

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.

Wireless hearing assistance devices are available at the back of the church and in the hallway through the pulpit door at the front.

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

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

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

The Collect for
The Octave Day of Christmas and the
Circumcision of Christ being New Year's Day
BCP p.115

The Reading: *Galatians 4:4–7*
Pew Bible, New Testament p. 145
The Gospel: *Luke 2:15–21*
Pew Bible, New Testament p. 45

**After the service please come for coffee in
Cronyn Hall.**

10:00 a.m. – Choral Eucharist

Presiding Celebrant: The Rev'd Rosalyn Elm

Announcements: The Work of the Community

Processional Hymn *Once in Royal David's City*

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.**

Commissioning of the Children and Youth

Presider: As Jesus called the children to come to him, we now invite all the children and youth here today to come forward:

Leader: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, we ask you to bless our children and youth as they go to their classes to hear your word and truth and we now commission them saying:

Leader: We gather together in the presence of God.

All: **We are the people of God.**

Leader: We gather together to receive the gift of the Son.

All: **We are the body of Christ.**

Leader: We gather together to hear the voice of the Spirit.

All: **We are the church of God.**

Leader: Pray for one another, each a child of God. **Amen.**

Glory to God

Glory to God

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, 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 of the Day

Presider: Let us pray.

Eternal Father, we give thanks for your incarnate Son, whose name is our salvation. Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Saviour of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

People: **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please sit

First Reading *Numbers 6:22–27*

read by Roland Vishnu

Psalm 8 (Recited antiphonally)

O God our sovereign,
how great is your Name in all the Earth!

Out of the mouths of infants and children
your majesty is praised above the heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,
to quell the enemy and the avenger

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses

What is humanity that you should be mindful of them?
The children of humanity that you should seek them out?

You have made humanity little lower than the angels;
you adorn them with glory and honour.

You give them mastery over the works of your hands;
you put all things under their feet:

All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the seas.

O God our sovereign,
how great is your Name in all the Earth!

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Second Reading *Galatians 4:4–7*

read by Ruth McCluskie

Gradual Hymn *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*

See Hymn Sheet

Gospel *Luke 2:15–21*

proclaimed by The Rev'd 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 Rt Rev'd Barry B. Clarke

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 Ken Lumpkin

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

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

Offertory Hymn *The First Nowell*

See Hymn Sheet

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

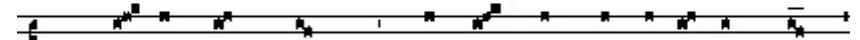
Presider: Gracious God, the name of Jesus brings salvation to the world. In all we offer you this day, may we honour him, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving



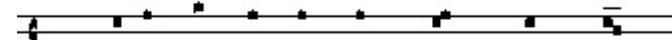
The Lord be with you. And also with you.



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.

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.

Refrain

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'rand might.

1.

Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho-san-na in the high - est.

To Refrain

2.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

To Refrain

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: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us.

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

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

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Prayer after Communion

Please stand

Presider: Let us pray.
Father, you have fed us heavenly food in the sacrament of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that we, sharing in this mystery, may turn always to that name which is above all others, Jesus Christ our 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.**

Lay Administrants:

Nancy Shipston, Mary Mitches

Warden:

Melissa Broadfoot

Next week's Lay Administrants:

Ken Lumpkin, Pat Binnington

Next Week's Readers:

Ruth McCluskie, Bert Sommerfeld

Next Week's Coffee Hour:

Group 1

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God, in gratitude and thanksgiving for the life and legacy of Marie Fraser, who went to be with our Heavenly Father on December 12, 2016, by her son, Marc and his wife, Jacqueline; her grandchildren, Brian (Bridget), Colleen (James) and Jason; and great-grandchildren, Hendrik and Evelyn.

Diocese of Huron Chain of Prayer - Today we pray for the parishioners of Holy Trinity Church, Kitchener; St. Andrew's Memorial, Kitchener; St. George's of Forest Hill, Kitchener; and St. John the Evangelist, Kitchener.

Intercessions - Albert, Terry, Diane, Leanne, Angela, Bill, Peggy, Carrol, David, Dorraine, Mary, Norma, Angel, Mona, Billy, Margaret, George, Leanne, Anita, Wayne, Megan, Heather, John, Ricardo, Freidhelm, Phyllis, Jacqueline, Mark, Janice, Roy, Ann, Ruth, Kristen, Joel Isaac, Bryan, Rodney, Keith, Syrian Families..

(Please note, names remain on the prayer list for three months from date of entry or re-entry, unless otherwise requested. To protect privacy, only first names appear in the bulletin. To add a name to the prayer list, please leave a confidential message for the clergy at Ext. 204 with the person's first and last name. Please include your name and phone number, and a few details about the prayer request)

Next weeks readings and Gospel:

Isaiah 42:1-9; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Services

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| Morning Prayer | Tues., Thurs. & Fri. in St. Aidan's Chapel 8:45 a.m. |
| Tuesday, January 3 | 2:30 p.m. Extendicare Anglican Eucharist |
| Wednesday, January 4 | 8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist 7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist |
| Sunday, January 8 | 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist |

This Week's Events

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| Today - Sunday, January 1 | 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Alateen and Narcotics Anonymous |
| Monday, January 2 | Cathedral Closed 7:30 p.m. Recovery thru 11 th Step |
| Thursday, January 5 | 2:00 p.m. Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 p.m. Adult Children of Alcoholics Support Group |
| Saturday, January 7 | 9:00 a.m. Knitting for Peace |

Cathedral Christmas Office Hours – The Cathedral office will be closed December 23 and reopen at 9 am on Tuesday, January 3.

2016 Income Tax Year End Donations – Donations for 2016 will close on January 5, 2017. Please date your cheque for December 31, 2016 to make sure it is counted towards your 2016 tax receipt.

2017 Offering Envelopes – are in alphabetical order in the Assembly Room. Please let us know if you would like envelopes. We would be happy to provide you with a new 2017 set and your very own envelope number.

Bible Study – Engage with the epic narratives, inspiring characters, and timeless themes of the Bible in a new way. Beginning Thursday, January 5th at 2 p.m. in the Guild Room a new study will offer a book-by-book analysis of the Bible from the fascinating perspective of literature and narrative. A “Great Courses” DVD, Reading Biblical Literature: Genesis to Revelation, featuring Professor Craig Koester, will give you an unforgettably vivid sense of the Bible filled with complex characters, hidden meanings, and powerful life lessons. Please join us.

Cans for Flower Ministry We are in need of large juice cans for flower delivery to our seniors and shut-ins. If you're able to help, please drop off your empty, but clean, cans to the Cathedral Office. We use these cans as vases so we can deliver a couple of floral arrangements after service on Sundays. It's our way to let our parishioners know we're thinking about them.

Nominations are Open. Nominations for Warden, Lay Delegate to Synod, Parish Council, and the Woodland Cemetery Advisory Board are now open. Nominations will remain open until our Annual Vestry meeting on Sunday, February 26, 2017. More information about how to nominate yourself or someone else, along with role descriptions for these leadership positions, will be available in early January 2017.

Vestry reports – advanced notice. For those of you who need to submit reports for our annual vestry meeting, they are due to Carrie in the Office no later than noon on Friday, January 20, 2017. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to one of the wardens.

OUR REFUGEE FAMILIES EXTEND AN INVITATION TO THE MOSQUE

Okba and our Syrian Families would like to invite everyone to the London Muslim Mosque on Oxford Street Wednesday - January 25th at 7p.m. for a get together. Leaders of the Mosque will be there to offer us a tour and to answer questions in order to help us learn how Muslims truly live and practice their faith.

Our Syrian Families would be delighted if you would attend! Bring a friend or a neighbour.

Please confirm your attendance with Deacon Pat Henderson as the Mosque is wanting to set up a room with a chair for each person attending.