



Christmas Eve

The Festival Holy Eucharist

The Cathedral Church of Saint George

24 December • 7:00pm

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that in Kingston we are situated on traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Huron Wendat peoples. We seek a new relationship with the original peoples of this land, one rooted in and based upon honour and deep respect.

WELCOME TO ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

Welcome to worship at St George's Cathedral. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, and whether you are joining in the nave or via the livestream, you are welcome here! We invite you to complete a newcomer form, visit www.stgeorgescathedral.ca, or connect with one of the clergy following the service. We are honoured by your presence this most holy night and pray that this service is meaningful for you.

LEADING THE SERVICE

The Very Rev. Douglas Michael
Dean

Brad Barbeau
Director of Music

Members of the Cathedral Choir

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE

Gabrielle & Clara McIntire, *reader*

Jane Kirkpatrick, *intercessor*

Judith Challis, *server*

Jane Kirkpatrick & Nancy Legacey, *verger*

Susan Everett & Jim Anderson, *lay minister*

Heather Buchan, Jerry Courage & Debbie Docherty, *sidespeople*

Derek Falkner & Peter McCubbin, *livestream technicians*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Eucharistic Prayer 3, BAS

MASS SETTING

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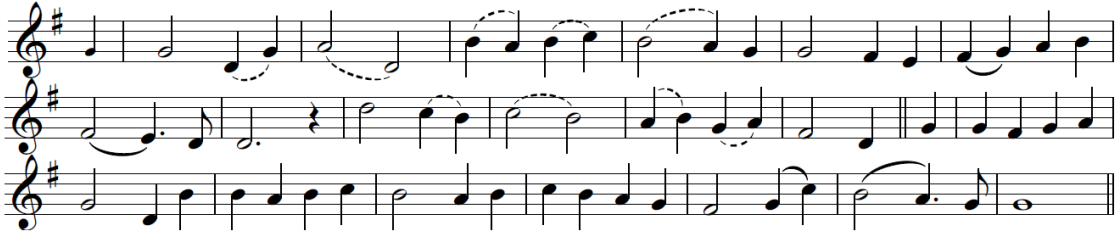
The Gathering of the Community

The people's responses are in **bold**.

PRELUDE

The people stand as able as the procession enters the Cathedral.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of Angels:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

2 God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:

Adeste Fideles

3 Sing, choirs of Angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God
In the Highest:

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

J. F. Wade (c.1711-1786), trans.: F. Oakley, W. T. Brooke et al;

The people are seated.

WORDS OF WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Celebrant Joy to the World!

People The Lord has come!

The central candle is lit.

Celebrant Jesus is the light of the world.

People A light no darkness can ever put out.

Sung by all.



Advent candles tell their story
as we watch and pray,
longing for the Day of Glory,
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness,
changed for gladness
on that Day.

Angel Voices

E. G. Monk 1819-1900

2. Now the candles tell their story
of this Christmas Eve.
Those who waited for God's glory:
Now God's Joy receive.
Christ is with us: loving, giving,
Promising he'll never leave.

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The people stand as able at the invitation of the Celebrant.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

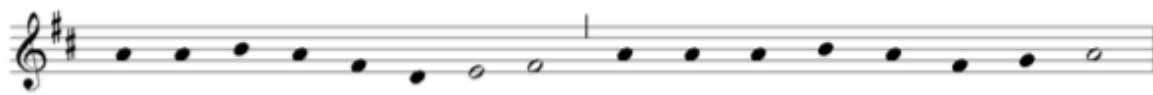
People And also with you.

Celebrant Almighty God,

People 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

Sung by all.



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



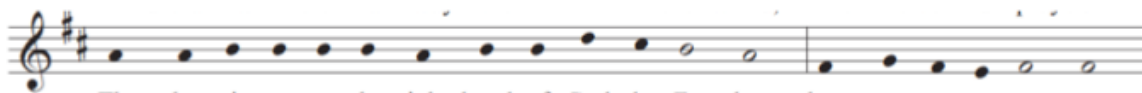
2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,



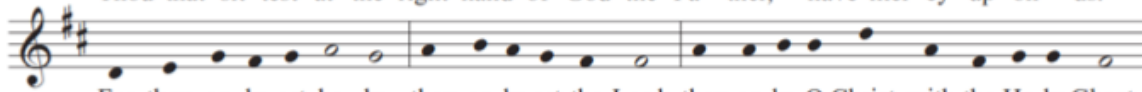
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.



For thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly art the Lord; thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon



Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Away in a Manger

Attr. Martin Luther 1483-1546

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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

People **Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room. Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors! 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, and 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, just as it had been told them.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON The Very Rev Doug Michael

Silence may be kept. The people stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED *Said by all.*

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

People 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness. Most merciful God,

People **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 people stand as able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY HYMN

Sung by all, standing as able.



No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

The first Nowell the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they
lay,
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!

2 They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

3 And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from country far,
To seek a king was their intent,
And to follow the star where'er it went.

4 This star drew near to the northwest,
Over Bethlehem it came to rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

5 Then entered in those wise men three,
Fell rev'rently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense

6 Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord;
Who with the Father we adore
And Spirit blest for evermore.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!

The First Noel
English Traditional Melody

Anonymous

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and for ever.

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
People

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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.

Choir

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.

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,

All

**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 beloved children; 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 forever.

People

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray

People

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant

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

People

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

Celebrant

The gifts of God for the People of God.

People

Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the choir.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion in this Church. Please move to the rail at the direction of the ushers. You may receive the bread in open and outstretched hands, responding: "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. If you prefer not to receive wine from the common cup, you may simply touch the base of the chalice, again responding: "Amen." Should you wish to receive a blessing, please indicate that to the priest by crossing your arms over your chest.

The people stand as able.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.
Father of all, tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant Glory to God,
People **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

Celebrant Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who journey with us. And so make haste to love, and be swift to be kind; And may the God who travels with us, the God of pilgrimage, the God of Hope, bless, care and keep you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN



Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem:
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come

Offspring of a Virgin's womb!
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased on earth with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel:

3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us all from earth,
Born to give them second birth

F. Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt.: by W. H. Cummings (1831-1915)

C. Wesley (1707-1788) et al

ORGAN POSTLUDE

The postlude concludes our worship service, sending us forth into this most holy night. You may choose to remain seated for the duration or depart following the closing hymn.



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