's Story

Hymn 123

Once in royal David's city

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray.

O God, on this holy day, we celebrate your birth among us as a human child. We celebrate alongside Mary and Joseph, who through their everyday work of parenting became part of your story of salvation.

On the first Christmas, there was no room in the inn. Protect with your love those in our community who have no home today, who are living rough on the streets or in abandoned buildings. We pray especially for homeless families with babies, who bear the fragility of new life in hard and anxious times.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

The Messiah came with the sign of a star shining in the night. Bring light to those who are suffering from sickness, who endure pain in mind or body or soul, and especially those people who are spending Christmas in the hospitals in our community.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Jesus was born in a stable, surrounded by the animals, he came as a Saviour for all creation. Bring healing and peace to our relationship with the earth. Renew our sense of the holy, and give us wisdom to treat the world with respect and care.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

The angels came with a message of good news in a troubled time. We need your good news in the troubled parts of our lives, with family ties that are strained or broken. We need your good news in our war-filled world, praying especially for Ukraine. We also pray for Bethlehem, for Palestine and Israel, where high walls of many kinds divide your people.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

The shepherds were commissioned to spread tidings of great joy, a joy that can reach even those sitting in the shadow of death. At this holiday time, we remember those we love who have died.

Silence.

We know that in your grace they too are part of this choir of praise. We join our voices with them and with the hosts of heaven, in praising you now and forever. We sang, we sing, we will sing Alleluia! Christ the Saviour is born! **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence.

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.

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn 140

It came upon the midnight clear



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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer Over the Gifts

God of peace, your Son Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you. May all we offer you today renew us as members of your household. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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."

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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 those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

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

God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Angus Dei

Communion

All are welcome to come to the altar rail. If you wish prayers for healing before receiving Communion, please carry an Order of Service with you; to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest; for a gluten-free wafer, hold out one hand; for a regular wafer, hold out two hands. Please do not dip the bread in the wine.

Motets

The little road to Bethlelehem – Michael Head

As I walked down the road at set of sun, the lambs were coming homewards, one by one, I heard a sheep-bell softly calling them along the little road to Bethlehem. Beside an open door as I drew nigh, I heard sweet Mary sing a lullaby. She sang about the lambs at close of day and rocked her King among the hay. Across the air the silver sheep-bell rang, "The lambs are coming home," sweet Mary sang, "Your Star of gold is shining in the sky, so sleep my little King, go lullaby."

Dancing Day – John Gardner

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance to see the legend of my play, to call my true love to my dance: Sing, O my love, O my love, my love, my love; this have I done for my true love. Then was I born of a virgin pure, of her I took fleshly substance; thus was I knit to man's nature, to call my true love to my dance: Sing, O my love, O my love, my love, my love; this have I done for my true love. In a manger laid and wrapped I was, so very poor this was my chance, betwixt an ox and a

silly poor ass, to call my true love to my dance: Sing, O my love, O my love, my love, my love; this have I done for my true love. Then afterwards baptized I was; the Holy Ghost on me did glance, my Father's voice heard from above, to call my true love to my dance: Sing, O my love, O my love, my love, my love; this have I done for my true love.

THE SENDING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prayer after Communion

God 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.**

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.

Blessing and Dismissal

May the hope, peace, joy, and love of the Christ child be in your hearts and in your home this Christmas; And the blessing of God, the Creator, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn 138

Hark! The herald angels sing

Postlude

Fugue in C (BWV 564) – J.S. Bach

<i>Celebrant</i>	Canon Doug Richards
<i>Children's Story</i>	Dean Beth Bretzlaff
<i>Organist</i>	James Calkin
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<i>Sung by</i>	Members of the Cathedral Choirs
<i>Readers</i>	Richard Fajarczyk, Daniel Jerusalemiec
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NEXT SUNDAY

January 1st at Noon – Epiphany
New Year's Day Eucharist and Reception
with the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada
Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

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