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Christmas Day December 25, 2025 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

## Blessing & Lighting of the Wreath

The time of waiting is over; our Lord is born. Now we light the Christ candle to remind us that all of God's gifts - Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love - are to be found in God's greatest gift, his Son, Jesus Christ. (*The Christ candle is lit.*) Let us pray: Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of Mary. Upon him rests all your grace, through him comes all your mercy. As the light shines from these candles, so may the light of Jesus shine within our hearts. Help us to make your Church the light of the world. We ask in the name of the One born in Bethlehem. Amen.

### **GATHERING THE COMMUNITY**

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Glory to God Collect of the Day

The Communion

#### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

I ROCEMINING THE WORD		
First Reading	Isaiah 62:6-12	
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Second Reading	Titus 3:4-7	
Gradual Hymn 137	What Child Is This'	
Holy Gospel	Luke 2:8-20	
Homily	Reverend Anne Marie MacNeil	
The Nicene Creed	page 188	
The Prayers of the People		
The Peace		
CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST		
Offertory Hymn <i>126</i>		
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#### SENDING FORTH

Prayer after Communion	page 275
Prayer of Thanksgiving	
Closing Hymn <i>153</i>	2 0
Blessing	Ţ
Dismissal	

### Ministers at the Liturgy

Presider & Preacher/Intercessor The Reve	erend Anne Marie MacNeil
ReadersPam Kende	el-Goodale/Ralph Goodale
GreetersRalph Gooda	le & Pam Kendel-Goodale
Communion Assistant	Pam Kendel-Goodale
Organist/Pianist	David McIntyre
Prelude Andante (Organ Notebook N	o. 4) by David L. McIntyre
Siciliana "The Holly o	and the Ivy" by Alec Rowley
In dulci jubilo arr. by R.L. Pearsall	
Postlude Lobt Gott, Ihr Christen, allzugl	leich (Orgelbüchlein No. 11)
	by J.S. Bach
With joyful energy	(Organ Notebook No. 18)



May the peace of God, which passes all Understanding, be with you all at this joyous season of the year and always.











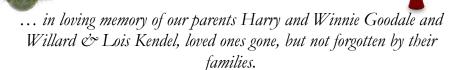
by David L. McIntyre



Communion Reflection...... "Sleep, Little Jesus" from Scherzo No. 1



The flowers and the plants that enhance the beauty of the Cathedral this Christmas season are given to the Glory of God and...



... in loving memory of all loved, gone but not forgotten by Margaret Ball.

... in loving memory of Ed, our parents and all family members gone but not forgotten, by Elvira Beday



We wish to acknowledge that St. Paul's Cathedral sits in **Treaty 4 Territory**, the traditional homeland of the Cree, Assiniboine, Saulteaux and Metis People. We do so with the deepest respect for the traditions and nations who have been in this place for thousands of years, and as a reminder to the Church that reconciliation is our most important task.

