

St. Paul's Cathedral

"Glory to God in the Highest"



The Eve of Christmas

December 24, 2025

9:00 p.m.

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Holy Eucharist

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

(German Mass Setting – Schubert-see music card)

Prelude

Variations on the Huron Carol by Giles Bryant

Welcome

The Dean

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.**

Opening Hymn 118 'O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL'

Alexander Preece - Trumpet

1. 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;
Refrain:
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: *Refrain*
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God in the highest: *Refrain*
4. See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; *Refrain*

5. Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *Refrain*

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

People **And also with you.**

Glory to God.....

German Mass by Schubert

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect

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.**

First Reading *Isaiah 9: 2-4, 6-7*

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 the nation, 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 a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is name Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98



Sing to the Lord a new song.

Sing to the Lord a new song.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things. With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory. **R**

The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. **R**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord. **R**

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein. Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth. In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity. **R**

Second Reading..... Titus 2: 11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 139..... 'The First Nowell'
Alexander Preece - Trumpet

1. 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.

Refrain:

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. (*Refrain*)
3. And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. (*Refrain*)
4. This star drew nigh to the northwest;
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay. (*Refrain*)
6. Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
who has made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood salvation brought. (*Refrain*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor 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 for them in the inn. In that 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 Saviour, 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 favours!” 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.

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

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All 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.

Prayers of Thanksgiving for the Birth of Jesus and Prayers for the World

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us share a sign of peace with one another.

Offertory Hymn 123..... 'ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY'
Alexander Preece - Trumpet

- 1 Once in royal David's city stood a lowly
cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a
manger for his bed, Mary was that
mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

- 2 He came down to earth from heaven who is God and
Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his
cradle was a stall. With the poor and mean and
mean and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

- 3 Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen
standing by, we shall see him, but in heaven, set at
God's right hand on high, when like stars, his
children crowned all in white shall gather round.

Prayer over the Gifts

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. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
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.
All
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,
we remember his death,

we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

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

All

Celebrant

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

Unison

A D A

1 Our Fath - er in heav - en, we hal - low your Name! Most
 2 Our dai - ly bread give us, ful - fil ev - ery need; grant
 3 Then, from all temp - ta - tion, come lead us a - way; from

Bm D A

ho - ly and glo - ri - ous, ev - er the same! Es -
 food for both spir - it and bod - y, we plead. As
 on - slaugt of e - vil, de - liv - er we pray! For

D Bm G

tab - lish your king - dom, your pur - pose ful - fill. On
 we for - give oth - ers, our debts please for - give; with
 yours is the king - dom, the glo - ry and power in

D A Bm G D

earth as in heav - en, may all do your will!
 all re - con - ciled and at peace may we live.
 past and in fu - ture, this day and this hour!

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.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

All are welcome to receive communion at this service. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of communion, you may cross your arms and approach a priest at the communion station.

Agnus Dei (Choir) *SCHUBERT MASS*

Communion Reflection "Recit" from *Variations on the Huron Carol* by Giles Bryant

Communion Hymn 122 *'IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER'*

1. In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.
2. Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.
3. Angels and archangels may have gathered there;
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
but his mother only in her maiden bliss,
worshipped the beloved with a kiss.
4. What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him - give my heart.

Choir Anthem 'Hark! The Herald-Angels Sing' – Felix Mendelssohn,

arr. Paul Lexington Wright (Text: Charles Wesley, and others)

Alexander Preece - Trumpet, David Yaranon - Clarinet, Alan Denike – Bassoon,

Vincent Houghtaling - Tuba

Hail th'incarnate Deity!

*Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark!*

*The herald-angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.*

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!

Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!

*Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by,*

*Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.*

*Hark! The herald-angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.*

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

*Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Off-spring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,*

Prayer after Communion

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,

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.*

Taking the Light to the World

Celebrant Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

All A light no darkness can extinguish

Hymn 119..... 'SILENT NIGHT'

David Yaranon - Clarinet

1. Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight:
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.
3. Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
our eternal Father and David's king.
You have made our gladness greater and increased our joy
by sending to dwell among us the Wonderful Counsellor,
the Prince of Peace.

Born of Mary, proclaimed to the shepherds,
and acknowledged to the ends of the earth,
your unconquered Sun of righteousness destroys
our darkness and establishes us in freedom.
All glory in the highest be to you,
through Christ, the Son of your favour,
in the anointing love of his Spirit,
this night and for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn 154 'JOY TO THE WORLD'

Alexander Preece – Trumpet, David Yaranon - Clarinet

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive the King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns: let us glad songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let wrongs and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as our sin is found,
far as our sin is found, far as, far as our sin is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas' -arr. Elie Siegmeister & Rufus Wheeler

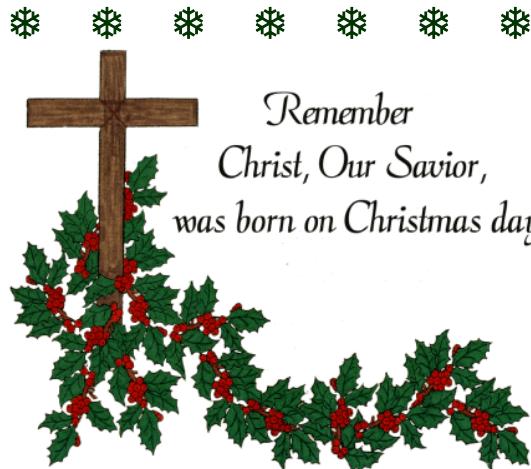
Postlude 'Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella' by Denis Bédard



Blessed Christmas!

***May the peace of God, which passes all understanding,
be with you all at this holy season and always.***





Ministers at the Liturgy

Officiant.....	<i>The Very Reverend Mike Sinclair</i>
Sub-Deacon/ Intercessor	<i>Pat Henneberg</i>
Sub-Deacon.....	<i>Graeme Henneberg</i>
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Readers.....	<i>Margaret Nicholls, Shelley Proulx</i>
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Greeters	<i>Ron & Ruth McLeod</i>
Camera	<i>Dave Hedlund</i>
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The Choir of St. Paul's Cathedral.....	<i>directed by Dorianna Holowachuk</i>
Organist	<i>Valerie Hall</i>
Bassoon	<i>Alan Denike</i>
Trumpet	<i>Alexander Preece</i>
Clarinet	<i>David Yaranon</i>





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 our parents Harry and Winnie Goodale and Willard & Lois Kendel, loved ones gone, but not forgotten by their families.

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



Christmas-Epiphany Service Schedule

December 25 - Christmas Day Eucharist ~with The Reverend Anne Marie MacNeil at 10:00 a.m.

December 28 - First Sunday after Christmas ~ at 10:00 a.m.

January 4 - The Epiphany of the Lord - 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

January 11 - Baptism of the Lord - 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist

January 25 - Conversion of St. Paul
Patronal Festival & Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist



**The Cathedral office will be closed
December 27th -January 5th, 2026**

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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.