

# December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – The Birth of the Lord: Christmas Day

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**Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St. Paul!**  
**Worship is crucial to a healthy relationship with God.**  
**May you be uplifted by your experience here today, and may you  
experience the presence of Christ in this community of faith.**

For those wishing to receive the **Ministry of the Laying on of Hands and Anointing for Healing**, please proceed to the Lady Chapel in the South Transept before you receive communion.

During the 10:00 am Eucharist **Nursery facilities** will be available in Rooms 203/204. Sunday School Classes following the *Godly Play* curriculum take place in Room 202. Please speak to a Greeter if you need help.

**Gluten-free communion wafers** are available for all who wish it for medical reasons. Please indicate your wish to the Administrant at Communion.

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**8:00 a.m. – Eucharist**  
*in St Aidan's Chapel*

**Presiding Celebrant:**  
**The Rev'd Michael E. DeKay**

The service can be followed in  
*The Book of Common Prayer*  
beginning on page 67.

The Collect for  
Nativity of our Lord: Christmas Day  
BCP pp.107, 104  
The Reading: *Titus 3: 4-7*  
The Gospel: *Luke 2:1-20*

**After the service please come for coffee in  
the Assembly Room.**

# 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist

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***Presiding Celebrant: The Rt Rev'd Barry B. Clarke***

**Setting** *Missa Brevis* John Allen

**Announcements: The Work of the Community**

**Introit** *Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Angel of the mighty counsel.*

**Processional Hymn** O Come, All Ye Faithful See Hymn Sheet

## GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* 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.**

**Glory Be to God On High** *Please stand*

Glory be to God on high,  
**and in earth peace, good will towards men.**  
**We praise thee, we bless thee,**  
**we worship thee,**  
**we glorify thee,**  
**we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,**  
**O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Collect of the Day**

*Presider:* Let us pray.  
O God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*Please sit*

**First Reading** *Isaiah 62:6–12* read by Melissa Broadfoot

**Psalm 97**   
All the ends of the earth have seen the sal - va - tion of our God.

**Second Reading** *Titus 3:4–7* read by Carolle McCluskie

**Gradual Hymn** *Of Eternal Love Begotten*

See Hymn Sheet

**Gospel** *Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20*

proclaimed by Deacon Pat Henderson

*After the Gospel Acclamation has been sung, the Gospeller will sing or say:*

*Reader:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

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

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

*At the conclusion:*

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Homily** The Rev'd Michael E. DeKay

*Please sit*

**Nicene Creed**

*Please stand*

*Presider:* 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 the People**

led by Mary Lou Anderson

*Leader:* Lord, in your love

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*At the conclusion:*

*Leader:* God of steadfast love

*People:* **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution**

*Presider:* Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Presider:* 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.**

*Presider:* 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.**

**Peace**

*Please stand*

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.

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn** *See Amid the Winter's Snow*

**See Hymn Sheet**

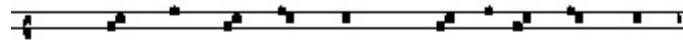
**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Prayer over the Gifts**

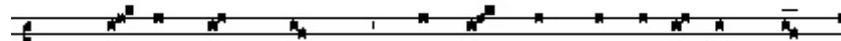
*Presider:* Generous Creator, in faith and joy we celebrate the birth of your Son. Increase our understanding and our love of the riches you have revealed in him, who is Lord now and for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

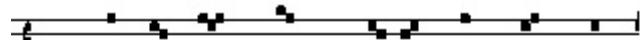
**Great Thanksgiving**



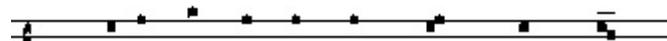
The Lord be with you. And also with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them up unto the Lord.



Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Presider:* 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.

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

*sung by the Cathedral Choir*

*Presider:* 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, loving God, according to his command,

*All:* **we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

*Presider:* 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.**

### Lord's Prayer

*Presider:* As our Saviour taught us let us pray,

*All:*

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### Breaking of the Bread

*Presider:* 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.**

*Presider:* The gifts of God for the People of God.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Communion Antiphon** *(sung by the Cathedral Choir)*  
*All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

**Lamb of God** *sung by the Cathedral Choir*

**Motet** *Every Star Shall Sing A Carol* Alex Clark

**Communion Hymn** *All Poor Folk and Humble* **See Hymn Sheet**

**Prayer after Communion** *Please stand*

*Presider:* Let us pray.  
Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Presider:* 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.**

**Post-Communion Hymn** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* **See Hymn Sheet**

### Blessing

*The Deacon dismisses the congregation in these or similar words:*

*Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## *Christmas Flowers 2016*

**THE FLOWERS** that decorate the Cathedral in honour of Christmas are to the glory of God and in memory of...

- † our parents Mr. & Mrs. C. Askew and Mr. & Mrs. S. Forrest, brother Alex Forrest and infant son Forrest Michael given by Shirley & Ralph Askew;
- † my parents Lorna & Vernon Carter given by Cicely Carter;
- † our parents George and Emily Cartwright and other members of our family given by Dorraine & Mary Cartwright;
- † John Caspell and Kaitlin Schmidt given by Phyllis Caspell;
- † Jean Clewley a loving mum and granny given by Wendy, Stephanie, Lydia and family;
- † Anthony & Janet Mahady and Jean & Rev. Mark Ferrier given by Revs. Ruth & Bill Ferrier;
- † our parents and other loved ones given by David & Diann Evans;
- † Luigi & Florence Di Francesco, Baby Dean, Alvin Leroux, Vernon Latondress, Barb Horvat, Art & Evelyn Fleming, Edyth Fleming, and relatives given by Carole & George Fleming and family;
- † Jack Fyfe and loved ones given by Marg Fyfe and family;
- † a husband and father Joe Haggerty, and a daughter and sister Susan, given by Marian, Tom & Catherine Haggerty;
- † my husband Albert and daughter Wendy given by Joan Harrison;
- † a devoted husband Edward T. Horton and daughter Susan Janet given by his wife Janet;
- † my parents, Helen and Fred Knight given by Jodi Knight;
- † beloved family members given by Bill & Jane Korhonen;
- † Marian McKelvie given by Samuel McKelvie;
- † Parents and Grandparents given by Esther Moore;
- † my husband Donald given by Audrey Smith;
- † my husband Tom Perkes and our parents given by Florence Perkes;
- † my parents Olga and Ferdinand, brother and sisters Len, Erna and Lillian given by Bert Sommerfeld;
- † Basil D. Stevens, Basil W. and Joan Stevens given by Barry Stevens;

## **And also in memory of loved ones given by...**

- † Charles & Margaret Gamble;
- † Doris & Janet Gard and Holly Shevchuk;
- † Herb & Jean Norry;
- † John & Nancy Shipston.

## **The flowers at the North Side are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of...**

- † Ron Sewell, Gladys & Percy Stewardson and Blanche & Grant Anderson given by Murray & Gayle Anderson and family.

## **The flowers at the Douglas Cross are in loving memory of...**

- † Lt. Robert Hugh Douglas given by the Altar Guild.



