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## Christmas Day

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The Very Rev. Christopher A. Pappas | Presider

The Rev. Clare Morgan | Preacher

## **The Gathering of the Community**

*Processional*

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light (CP 147)

*Text: verse 1. Johann Rist (1607-1667) tr. John Troutbeck (1833-1889)*

*verse 2. Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000) Music: ERMUNTRE DICH Melody Johann Schop (1595-1667); harm. J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

1. Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, and usher in in the morning;  
O shepherds, shrink not with affright, but hear the angel's warning.  
This child, this little helpless boy, shall be our confidence and joy,  
The power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.

2. Come, dearest child, into our hearts, and leave your crib behind you!  
Let this be where the new life starts for all who seek and find you.  
To you the honour, thanks, and praise, for all your gifts this time of grace;  
Come, conquer and deliver this world, and us, forever.

*Presider*

In this time and place,  
We gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the Musqueam, Squamish and  
Tseil-Waututh nations.

***All***

**From many places and peoples we come to this house of prayer.**

*Presider*

In this time and place,  
We give thanks for the light of God that shines in the darkness.

***All***

**A light no darkness can quench.**

*Presider*

In this time and place,  
We give thanks for the light and peace of Jesus Christ the Word made flesh.

***All***

**The light of all people.**

*Presider*

In this time and place,  
We pray that the Spirit of God will be renewed in our hearts and minds.

***All***

**That we might be the light of God in the world.**

*Presider*

In this time and place, together, one people of God.

***All***

**In the name of God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Presider*

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

***All***

**And also with you.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Presider*

God whose Word became flesh,

***All***

**breathe a new song of joy and praise into the world,  
so that we may bear the good news of your salvation  
and proclaim our promise of peace to the ends of the earth;  
through Christ the Word. Amen.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **The Readings**

*After each reading the reader will say:*

*Reader*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

***All***

**Thanks be to God.**

First Reading

Isaiah 62:6-7

*The congregation stands*



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est heav - en, Peace to your peo - ple here on earth.



Al - mighty God, we wor - ship you, We give you thanks and praise your birth.



Glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o! De - o!



2. Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God, Have mer - cy on us and re - ceive our prayer.

*repeat Refrain*



3. For You a - lone are the One most Ho - ly, You a - lone are the Lord most high



Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit In the glo - ry of God. A - men.

*repeat Refrain*

Second Reading

Titus 3:4-7

*The congregation stands*



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious  
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful  
3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has  
4 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are  
5 For lo, the days are hast - ening on, by proph - ets



song of old, from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to  
wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly mus - ic floats o'er  
suf - fered long; be - neath the an - gel - strain have rolled two  
bend - ing low, who toil a - long the climb - ing way with  
seen of old, when with the ev - er - circ - ling years shall



touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, to all good  
all the wea - ry world; a - bove its sad and low - ly  
thou - sand years of wrong; and we a - mid our wars hear  
pain - ful steps and slow; look now, for glad and gold - en  
come the time fore - told: when the new heaven and earth shall



will from heaven's most gra - cious king!" The world in sol - emn  
plains they bend on hover - ing wing, and ev - er o'er its  
not the words of peace they bring; O lis - ten now, and  
hours come swift - ly on the wing: O rest be - side the  
own the Prince of Peace their King, and the whole world send



## The Nicene Creed

*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.**

## The Prayers of the People

In the *Anglican Church of Canada Cycle of Prayer* we pray for The Diocese of North East India – The (united) Church of North India. In the *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer* we pray for we pray for John Stephens our Bishop; Linda Nicholls our Primate; Lynne McNaughton our Metropolitan; Susan Johnson the National Lutheran Bishop in Canada; Mark MacDonald the National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, Gregory Mohr the Evangelical Lutheran Bishop in British Columbia; Justin Welby the Archbishop of Canterbury; our companion diocese, the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines and the Rt. Rev. Brent Alawas; our companion parish, All Saints Cathedral, Bontac, Philippines and the Very Rev. Padi Luc.

## Confession and Absolution

*Presider*

The sun of righteousness has dawned with healing in his wings.

Let us come to the light of Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence is kept*

*Presider*

***All***

Most merciful God,

**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*

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive your sins and make you holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***All***

**Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Presider*

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to all in whom he delights.

*All may exchange a contact-free sign of peace.*

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

*The Offertory*

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*Offertory hymn*

See Amid the Winter's Snow (CP 148)

*Text: Edward Caswall (1814-1878)*

*Music: John Gross (1800-1880)*

CHOIR

1. See amid the winter's snow,  
Born for us on earth below,  
See, the tender Lamb appears,  
Promised from eternal years!

*Refrain ALL*

*Hail, thou ever blessed morn!*

*Hail, redemption's happy dawn!*

*Sing through all Jerusalem:*

*Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

ALL

2. Lo, within a manger lies  
He who built the starry skies,  
Who enthroned in height sublime  
Sits amid the cherubim. *Refrain*

HIGH VOICES

3. Say, ye holy shepherds, say  
What your joyful news today;  
Wherefore have ye left your sheep  
On the lonely mountain steep? *Refrain*

LOW VOICES

4. "As we watched at dead of night,  
Lo, we saw a wondrous light;  
Angels, singing 'Peace on Earth'  
Told us of the Saviour's birth." *Refrain*

ALL

5. Sacred infant, all divine,  
What a tender love was thine,  
Thus to come from highest bliss  
Down to such a world as this. *Refrain*

### **The Prayer over the Gifts**

*Presider*

Good and loving God,

***All*** we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor  
to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your  
gifts, let them be a blessing for others.

**With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven,  
we shout for joy at the coming of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Presider*

The Lord be with you.

***All***

**And also with you.**

*Presider*

Lift up your hearts.

***All***

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***All***

**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 fullness of time came among us in our flesh,  
and opened to us the way of salvation.  
Now we watch for the day when he will come again  
in power and great triumph to judge this world,  
that we, without shame or fear,  
may rejoice to behold his appearing.  
Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven,  
who forever sing this hymn  
to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus

Carol Mass

Rupert Lang

*f*  
Introduction Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Glo - ry to You, O Lord most high.  
*mf* Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
**Broadly**  
*rit. ff* san - na in the high - est! Ho - *molto rit.* san - na in the high - est!

*Presider*

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

"This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

***All***

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Presider*

With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.

***All***

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Presider*

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us. Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

***All***

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

*Presider*

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

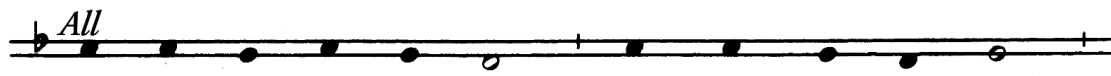
*All*

**Amen.**

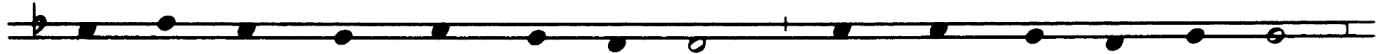
## The Lord's Prayer



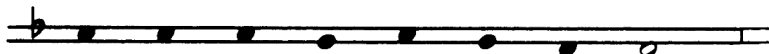
As our Sa - viour Christ has taught us, we now pray,



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



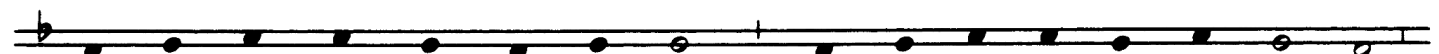
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



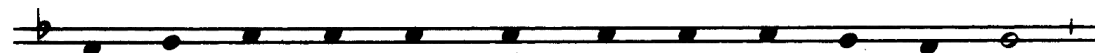
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

# The Breaking of the Bread

*Presider*

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.**

*Presider*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated*

*During Communion*

Agnus Dei (*Carol Mass*)

Rupert Lang

*1st time - All, 2nd time - Choir (or Cantor)*

Coventry Carol

*mf*  
O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin — of the world;  
Have mer - cy, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

*mf*  
O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin — of the world;  
Lul - lay, lul - la, thou lit - tle tin - y child; *mp* Grant — us your peace. *rall. p pp*

In the Bleak Midwinter

Harold Darke

## The Communion

If you know the brokenness of life, its fractures within and its division without, then you have participated in the broken body of Christ and you are invited to share in the breaking of bread. If you desire

to know the love of God that overcomes indifference and despair, if you desire the reconciliation that overcomes estrangement and alienation then you are invited to share the cup of the new covenant. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request in the East alcove.

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Standing, the community prays in silence*

*Presider* Radiant God,

**All** **with our eyes we have seen your salvation,**  
**and in this meal we have feasted on your grace.**  
**May your Word take flesh in us, so that we may be your holy people,**  
**revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and**  
**Lord. Amen.**

*The Blessing*

*Presider* May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing ...

**All** **Amen**

Closing Hymn

**Good Christians All, Rejoice (CP 153)**

*Text: German-Latin Carols (14th cent); tr John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*

*Music: INDULCIJUBILO Melody Geistliche Lieder, Wittenberg, 1533;*

*Harm. Robert Lucas Pearsall (1796-1856) arr. John Stainer (1840-1901)*



1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice with heart and soul and  
2 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice with heart and soul and  
3 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice with heart and soul and



voice! Lis - ten now to what we say: Je - sus Christ is  
voice! Hear the news of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was  
voice! Now you need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was



born to - day; ox and ass be - fore him bow and he is in the  
born for this; he has o - pened heav - en's door and we are blessed for  
born to save: come at his most gra - cious call to find sal - va - tion,



man - ger now! Christ is born to - day; Christ is born to - day!  
ev - er - more! Christ was born for this; Christ was born for this.  
one and all! Christ was born to save; Christ was born to save!

*Dismissal*

*Deacon*

Let us go forth in love to proclaim the birth of Christ.

**All**

**Thanks be to God.**



The flowers in the Cathedral today are  
given to the Glory of God & ...

In loving memory of Cynthia Llewellyn and the many gifts she brought to the Cathedral community  
-from Joan Seidl

In memory of Billy Sutherland  
-from Anne Fletcher

Hope for peace, love, joy on earth  
-from Jeanette & Peter Schouls

In loving memory of my father, Jim Banadyga  
-from Kely Bandayga

In loving memory of Lynda Catchpole and with gratitude for her ministry in music as a devoted friend  
and member of the Cathedral choir we miss “she who must be obeyed”  
-Cathedral Choir

Rejoice!  
-from Holly McMillian

In loving memory of Tony Claydon  
-from Colin Miles & Winnie Nowell

In immense thanksgiving and in loving memory of Angus  
-from Jacqueline Fraser

-from Susan Alexander

For our family & friends

-from Howard & Barbara Teasley

In memory of Ann Colman

-from Mark Halyk

With thanksgiving for the Cathedral community and my family

-from Sue Cruickshank

In thanksgiving for this Christmas with family

-from Ren & Bonny Amor

-from Tom Ferry

To the glory of God and in loving memory of family & friends

-from Richard MacAlpine

-from Sheila Wex

In hope for the year ahead

-from Elizabeth Hardy

With Love

-Alfred Saho

In memory of Howie Hamilton

-from Mary Hamilton

For Gretta Wells

-from Keirsten wells

In memory of Dwight Atkinson - Architect, iconographer, instructor, author, architectural illustrator, painter, public artist, problem solver, handyman, chef, swimmer, flaneur, radio documentarian, comic,

volunteer, polymath, optimist, loyal and best friend, neighbourhood character and best man at our wedding

-Greatly missed by John and Jacki Ross.

To the Glory of God and in loving memory of my parents Marj. and Charles Johnston and my sisters Geraldine and Judy

-from Joan Johnston

With gratitude for the life of Auntie Mollie, one of this world's generous spirits

-from Jenny and Ian Birtwell

In memory of Podge

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In memory of Tony Powell

-from Uncle Douglas

In gratitude for the life of my brother-in-law Alastair Robertson

-from Douglas Bacon

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