

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

PRELUDE Improvisation
“On this Day Earth Shall Ring”

WELCOME Jonathan Bailey,
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HYMN 118 O Come all Ye Faithful

Priest A child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

All Jesus Christ is born today!

THE ADVENT WREATH - A CANDLE FOR CHRIST

Holy God, on this day, long ago, you came into our human world as a baby named Jesus. You showed us that it is good to be human, good to be in this world. You showed us that you want to be with us – and want us to be with you.

In your birth and life and death and resurrection, you showed us that love is stronger than hate, happiness is stronger than sadness, life is stronger than death.

Justice is here.
We will share it.

Joy is here.
We will share it.

Peace is here.
We will share it.

At the lighting of the candles
God is with us!
All God is with us! Amen.

HYMN 150 On This Day Earth Shall Ring

COLLECT OF THE DAY
Priest Let us pray (Please remain standing)

O God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith light up our hearts and shine in our words and actions; through him who is Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
All Amen
(Please be seated)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PAGEANT, SCENE 1 The Angel’s Visits
Please stand and turn to face the Gospel reader

GRADUAL

Alle, alle, alleluia. Alle, alle, alleluia.
Alle, alle, alleluia. Alle, alle, alleluia.
My soul magnifies the Lord
And my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.
Alle, alle, alleluia. Alle, alle, alleluia.
Alle, alle, alleluia. Alle, alle, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 1:46-55 (English translation)
read by Josée Lemoine

Reader Le Seigneur soit avec vous.
People Et avec ton esprit.
Reader L’évangile de Jésus-Christ selon saint Luc
People Gloire à toi, Seigneur.

Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,
Reader Acclamons la Parole de Dieu.
People Louange à toi, Seigneur Jésus.

PAGEANT, SCENE 2 The Journey to Bethlehem

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PAGEANT, SCENE 3 The Angels Bring the Good News

HYMN 135 Les Anges dans nos Campagnes
(omit verse 2)

PAGEANT, SCENE 4 The Shepherds Find Baby Jesus

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND PEACE

The people who walked in darkness
All have seen a great light.
For to us a child is born
to us a Son is given.
His name will be called Wonderful counsellor,
mighty God, the everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.
Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

Please share the peace with a neighbour saying:
“Peace be with you” or “The peace of Christ”

PAGEANT, SCENE 5 The Wise Ones

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

During this hymn a collection will be taken for the work of the Cathedral in Downtown Montréal.

The Cathedral is open seven days a week between 7.30am and 6pm for all who want to pray, for all who are looking for peace, a quiet place to sit and rest, and seek help.

Through our outreach programmes the Cathedral supports many local organizations which help the needy. Please give generously. If you would like to find out about regular or tax efficient ways of giving please speak to a steward.

HYMN We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star

O star of wonder, star of night.
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy Perfect Light
Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign

O Star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to Thy perfect light

Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh
Prayer and praising, all men raising
Worship Him, God most high

O Star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to Thy perfect light

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes of life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb
O Star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to Thy perfect light

Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and Sacrifice
Alleluia, Alleluia
Earth to heav'n replies

O Star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to Thy perfect light

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Generous God, 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 forever. **Amen**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Here follows the preface.
Please join the choir in singing the Sanctus.



The Eucharistic prayer continues.

Priest Therefore Father, according to his command.
All **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

LORD’S PRAYER *(The Lord’s prayer is said. Words at hymn 684)*

Priest We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Priest The gifts of God for the people of God.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Everyone is welcome to receive Communion or a blessing at our services, as appropriate.
Tous sont invités à la table du Seigneur, pour communier ou pour recevoir une bénédiction, selon le cas.

Flute Solo “Minuit Chrétiens”
Jonathan Bailey
PAGEANT, SCENE 6 *The Final Tableau*

Please stay seated for the hymn and have your candles to hand.

HYMN **126** Away in a Manger

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION & BLESSING

Priest Loving Father, your Son, Jesus Christ, born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, has come to us once again in word and Spirit, in bread and cup.

We have shared in the awe of Mary and Joseph, the songs of angels, the rejoicing of shepherds, the pilgrimage of the wise ones. Strengthen us now to proclaim this good news in word and deed, to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

All Go in peace to share the good news.
Jesus Christ is born!

HYMN **150** On This Day Earth Shall Ring

POSTLUDE God Rest You Merry
William Lloyd Webber (1914-82)

Please join us for Christmas cookies after the service.

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES YET TO COME

MIDNIGHT MASS – Tonight at 11:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY – 8:00 am, Said Eucharist;
10:00 am, Choral Eucharist

Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral!
We are an open and friendly community, with a mix of people in all different stages of life, from all different backgrounds, with different interests and concerns. We come together to share part of our journeys.

We are committed to supporting children and their grown-ups, welcoming families of all descriptions at our services, in our bilingual Sunday School (during our regular 10 a.m. services), and at our special events. There is a children’s chapel available at the back of the church for quiet, supervised play.

We are committed to social justice and the environment. We try to educate ourselves about these issues, both locally and globally, and to make responsible decisions as a church and in our own lives.

We are committed to prayer and mutual support. The Cathedral is open every day for prayer with services at 8:15, 12:15, and 5:15. Contemplative prayer and silent meditation is offered on the 2nd Tuesday at 5:45.

Retreats, Bible studies, and Table Fellowship groups provide opportunities for learning as well as getting to know one another better.

We are committed to meaningful and beautiful worship. Music, liturgical dance, creative prayer, drama, and preaching all have a part to play in our weekly 10 a.m. services. Traditional Choral Evensong is sung every Sunday at 4pm and broadcast live on Radio Ville-Marie 91.3FM



CHRISTMAS EVE
24th December 2012
4:00 p.m. EUCHARIST
with pageant

Celebrant: The Rev’d Rhonda Waters
Deacon: The Rev’d Dr Donald Boisvert
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