



The Cathedral **MESSENGER**

**Welcome to the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
24 December 2021
Christmas Eve**

Land Acknowledgement:

We respectfully acknowledge the land on which we gather as the ancestral homelands of the Beothuk, whose culture has now been erased forever. We also acknowledge the island of Newfoundland (Ktaqmkuk) as the unceded, traditional territory of the Beothuk and the Mi'kmaq. And we acknowledge Labrador as the traditional and ancestral homelands of the Innu of Nitassinan, the Inuit of Nunatsiavut, and the Inuit of NunatuKavut. We recognize all First Peoples who were here before us, those who live with us now, and the seven generations to come. As First Peoples have done since time immemorial, we strive to be responsible stewards of the land and to respect the cultures, ceremonies, and traditions of all who call it home. As we open our hearts and minds to the past, we commit ourselves to working in a spirit of truth and reconciliation to make a better future for all.

Year-end Receipts and Donations: If you have any outstanding receipts to claim for 2021, or if you wish to make a donation to be credited for 2021, please submit them to the Office by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, January 5th. **Thanks to all** who have generously supported ministry here at the Cathedral, as we try to end the year in a break-even or surplus financial position! **The Cathedral Office** will be closed December 24 to 28, and December 31 to January 3. **It will be open December 29 and 30, and re-open for normal hours January 4.**

Many Thanks to all who have assisted in preparing the Cathedral for our Christmas celebrations: the Altar Guild and their decorating; the Live Nativity; the Children's Pageant; the Choirs; and any others who lent a hand!

Peace, Hope, Joy, and Love are fulfilled in the Birth of the Christ Child. May you and your loved-ones experience the blessing of this Christmas gift in your hearts and in your lives, and may it carry you safely through the New Year.

Christmas Blessings, Roger+

11:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist (BCP)

The BCP is on-line: www.anglican.ca/about/liturgicaltexts/

Setting: **Missa Carolae (James Whitbourn)**

Introit Hymn: **75 O Come all ye faithful (v.1-5)**

Adeste Fideles

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:
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;
O come, let us adore him...

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:
O come, let us adore him...

3. Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
Glory to God
In the Highest;
O come, let us adore him...

5. Yea, LORD, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
JESU, to thee be glory given
Word of the FATHER
Now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him...

The Lord's Prayer & Collect for Purity
The Summary of the Law, *Kyrie eleison*
The Collect of the Day

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The Proclamation of the Word

Isaiah 52:7-10

Christmas Antiphon

Plainchant

Hebrews 1:1-12

Gradual Hymn: **361**

Antioch

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King,
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing...

2. Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns:
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy...

3. No more let sin and sorrow grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground:
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found...

4. He rules the earth with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love.

The Holy Gospel: John 1:1-14

The Nicene Creed
Sermon

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Archdeacon Roger Whalen

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn: **82 O Little town of Bethlehem**

St. Louis

O LITTLE town of Bethlehem,
How still we see the lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by:
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee to-night

3. How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heaven:
No ear may hear his coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

2. For CHRIST is born of Mary;
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to GOD the King,
And peace to men on earth!

4. O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in;
Be born in us to-day.
We hear the heavenly angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our LORD Immanuel.

The Intercessions

The Holy Communion

Invitation, Confession, Absolution, Comfortable Words

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Thanksgiving and Consecration

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The Peace, Prayer of Humble Access, Agnus dei

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THE COMMUNION

*For those viewing on-line, we invite you to use this **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**:
Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. However, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.*

Anthem: **Silent Night**

Arr. D.F. Cook

The Lord's Prayer, Thanksgiving

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The Gloria

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn: **77 Hark! The herald angels sing**

Mendelssohn

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

2. CHRIST, by highest heaven adored,
CHRIST, the everlasting LORD,
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, the Incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
JESUS, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing.
Glory to the new-born King.

3. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace!
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen 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 new-born King.

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Our On-line Services are available live or recorded on:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/anglcathstj/

and on our YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/channel/UCPn0-iS_T0pdmdfY3hJDbJA.

Financial Support: As presented recently, the Cathedral Parish is facing increasing costs and decreasing revenue. While we are very grateful to those who have been able to continue to support the Cathedral financially through this difficult time, we also encourage those who are able to increase their givings to the Cathedral. To view the many ways to donate to the Cathedral Parish, please visit our website: OurCathedral.ca/giving.

Christmas Eve Update:

In the past week our province has seen swift changes in our circumstances regarding the current pandemic. In response to these changes, and with the safety of all our people in mind, the Diocese has suspended all in-person worship gatherings until further notice. We here at the Cathedral fully support this decision by the Diocese.

Therefore, all in-person services for Christmas Eve at the Cathedral have been cancelled. We will re-post the Blessing of the Creche service from 2020, if you would like to join the Christmas Pageant again this year. The **7:30 p.m. BAS Holy Eucharist**, with Bishop Sam Rose, will be live-streamed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel, as well as the Diocesan Facebook page. The **11 p.m. BCP Choral Eucharist** service will also be available on-line on Facebook and YouTube.

Further to this, **we will suspend in-person services until further notice** – a reassessment will be made by the Diocese around January 10th.

We have also decided that **we will not live-stream services after Christmas Eve, until January 9th at the earliest**. With the encouragement and support of the Cathedral Executive, we have decided to take this opportunity for some down-time and to spend time with our families. We are all very tired and we need to take a break from the constant production for a couple of weeks. If you are missing the Cathedral services, you will find an extensive catalogue of services available to view on our Facebook page and YouTube channel. Thank you for your understanding and support of this decision.

We were truly hoping to see many people join us on Christmas Eve as we celebrate the birth of the Christ-child, but now we will celebrate in a different way. We hope that you will be able to join us when we re-open to services in the New Year!

Christmas Blessings to you and your loved-ones!

Peace,

Roger+

The Venerable Roger Whalen

Archdeacon & Rector

The Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist